

Athletic Award Guidelines

It is important that student-athletes be recognized for their hard work and efforts when participating in the Hanover Park Regional High School District athletic programs. At the conclusion of every season, coaches will conduct end of the season ceremonies/banquets for the purpose of recognizing these student-athletes in the presence of their teammates, families and friends. The athletic department has established awards that are distributed to qualifying athletes. The criteria for the disbursement of these awards are different from sport to sport and are listed in the "Specific Sport Requirements" section. Our purpose is to recognize as many athletes as possible, with the highest accolades that can be given to them.

Awards Procedure

In the opinion of the awarding coach, if a student athlete's performance has met the established criteria and merits recognition, he/she may receive an award. A copy of the criteria will be kept on file in the athletic office.

Awards

Freshmen:

- Certificate of Participation

Junior Varsity:

- Certificate of Participation

Varsity:

- **First year** – Certificate of Participation, Pin, Letter*
- **Second year** – Certificate of Participation, Pin
- **Third year** – Certificate of Participation, Pin
- **Fourth year** – Certificate of Participation, Pin, Silver Bowl/Plaque**

**Only one letter is issued per athlete. For example, if an athlete receives a varsity letter in a fall sport and achieves varsity status in a winter sport, he/she will not receive another letter.*

Student-athletes must complete the entire season to be considered for an award.

***Must have lettered four consecutive years.*

Special Considerations

- Seniors who have not met award requirements will receive a varsity letter at the discretion of the head coach and discussion with the Athletic Director.
- Award list(s) must be approved by the Athletic Director.
- An athlete who has participated on a varsity level for three years, and who has not met the individual criteria **may** be awarded a varsity letter at the discretion of the coach and after consultation with the Athletic Director.
- Any other special considerations will be at the coach's discretion and after consultation with the Athletic Director.

End of the Year Awards

The award winners are selected by the head coaches at a meeting arranged by the Athletic Director at the end of the spring sports season.

- Most Improved Athlete – male/female
- Coaches Award – most coachable/unselfish team player – male/female
- Most Outstanding Athlete (M.V.P.) – male/female
- Scholar Athlete – letter in three sports in the senior year and be in the upper 10% of his/her class – male/female
- Sportsmanship Award – male/female

Meritorious Service and/or Accomplishment Awards

- Team Managers and Statisticians shall each receive service awards in the form of a Certificate of Participation at the end of their respective athletic seasons.

Specific Sport Requirements for Awards

Baseball	<u><i>Players other than pitchers</i></u> ; play in ½ the total number of innings played by the team. <u><i>Pitchers</i></u> : Pitch to at least one batter in 1/3 of the total number of games played by the team.
Basketball	Compete in ½ the total number of quarters played by the team.
Cross Country	Be a member of the scoring team in at least ½ of the meets in which the school competes.
Field Hockey	Compete in ½ total numbers of halves played by the team.
Football	Compete in ½ of the total number of quarters played by the team.
Golf	Compete in ½ the total number of matches played by the team.
Ice Hockey	Compete in ½ the total number of periods played by the team.
Lacrosse	Compete in ½ of the total number of quarters played by the team.
Soccer	Compete in ½ of the total number of games played by the team.
Softball	Compete in ½ of the total number of innings played by the team.
Tennis	Compete in ½ the total number of matches played by the team.
Volleyball	Compete in ½ the total number of matches.
Wrestling	Compete in 5 matches (including tournaments) during the season.

Letters will be awarded in the following sports based upon a point system. Points will be awarded based upon finishing in a specific contest.

When competing as an individual: 1 st place finish 6 points 2 nd place finish 4 points 3 rd place finish 3 points 4 th place finish 2 points 5 th place finish 1 point	When competing in a Relay Event every member of the relay will earn: 1 st place finish 2 points 2 nd place finish 1 point 3 rd place finish ½ point
Spring Track	Earn a point total equal to twice the number of dual meets in the season minus one. -Points scored in the County Freshman/Sophomore Championship Meet shall count towards a varsity letter. -Any student finishing first, second or third in an individual or team event in a Conference, County or State Championship Varsity Meet will earn an automatic varsity letter.
Winter Track	Earn at least one point in any invitational meet. -Points earned in the County Freshman/Sophomore Championship meet shall NOT count towards a varsity letter.
Swimming	Earn at least 20 points for season.