

**MIAMI YODER JT- 60**

**Athletic Handbook  
Middle/High School**



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The Miami-Yoder JT60 Middle/High School Athletic Handbook is presented to you because your child and/or children indicated an interest in participating in interscholastic athletics and you expressed your willingness to permit your child and/or children to compete. This handbook is provided to you and your child and/or children to ensure that you develop an understanding of the general objectives, rules, and regulations surrounding our athletic and activities programs.

Miami-Yoder Middle/Senior High School offers a well-rounded extracurricular program designed to meet the needs of most students. These student programs are essential to the total program of school and offer opportunities and values that the academic program alone does not offer. **All students are encouraged to participate in at least one activity.** (Ref: Board Policy [JIAC](#), [JJ](#), [JJIB](#)) **Participation in such activities is a privilege and not a right.** A student, electing to participate in athletics or activities, is voluntarily making a choice to do so. For this reason, we place tremendous emphasis on good training habits and self-discipline.

Miami-Yoder Middle/Senior High School continues a rich tradition in athletics and activities. Your participation in our programs enhances the pride that our school and community possess in our young people. We stress **sportsmanship** and all the qualities it entails, regardless of whether we win or lose. If you have any questions or concerns, please first contact your child's coach; second the athletic director, or third the secondary principal.

### The Requirements of Participation:

Miami Yoder High School is a member of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA). By-laws, rules and regulations have been established for participation in high school athletics by this organization.

### Equity Code:

No person shall be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicapping condition. (Ref: [CHSAA Handbook](#), Article 3)

### Participation Requirements:

General requirements for participation of students are outlined in the CHSAA Handbook and CHSAA Sports Brochure, given to the high school student/parent at the beginning of the school year with our MY MS/HS Athletic Handbook (MY).

1. A physical examination is required **prior** to his/her participation in any form of exercise leading to such activity. (Ref: Board Policy JJID and [CHSAA Handbook](#)).
2. The parent/guardian and student must sign a warning statement. (Ref: [CHSAA Handbook](#)).
3. The student may purchase the Catastrophic Insurance. (Ref: Board Policy [JLA](#)).
4. An emergency procedure card is required to be completed. A copy will be maintained by the athletic director in secure files plus an additional copy will be maintained by the respective head coach at all times including practices, during travel, and all contests. (both sides of form) (Ref: Board Policy JJJ-R)
5. Student and parent/guardian must sign a statement that they have read the [CHSAA Handbook](#), [CHSAA Sports Brochure](#) and the MY MS/HS Athletic Handbook (Ref: Board Policy [JJJ-R](#)). Note: If at any time, CHSAA and MY handbooks and/or brochures contain one or more conflicts in policy/rules, the more restrictive policy/rule shall override the other(s).

### Sports Season:

A sports season is defined as the official starting date, established by CHSAA for fall sports until the final championship tournament in the spring.

## Conduct of an Athlete:

The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in our community and others. Your behavior will remain above reproach in all aspects of interscholastic athletics and at all times. A penalization of a team or individual occurs when conduct discredits or violates the rules of our school and its policies.

**If a student elects to become an athlete, they are subject to all rules including but not limited to the training rules of the district, for the entire CHSAA sports' season.** (Ref: Board Policy [JBB](#), [JBB-R](#), [JIC](#), [JICDA](#), [JICE](#), [JICE-R](#), [JICG](#), [JICH](#), [JICH-R](#), [JICI](#), [JJIC-R](#), [JJIE-R](#), [JK](#)).

## Hazing or Initiation

Hazing and/or Initiation in any school related activities by one or more athletes toward another and/or others are direct violations of MY School District policies for students. (Ref: Board Policy [JBB](#), [JBB-R](#), [JIC](#), [JICDA](#), [JK](#)). Student or students found to be involved in such activities, and each student's parent(s) will meet with a MY Athletic Review Board consisting of a school administrator appointed by the MY Superintendent of Schools, a non-coaching teacher, a coach not participating in that specific sport, the MY Guidance Counselor and the athletic director. The MY Athletic Review Board at its sole discretion may impose penalties of suspension or removal from teams and/or may refer disciplinary action to MY Administration, which may result in suspension or expulsion from school.

## Sexual Harassment Policy

Inappropriate sexual conduct will not be tolerated and may constitute sexual harassment. MYSD does not condone or tolerate any form of sexual harassment involving employees or students. The school system is committed to the creation and maintenance of a learning and work environment in which all persons who participate in school programs and activities can do so in an atmosphere free from all forms of sexual harassment.

MYSD will take appropriate action to prevent and correct behavior that violates this policy. If necessary, the school system will also take disciplinary action against any student who violates the policy. Disciplinary actions for students who violate the policy include a conference, suspension and/or expulsion, depending on the circumstances and severity of the offense.

Sexual harassment committed by students of either sex against students or staff of the opposite or same sex constitutes inappropriate behavior and is subject to disciplinary action under the Board of Education discipline policies. The policy also recognizes that employees and students have a right to be free from sexual harassment by others such as contractors, vendors and volunteers. It is the responsibility of every supervisor and principal to recognize acts of sexual harassment and take necessary action to ensure that such instances are addressed swiftly, fairly and effectively. The school system prohibits retaliation against an individual who reports an incident or cooperates with an investigation of a reported incident.

### *What Is Sexual Harassment?*

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and/or other inappropriate verbal, written, or physical conduct of a sexual nature that takes place under any of the following circumstances:

- When submission to such conduct is made, explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of employment, instruction, or participation in other school activities;

- When submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used by the offender as the basis for making personnel or academic decisions affecting the individual subjected to sexual harassment; and/or
- When such conduct has the effect of unreasonably interfering with the individual's work and/or academic performance; or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or learning environment.

### *Prohibited Conduct*

Prohibited conduct may include, but is not limited to, unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. For example:

- Grabbing, touching or patting
- Sexual propositions
- Sexually offensive pictures, magazines, notes, calendars, cartoons or jokes.
- Unwanted flirtations or advances
- Verbal abuse
- Repeated pressure or requests for sexual activities
- Rewards for granting sexual favors or the withholding of rewards for refusing to grant sexual favors
- Graphic comments about an individual's body or dress
- Sexually degrading names

Such conduct may also constitute sexual harassment. In determining whether prohibited conduct constitutes sexual harassment, consideration will be given to the totality of the circumstances, including the context in which the conduct occurred.

### Accident Reports

Any student, injured at a practice or scheduled event, shall have an accident report completed by the coach in charge. The accident report will be placed in the student's school file and a copy will be made available to the student's parent upon request. (Ref: Board Policy [EBBB](#)). Students have an obligation to report all injuries to the coaching staff, regardless of how minor they perceive the injury to be or the impact that the injury will have on future play.

### Classroom Attendance

A student must be in attendance the entire day in which he/she is enrolled to be eligible for activities that afternoon or evening. A student must be in attendance for the entire day on Friday to be eligible to participate on Saturday and Monday, if school is not held on Monday. Verified absences related to doctor's appointments (**in writing**), documented family emergencies, (**when the principal is notified**), or school sponsored activity which creates an absence for the student will be exempted in most cases.

### Emergency Procedure Card

An Emergency Procedure Card is required before a student can participate in practice or competition. Our Emergency Procedure Card includes procedures you wish the Miami-Yoder JT60 School District to take if an accident should occur. The backside of the card includes a permission statement to take a student to a doctor or hospital, if, in the judgment of the coach, the injury warrants immediate medical attention. This card would be used during the absence of parent/guardian at contests or practices. (Ref: Board Policy [JLCE](#)).

### Inclement Weather

1. The decision regarding the closing of school rests with the MY Superintendent of Schools.
2. When it is necessary to close school because of inclement weather, while the athlete is attending school, school activities will cease, including contests or practices.

3. When the MY Superintendent closes school in the morning before school is scheduled to open scheduled activities are not automatically canceled. Coaches will wait until the afternoon and then call the athletic director to see if it is possible to hold the event or if it is necessary to reschedule.
4. Determination to hold scheduled contests either at home or away will be made by the athletic director after consultation with the MY Bus Supervisor, the administration of both participating schools, road condition reports, and the weather bureau. Canceled contests will be announced over local radio and television stations and telephonically reported to athletes.
5. Colorado weather is extremely difficult to predict, thus each situation must be assessed independently.

## Insurance

### *Catastrophic Insurance*

Parent of each student, prior to the beginning of the season, is available to purchase the catastrophic insurance policy for the athlete. This SECONDARY insurance program is not to be confused with primary insurance policies. **This catastrophic insurance program may be waived and may be purchased prior to attending any practices or camps.**

### *Primary Insurance*

The MY School District makes available, at the beginning of the year, a twenty-four hour, seven days a week, insurance policy. This policy covers the named student at all extra-curricular activities. Football insurance cost is higher than the general policy. You should consult your insurance carrier as to the type of coverage you have on your child while participating in extracurricular activities. Parents are encouraged to purchase or have an insurance plan that covers your child while at school and at extracurricular activities.

**A parent/guardian must sign a waiver if they have sufficient insurance and do not elect to purchase the insurance program made available by the MY School District. The parent or guardian must show proof of their individual insurance program and a valid copy must be on file with the athletic office prior to the first practice or camp.** [Ref: Board Policy [JLA](#)].

## District Medical Items

Each responsible coach shall handle a very limited selection of medical equipment/supplies such as wraps and items used to reduce swelling only. The athletic department, including but not limited to the responsible coach, **will not dispense drugs or prescribed medicines to students**, including but not limited to aspirin or other over-the-counter drugs. [Ref: Board Policy [JLCD](#), [JLCD-R](#)]

## Medical Restrictions

If a doctor has placed your child and/or children on restriction for physical education, any sport activity or athletics, the athlete(s) will not return to practice or competition until the doctor, **in a written statement received by the athletic director**, removes the child and/or children from restriction and states each may return to full participation in any and all physical education activities, any and all sport activities, or athletics.

**NOTE:** STUDENTS SUSPECTED BY COACHES, OFFICIALS, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF HAVING SUFFERED HEAD TRAUMA MAY NOT RETURN TO PLAY OF ANY FORM WITHOUT THE EXPRESSED WRITTEN CONSENT OF A PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER; I.E. MEDICAL DOCTOR OR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT. [Ref: CHSAA Handbook]

## In-School Suspension (ISS) or Out-of-School (OSS)

Undesirable behavior, including but not limited to poor sportsmanship by students any time while at school or during an activity such as a sporting activity on or off MY campus may cause the student to receive a suspension. A student receiving disciplinary action involving a suspension will be ineligible to practice, participate in or attend any school activity including a sporting event while suspended. A student who receives disciplinary action which involves one or more days of suspension either through **ISS or OSS** may not resume participation in athletic practice or sporting event until said student has completed one normally scheduled full school day. The suspension agent shall be the MY MS/HS Principal or designee. [Ref: Board Policy [JJIC-R](#), [JK](#), [JKD/JKE](#), [JKD/JKE-R](#), [JKF](#), [JKF-R](#)]

## Practices

Each responsible coach establishes the practice schedule and individual rules concerning said sport. [Ref: Board Policy [JJIC-R](#)]. Those items, approved by the athletic director and MY MS/HS Principal, will be presented to each potential athlete and parents within 14 days of the first scheduled practice or sporting camp. No athlete will be disciplined by a coach for missing practice or competition while representing another organization of the Miami-Yoder School District.

### *PRACTICE LOCATION AND TIMES*

High school teams, specifically basketball, will rotate practices daily in the north or south gym as designed by the athletic director.

### *FORMAL PRACTICE DATES*

No sport will conduct formal workouts or 'coach' supervised practices outside the sport season during the school year. Sports practices for the next sports season will not begin until the conclusion of the current athletic program. No football player or volleyball player may practice with the basketball team until said season is concluded. No basketball player may participate in baseball or track until said season is concluded. Students who are not out for the current sports season may begin supervised weight, skills and conditioning training with the assistance of an authorized coach. [Ref. Board Policy [JJIB-R](#)]

### *CHSAA FORMAL STARTING TIMES*

(Reference: [CHSAA Handbook](#) - Visit <http://chsaanow.com/tools/calendars/> 2016-17)

Fall Sports: August 15th

Winter Sports: November 11th

Spring Sports: February 27th

## Equipment and Uniforms

Sports equipment issued to the athlete becomes the sole responsibility of that athlete and parent/guardian until returned to the responsible coach for said sport. This responsibility includes care, cleaning, and security of the equipment and clothing. Additionally, **athletes will not modify equipment/uniforms without permission of the athletic director**. Safety of items stored in lockers and locker room is the express responsibility of athletes, not the coaches or Miami-Yoder School District or its personnel. School locks will be provided.

The loss of the uniform or equipment including locks, assigned to the care of each athlete, is the **Athlete's and Parent/Guardian's Sole Financial Obligation**. Financial restitution by the athlete/parent will be based on the fair market replacement value of the lost equipment. Payment must be received within 15 days from the postmark date of written notification by the responsible coach to the parent, sent via first class and register return receipt US Mail. Should payment not be received as required or prior to the next competitive sporting



event, further action may be taken including but not limited to replacement items not being issued, equipment for other sports not being issued and participation being denied in current sport as well as any and all other sports until financial responsibilities are paid in full.

RESPONSIBLE COACHES ARE NOT AUTHORIZED OR PERMITTED AT ANY TIME TO SELL ANY AND ALL UNIFORM ITEMS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SHOES, WARM-UPS, OR ARTICLES OF CLOTHING/UNIFORMS.

## Sports Meetings

Each head coach will schedule a meeting with all potential athletes and parents/guardians to outline the goals, objectives, schedule and individual rules that apply to that sport. This meeting should be conducted within 14 days of the first scheduled practice or camp and coordinated with the athletic director and MS/HS Principal.

## Coaches Rules

Beyond the policy, rules and regulations presented or referenced within this document, each responsible coach will develop his/her disciplinary requirements or code for the specific sport. This code may complement or be in addition to the MY School District Athletic Handbook. At a minimum, each responsible coach will have a policy addressing practice time schedules, athlete participation in practice and games, conduct/behavior and collaborative effort between the MYMS and MYHS specific sport. This policy may also include practice procedures, curfew, team selection criteria, dress for all games, and other items unique to their specific sport. A copy of the individual sporting code shall be given to each player by the responsible head coach and a copy will be kept on file in the Athletic Director's office. [Ref. Board Policy [JJIE-R](#), [JJIC-R](#)]

## MY MS/HS Athletic Training Rules

Training rules will be in effect for all athletes from the beginning of the CHSAA Sport Season in August until all sports activities in the spring cease.

### *TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND DRUGS*

- (Ref: Board Policy JICDA, JICH, JICH-R, JJIE-R)
- USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND/OR ANY OTHER MOOD-ALTERING DRUGS SHALL BE PROHIBITED BY ANY ATHLETE PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES FOR MIAMI- YODER MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL.

### *VIOLATION OF THE TRAINING RULES*

- A student will be in violation of the training rules if:
  - They are arrested or ticketed for possession, use, or distribution
  - They have an adult or faculty member witness against them violating the rules
  - The individual confesses to a violation of one or more of the training rules

Student athletes may not use any tobacco substance, alcohol or drugs except medically documented prescriptions during the period extending from the official beginning of fall athletics to the ending of spring athletics as determined by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA).

For the purpose of this policy, the definition of drugs (controlled substances) shall include but not be limited to narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic or mind-altering drugs or substances, amphetamines, barbiturates, stimulants, depressants, marijuana, anabolic steroids, any other controlled substances as defined in federal or state law, or any prescription or nonprescription drug, medicine, vitamin, or other chemical substances not taken in accordance with the Board policy and regulations on administering medicines to students.

In the event an athlete fails to comply with these standards, it will be interpreted by MY Athletic Department and administration as an indication that the athlete does not have sufficient desire to participate in the interscholastic program. Therefore, the athlete will be denied the privilege of participating until such time as set forth in the following statements:

### **First Violation**

The student athlete will be suspended from 50 percent of the season in which the athlete is participating at the time of the violation. If the student participates in the drug/alcohol rehabilitation program, recommended by the district (at student expense), the length of suspension will be reduced to 20% of the season in which the athlete is participating. Participation in the rehabilitation program will be the sole financial responsibility of the student and his parent/guardian. Rehabilitation must begin before the 20% rule will go into effect. School administrators will determine when the student again becomes eligible to participate.

If the violation occurs after 50% of a given sport's season has been completed, the suspension will be extended into the next sport's season in which the athlete plans to participate. If the violation occurs immediately before the last game of a season, the suspension will apply to the student's next sports season.

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### ***Examples:***

A violation occurs prior to the third game of the football season. The football season has nine varsity games. The athlete will be ineligible for five games (50 percent of the season). That student will miss games three, four, five, six and seven. The athlete may return to eligibility for both the eighth and ninth games, if he attends practices or remains a member in good standing from the time of the violation until he again becomes eligible. If the student participates in the rehabilitation program he will be suspended for only two games (20% of the season).

A violation occurs during the eighth game of the football season. The student will be suspended for the final game. If the team is in the playoffs, the suspension shall continue, up to five games. If the season ends, the suspension will continue into the next season the player requests to participate, including the next football season. If the season is basketball, the student would lose participation 40% of that season or up to 8 games.

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### **Second violation**

If a second violation occurs within one year of the first violation, the student athlete will be suspended from the interscholastic program for one year from the date of the suspension.

### **Repeated or flagrant violations**

The student athlete will be suspended from interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the athlete's high school eligibility period.

**Any student whose season ends while that player is on suspension shall forfeit all post- season honors and awards, including letters, All-Conference, All-State, or All-Star selections.**

### ***APPEALS***

A student may appeal his/her suspension in accordance with regulations which apply to all eligibility standards and training rules.

The student athlete may appeal the decision for violation of the Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug training rules or other disciplinary actions to the MY Athletic Review Board consisting of a school administrator appointed by the MY Superintendent of Schools, a non-coaching teacher, a coach not participating in that specific sport, the MY Guidance Counselor and the athletic director.

**The appeals process is as follows:**

- A written appeal must be presented to the athletic director or the MY
- MS/HS Principal within (5) days of the initial ruling of the violation.
- All parties (students and the athletic committee) shall have the privilege of representation. The student's desire for legal representation shall be made in the written appeal statement and **at the athlete's and parent/guardian's own expense, not at the expense of the MY School District.**
- Upon hearing from all parties involved, the MY Athletic Review Board will report to the athlete's parent/guardian and the MY Superintendent of Schools within five (5) business days, excluding weekends, from the date of the hearing. A written decision from the MY Athletic Review Board, postmarked five (5) days from the hearing date excluding weekends, shall also be sent to parent/guardian via first class and registered return receipt US Mail. The decision will be binding to all parties. (Ref: Board Policy [JK-R](#), [KE](#))

## Travel

### *TRAVEL TO AN ACTIVITY*

Each athlete must travel to out-of town athletic contests in transportation provided by the MY School District. Athletes will remain with team members and under the supervision of the responsible coaches while attending away contest. **NOTE: No student will be allowed to be transported or to drive their own vehicles to an athletic event in which they will participate, without the expressed written consent of the MY Superintendent of Schools.**

### *TRAVEL FROM OUT OF TOWN ACTIVITIES*

The responsible coach will accept a release from the athlete's parent/guardian if the parent/guardian makes a last minute decision to take the athlete with them after the end of the sporting contest. Note: No athlete will be released to travel with anyone, other than the athlete's parent/guardian.

### *PROCEDURES TO RELEASE STUDENTS TO A PARENT*

With advanced approved documentation, athletes may be released to the athlete's parent/guardian at an out of town contest. This action is highly discouraged as it does not foster team spirit and teamwork. **MY Athletic Department realizes that sometimes it becomes necessary to take a student from an out of town activity.**

After completion of the contests and when all MY team members are ready to board MY transportation, the athlete's parent/guardian will contact the responsible coach and advise such they are ready to leave with the athlete. Prior to exiting, parent/guardian will sign a sheet, maintained by the responsible coach on behalf of transportation department and MY School District, informing and holding MY School District and MY employees harmless for any and all injuries occurring after leaving the activity/athletic event. [Ref: Board Policy [EEAFA](#), [JJH](#), [JJH-R](#)]

### *PICKUP AND RELEASE LOCATIONS*

Whenever possible, students will be returned to MY MS/HS unless the parent/guardian makes an arrangement with the responsible coach 24 hours in advance for pickup or released at an arranged location on Highway 94. Preferred stops are Fuel B's Convenience Store in Ellicott and at the Yoder Post Office.

### Eligibility

#### *WEEKLY*

Eligibility is a requirement of the CHSAA, The Black Forest League and MY

MS/HS. MY MS/HS rules further state that a student, who received an "F" and/or two "Ds" any time during a grading period, will be ineligible for the following week's activities. Eligibility grades are submitted to the athletic director on Friday afternoon for the following week's ineligible list. Citizenship (e.g. classroom behavior, etc..) can be a determining factor of eligibility in a class as well. The MS/HS Principal will make this decision. A special education student's eligibility may be determined by their IEP [Individual Education Program] and their effort in class. [Ref: Board Policy [JJJ-R](#), Student Handbook]. Every effort will be made to provide a written notice to the student and parent when ineligibility occurs. Note: If an athlete appears on the ineligible list for two consecutive weeks, athlete will be removed from sport for the remainder of the sport's season. Student may appeal through the MY Athletic Review Board.

#### *END OF THE TERM*

If a student receives an "F" and/or two "D's" combination at the end of a term, they will be ineligible until they reach dates established by the CHSAA calendar.

#### **Exception**

CHSAA allows high school students, during the summer months, to take summer school courses to eliminate ineligible grades and become eligible for participation in athletics and activities for fall sports. Students must take courses in the same area and content that they failed. Summer school courses must be approved in writing by MS/HS Principal in advance of taking the course and will remain the financial obligation of the athlete and parent/guardian. MY School District will not provide financial support for summer school. Example: A student who failed US History- must take and pass US History in summer.

#### *PROBATION*

Students who receive an "F" or two "D s" may request academic probation under the following conditions.

1. If at the end of the semester or term they have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher
2. The student must write a letter to the MY Athletic Director requesting probation. The student must state the reasons they believe their eligibility status should be changed.
3. The MY Athletic Director will consider the request, and bring the request to the attention of the MY Principal. The MY Athletic Director may or may not recommend probationary status be granted.
4. The MY Principal will consider the request, and bring the request to the attention of the MY Superintendent of Schools. The MY Principal may or may not recommend probationary status be granted.

5. The MY Superintendent of Schools will bring the recommendation for probationary status to the Board of Education. **The parents and the student must attend the board meeting in which the request for academic probation will be considered.**

#### *DROPPING OR TRANSFERRING A SPORT*

**Quitting is an intolerable habit to acquire.** A student may lose the privilege of participating in athletics. A student may transfer from one sport to another in the same season within one week of practice, at the beginning of the respective season; however, this is highly discouraged. The responsible coaches, parent/guardian, and the athletic director must approve dropping and/or transferring from one sport to another. CHSAA requires five (5) days of practice for each sport (excluding football, which is nine (9) days) prior to participation in competition.

To quit a sport, the student athlete must make an appointment with the athletic director or principal. The athlete must meet with his/her head coach, parent or guardian, and an athletic administrator (AD or Principal) and state the reasons for quitting the sport. Failure to follow this process will result in the student losing the right to participate in the next sport's season of interest.

If the athlete is participating in two sports during one season such as volleyball and cheerleading, the student following said process, may request approval to drop one of the sports. Failure to follow this process will result in the student losing the right to participate in the next sport's season of interest as well as being removed from both current sports. (Ref: Board Policy [JJ](#), [JJIB](#))

#### **Athletic Awards Presentation**

Awards will be presented at a regularly scheduled time, as determined by the athletic director and MS/HS Principal.

#### *Good Standing*

An athlete is in good standing by meeting or exceeding the following requirements:

1. Academically eligible during and at the end of the sport season
2. Attended and participated in a minimum of 50% of all contests with no more than 1 unexcused absences
3. Attended and participated in a minimum of 85% of all practices with no more than 2 unexcused absences
4. No disciplinary infractions in either the academic or sport settings
5. Finished the season as a member of the team

#### **H.S. Varsity Letter Requirements**

##### *GENERAL*

Any athlete suspended from a sport will not letter. A senior who has participated in MY high school athletics for four years in that specific sport will receive a varsity letter in the senior year, regardless of playing time or status as a starter or part-time player. An injured athlete may be awarded a varsity letter if it is apparent to the coach that they would have earned the letter if not for the injury. Attendance at practices and contests is mandatory.

*SPECIFIC SPORT***BASEBALL**

Complete the season as a squad member in good standing and play in at least one half (1/2) of the varsity innings.

**BASKETBALL**

Complete the season as a varsity squad member in good standing and play in at least one half (1/2) of the varsity quarters.

**CHEERLEADING**

Complete the season as a varsity squad member in good standing and attend at least one half (1/2) of the cheer events.

**FOOTBALL**

Complete the season as a varsity squad member in good standing and play in at least one half (1/2) of the varsity quarters.

**TRACK**

Complete the season as a varsity squad member in good standing and participate in at least an average of two events per varsity meet.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Complete the season as a varsity squad member in good standing and play in at least one half (1/2) of the varsity matches.

**WRESTLING**

Complete the season as a varsity squad member in good standing and participate in at least half of the varsity meets.

**MANAGERS AWARD**

Complete the season as a varsity squad member in good standing with participation in at least one half (1/2) of the varsity events.. Letters will be distinct from awards given for playing a sport.

*AWARD CERTIFICATION***VARSITY AWARD**

All athletes, earning a varsity letter, will receive a certificate, letter, and pin for the first award.

**SUB-VARSITY AWARD**

All athletes, completing the season as a member in good standing of a junior varsity team or a non-lettering varsity team member will receive a certificate of participation.

*RESOURCES*

(Board policies referenced, forms, note page, etc.)