

Varsity Lettering Guidelines

Lettering in a Varsity sport is an award of excellence in teamwork, skill, determination, character, and personal growth. As such, a Varsity Letter is earned throughout the year by consistent improvement in these areas and not just performance during games. All players are part of the team, but only those who strive for excellence will be rewarded with a Letter of distinguishment to place on their team jacket.

The following are guidelines established by the Coaches and Committee of Eagles Football for Lettering in Varsity Football within the Eagles program. As with any guideline, these are not absolute rules, but are standards that guide us toward achieving our goals as an organization. The Coaches strive to be consistent and equitable with the presentation of this reward system. However, we also recognize no two people are the same and therefore no two situations will be identical. For this reason, discretion is also an element of the evaluation process to account for variances experienced during personal interaction with each player during the season.

Minimum Requirements for Letter Consideration:

- Maintain at least 85% attendance at all scheduled practices, games, and team functions;
- Play as a starter in at least one game during the season;
- Play in at least as many quarters as there are games on the Varsity schedule in a capacity which adds value to the team's ability to successfully compete,
 - For instance, if there are 10 games that are played, a player must play in at least 10 quarters during the season (the player must execute at least 6 plays during a quarter for that quarter to count),
 - Plays executed which do not add value to the overall game objective will not be counted. For instance, if we are being outscored significantly and the ability to win is not possible, players will be afforded game time to develop them. However, these plays will not be counted because they did not add value to the game objective, but instead the play time was of primary benefit to the individual player.
- Be respectful to all parents, referees, coaches, teammates, and opponents. (The coaches will withhold a letter from a player who has complied with the two bullets above but did not represent himself and the team well);
- Lettering is available to any player who is eligible to play on the Varsity Team (not limited strictly to high school).
- A player is eligible to letter a maximum of 4 times in their Varsity career.

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Jacket Standard:

Each player will be responsible for the purchase of their own team jacket; however, Eagles Football will provide the Eagles Emblem and Football pin for the jacket for new players at the yearly banquet. Eagles Football will recommend a vendor to help ensure color matching, however other vendors may be used at parents' discretion. Jackets are to be royal blue with white sleeves. There are jacket options which vary in price significantly based on material type – all cloth or wool with vinyl sleeves or wool with leather sleeves. Removable hood is optional. The player's last name and jersey number are stitched on the back of the jacket. The player's first name is stitched on the right chest of the jacket. The Emblem is to be affixed to the right sleeve shoulder and the pin worn on the left chest, at the bottom of the Letter (in that general area if no Letter has been earned yet). A player that achieves a Letter will have it awarded to them during that year's banquet by the coaches. The Letter is to be affixed to the left side of the jacket chest. Each subsequent year that a player Letters, they will be presented with a chevron bar at the banquet to be affixed to the left shoulder sleeve. See the image below for more details.

