

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph) Strengths:

- Opens with a relatable scenario that draws readers in
- Uses emotive language ("painstakingly") to emphasise the point

Weaknesses: Unclear thesis statement → Your opening paragraph doesn't clearly state your main argument against participation trophies. The example given needs more details to help readers understand why this practice is problematic.

"After years of dedicated training and countless hours of practice, winning a trophy should be a special achievement. However, the practice of giving everyone a participation trophy undermines the value of true sporting excellence."

#2 (Second and third paragraphs) Strengths:

- States a clear position on the issue
- Attempts to provide reasoning for the argument

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped arguments → Your points about fairness need more examples and details. You mention it's "unfair" but don't fully explain why or provide specific situations that show this unfairness.

You could strengthen this by writing: "When skilled players spend extra hours practicing after school and give up their weekends for training, they deserve special recognition. Giving everyone the same reward ignores these different levels of dedication."

#3 (Fourth paragraph) Strengths:

- Considers the financial aspect of the issue
- Attempts to show multiple perspectives

Weaknesses: Limited evidence → Your argument about financial burden lacks specific examples of how this affects clubs and organisations. The point needs more detail to be convincing.

Consider this improvement: "Local sports clubs often operate on tight budgets. The cost of buying participation trophies for every player could instead fund new equipment or coaching sessions that benefit everyone."

■ Your persuasive piece shows good potential but needs stronger development of your arguments. You've picked an interesting topic that many people can relate to. To make your writing more convincing, focus on giving specific examples in each paragraph. Also, try to show why participation trophies might seem good at first but actually cause problems. Add more details about how they affect different people in sports - the winners, the beginners, and the coaches. Think about writing a clear introduction that tells readers exactly what you think about this issue. Additionally, end each paragraph with a strong point that connects to your main idea. Your conclusion could be stronger by suggesting what should replace participation trophies.

Score: 39/50

Section 2:

~~#1 Imagine painstakingly working hard for years to be the best, and when you win everyone, even those who haven't put any effort into the sport wins a trophy.~~ [Imagine spending years working hard to be the best, only to see everyone, including those who haven't put any effort into the sport, receive a trophy.] Well, that's the annoying reality of participation trophies.

#2 Although participation trophies seem to be nice and inclusive, I believe that they devalue a committed player's hard work. ~~I would like to start off by saying that,~~ [First,] number one, they are completely unfair to the better players and competitors. ~~They~~ [The] way to fix this unfair dilemma is to only reward the winner and runner up a trophy or prize.

~~#3 It's not just unfair to the players but also to the company or club hosting the event.~~ [This practice is unfair not only to the players but also to the company or club hosting the event.] They need to spend their hard earned money on preparing, making or sourcing the prizes ~~—/Picture—~~ [Picture] the club needing to provide trophies to people who didn't ~~event~~ [even] give a fight for the community to see.

In hindsight they seem like a nice thing to give out, but ~~in reality~~ [in practice] participation trophies are a nuisance to the hard workers and devalue their success, they are a financial burden for the hosting company and they should go for the fairness of all sport in general.