Minimum Lettering Requirements

Student-athletes recognized as varsity letter award recipients are individuals who have made a significant contribution to the athletic success of their team. Although participation is noteworthy it is not the mere act of participating which qualifies one as a varsity letter winner.

Understanding that there are differences in sports, this general guide is to establish criteria which broadly signify that an individual has made a significant athletic contribution. Significant contribution is defined as active participation in a minimum of fifty percent of the competitions or to perform at a level comparable to the top fifty percent of the competitors in the sport.

As noted previously, participation and commitment to a team over time is noteworthy and vital to individual sport programs and the department at large. Generally student-athletes who participate for a minimum of three years may be selected as varsity letter recipients in recognition of their dedication and significant role in the team experience.

Finally, all individuals considered for a varsity letter must be eligible members of the team through the conclusion of the traditional season for that academic year. It is understood that the head coach does have the opportunity to request exceptions to the policy due to extenuating circumstances and with approval by the Associate Athletic Director.