

West Virginia University Intercollegiate Athletics

Policy: Team Awards
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Responsibility: Head Coaches, Sports Administrators

The total value of a single participation or "letter" award received in a year by a student-athlete is limited by the NCAA. Multiple awards may be presented only if the total value of all participation awards received during a particular academic year by an individual student-athlete does not exceed established NCAA award limits.

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics awards letters to those student-athletes designated as deserving of such by their respective Head Coach and approved by the Director of Athletics. In cases of extenuating circumstances, criteria may be waived by the Head Coach and the Director of Athletics.

Student managers, student athletic trainers and cheerleaders are not eligible to receive varsity letters.

Letter winners receive their awards in the following sequence:

First year:	Jacket
Second year:	Gym Bag
Third year:	Watch
Fourth year:	Plaque

The requirements to earn a varsity letter are listed below by sport:

Baseball

- Must be academically eligible; must not redshirt
- Must complete the season on the team roster unless injured (i.e. not quit or removed from team or suspended)
- Must not discredit or embarrass the baseball program
- Must help the team win
- Must make at least five appearances as a pitcher and pitch a minimum of 10 innings
- Must play in at least 10 games as a position player and/or get at least 10 at-bats
- Coaches discretion is applied with regards to pinch-runners and defensive replacements
- Must be included on the 25-man roster for at least one BIG EAST Conference series unless used as a pitcher early in the season and then used as a pitcher in non-conference mid-week games during the conference season
- Coach has discretion to make final decision on which letters and who does not based on all other non-numerical and non-statistical information

Men's Basketball

- Participation in a minimum of one-half of the regularly scheduled contests for a total actual time equal to one-fourth of the season's playing time; or creditable attainment as determined by the head coach.

Women's Basketball

- Participation in minimum of one-half of the regularly scheduled games

Women's Cross Country

- Fulfilled all of the following requirements and has demonstrated service to the team, spirit, scholarship, and exemplary behavior shall receive a letter award
 - Must participate in practice throughout the entire season unless prohibited from doing so by illness, injury, or similar extenuating circumstances beyond the participant's control
 - Participate in the Big East Championship or the ECAC Championship meets

Football

- Participation in minimum of 100 plays
- Head Coach's discretion is applied with regards to specialists

Gymnastics

- Must compete in one regular or postseason competition, or complete a minimum of three exhibition routines in regular season competition

Men's Soccer

- Must complete the season as a member on the team and not red-shirted the season

Rowing

- Must compete in at least half of the spring races in a varsity level crew
- Additionally, a letter winner may be named at the discretion of the coaches in instances where the racing requirement isn't met, yet contributions to the team are deserving of such acknowledgment

Rifle

- Must maintain good academic standing and good team conduct throughout season
- Must participate in at least 75% of all regularly scheduled contests

Women's Soccer

- Must be academically eligible
- Must not redshirt the season
- Must finish the season unless injured (i.e. not quit or get kicked off team or suspended for remainder of season)
- Must not discredit or embarrass the women's soccer program
- Must have played in one half of the contests during the season
- Coach has discretion to make final decision on which letters and who doesn't based on all other non-numerical and non-statistical information

Men's Swimming & Diving

- Participant has recorded a BIG EAST Conference qualifying time in a minimum of one event

Women's Swimming & Diving

- Participant has recorded a BIG EAST Conference qualifying time in a minimum of one event

Women's Tennis

- Participation in more than one date of competition and winning at least one dual or singles match

Women's Indoor & Outdoor Track

- Any participant who has fulfilled all of the following requirements and has demonstrated service to the team, spirit, scholarship, and exemplary behavior shall receive a letter award:
 - Must participate in practice throughout the entire season unless prohibited from doing so by illness, injury, or similar extenuating circumstances beyond the participant's control
 - Qualify for the Big East Championship meet.
 - Special consideration for lettering awards may be made in unusual circumstances, even if the above requirements are not fully met

Volleyball

- Must complete the season as a member on the team and not red-shirted the season.

Wrestling

- Must finish the season unless injured (i.e. not quit or get kicked off team or suspended for remainder of season)
- Cannot redshirt the season
- Must compete in a minimum of one-third of the regularly scheduled competition dates; scored points in the EWL Championships or scored points in the NCAA Championship
- Head Coach has discretion to make final decision on which letters and who doesn't based on all other non-numerical and non-statistical information