

## Wildcat Athletic Dept Varsity Letter Guidelines

Earning a varsity letter in a sport is a special accomplishment for an athlete. It indicates that the athlete has reached a certain level of ability, commitment, and value to the team. Just being a part of a team does not necessarily indicate that the athlete is of “varsity” caliber (especially if there is no junior varsity team in the program). Each program has their own criteria in terms of earning a varsity letter. In addition to these criteria, each coach reserves the right to award a varsity letter to additional team members based on special circumstances. In the same manner, a coach has the right to remove an athlete from varsity letter status due to extenuating circumstances.

The first varsity letter earned as a Wildcat: athlete is awarded the Wildcat “L”  
Subsequent varsity letters: athlete is awarded the sport specific pin for the L.

### Criteria for Earning a Varsity Letter

**Cross Country:** Athletes need to average 1 varsity point per meet. (Points are earned as follows: 3 pts for finishing in top  $\frac{1}{3}$  of varsity race, 2 pts for finishing in the middle  $\frac{1}{3}$  of varsity race, 1 pt for finishing in bottom  $\frac{1}{3}$  of varsity race). Coaching staff reserves the right to modify the criteria for special circumstances.

**Football:** Player should start on varsity 50% of the time on Offense, Defense, or Special Teams. Coaching staff reserves the right to modify the criteria for special circumstances.

**Volleyball:** To receive a varsity letter in volleyball, players must compete in 50% of contests. The Student Athlete must also obtain over a 2.5 GPA and abide by team rules. Coaching staff reserves the right to modify the criteria for special circumstances.

**Boys Basketball:** To receive a letter in basketball players must make the varsity roster and compete in 50% of the contests. Athlete must also obtain over a 2.5 GPA and also abide by all team rules or player will be automatically disqualified for a letter. Coaching staff reserves the right to modify the criteria for special circumstances.

**Girls Basketball:** To receive a letter in basketball players must make the varsity roster and compete in 50% of the contests and 95% of practices. Athletes must also abide by all team rules and show good sportsmanship. Coaching staff reserves the right to modify the criteria for special circumstances.

**Wrestling:** In order for a wrestler to earn a varsity letter, he or she must compete in at least 75% of matches and at least 1 tournament. Coaching staff reserves the right to modify the criteria for special circumstances.

**Baseball:** Athletes must start in 50% of all games or play in 50% of all innings. Special consideration is given to specialty players (i.e. pinch hitters, pinch runners, relief pitchers). Coaching staff reserves the right to modify the criteria for special circumstances.

**Softball:** Athletes must play in 50% of all games or 50% of all innings. Special consideration given to upperclassmen. Coaching staff reserves the right to modify the criteria for special circumstances.

**Track:** Athletes must average 1 point per varsity meet. (Points are earned according to place in each event in each meet). Coaching staff reserves the right to modify the criteria for special circumstances.