



Criteria for FWA Letter Award and Jacket

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Faith West Academy Athletics Department selects deserving student-athletes to receive athletic awards as recognition of athletic participation, academic performance, outstanding achievement and Christ-like behavior through participation in a sport.

Before any award is made, an athlete must be recommended by the head coach and have met the established requirements for a letter award in that particular sport. *At no time will participation on teams other than high school varsity squad count toward the awarding of a varsity letter.*

Even though each sport may have specific requirements for earning a letter, each head coach may grant exceptions due to injury or any other reason deemed as a special circumstance. Final approval of all letters shall be made by the athletic director.

BASEBALL:	Participate on varsity team.
BASKETBALL:	Participate on varsity team.
CHEERLEADING:	Complete the entire year and meet the requirements listed in their respective varsity squad rules.
CROSS-COUNTRY:	Participate in scheduled varsity meets or place in the top 10 in state
FOOTBALL:	Participate on the varsity team.
GOLF:	Participate in scheduled tournaments or qualify for state.
SOCCER:	Participate on varsity team.
SOFTBALL:	Participate on varsity team.
SWIMMING:	Participate in scheduled meets or qualify for state.
TENNIS:	Participate in scheduled matches or qualify for state.
TRACK:	Participate in scheduled varsity meets.
VOLLEYBALL:	Participate on varsity team. (not matches).
WRESTLING:	Complete season on varsity team.

MANAGERS, STATISTICIANS, & TRAINERS – Serve in that capacity for two years or for two different sports in the same school year, and recommended by their coaches.

****Special circumstances may exist for** seniors who participated the entire season, but were not able to meet the minimum standards for lettering. If an athlete has a season-ending injury which keeps the athlete from meeting normal lettering requirements, the varsity coach may grant the athlete a varsity letter if they attended all practices and contests for the remainder of the season following the injury, and (in the coach's professional opinion) would have met the standards for a letter had the injury not occurred during the season.

Qualifications for a LETTER AWARD

1. Any student-athlete not in good academic standings, for the season, according to TAPPS rule (70 or below in two subjects) will not be eligible to receive a letter.
2. Any student-athlete who quits a team or is removed from the team during the year will not be eligible to receive a letter for that sport. This also means that when an athlete breaks his commitment to a team, the student may not participate in the next sport of the season (see Extracurricular Activity Commitment in the Athletics Handbook).
3. Student-athletes must fulfill the practice, conditioning, attitude, and conduct requirements established by the athletic department or head coach.
4. Special consideration may be given for a player who was injured or who has made a special contribution to the team. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the head coach and approved by the Athletic Director prior to the end of the season.
5. The coach should submit all recommendations for letter awards within two weeks following the conclusion of the sport season to the Athletic Director.
6. If a student-athlete is pulled up from a junior varsity or freshman team, they are *not* eligible for a letter unless they meet the criteria.
7. Any student-athlete must be in good standings with return of all equipment to be eligible for a letter.
8. Only one letter will be awarded to an athlete in a given sport. Athletes who have earned a letter in a sport for more than one season may purchase a service bar for each letter awarded.
9. Certificates will be given to all team members who participated for the full season of their sport.
10. Medals will be given to all athletes who make a special select team: First Team All-District, First and Second Team All-State, First, Second, or Third Team All State.

Qualification for a Letter JACKET: A student-athlete must letter in any varsity sport for **one season** to be eligible to purchase a letter jacket.

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