**Letterman Jacket Eligibility**

**AWARDS AND LETTERING**

**Recognition and Awards:**

Students may accept awards presented or approved by the student’s school. Only the school administration may grant an award to a student athlete. This rule also includes gifts that are symbolic in nature such as rings, watches, jackets, etc. as well as trophies and plaques. Only awards officially sanctioned by the school administration may be granted to student athletes regardless of the funding of such awards (VHSL 28-10-1 Awards Rule).

**Criteria for Varsity Letters:**

Madison County is proud of its letter winners. Lettering represents an accomplishment in dedication, perseverance and skill. Letters are not earned for making a team; they are earned for contributing to the team. The following lettering requirements are set to maintain the prestige associated with the award.

**Letter Award** – To qualify to receive a letter award, the athlete or manager must complete the varsity season in good standing as a member of the squad. In addition the following criteria must be met:

**Team Sports** – Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball and Soccer

1) Participate in ½ of the quarters or playing periods.

2) Participation of a senior in the same sport for 3 years

3) Participation on a team that wins a district championship or qualifies for Regional play.

4) Discretion of the Head Coach for special circumstances

**Individual Sports** – Cross Country, Golf, Wrestling, Track

1) Participant scored or played in ½ of the regular season contests.

2) Participant qualified for Regional play.

3) Participant is a senior in a sport for 3 years

4) Discretion of the Head Coach for special circumstances

**Cheerleading** – Participate in 90% of events or functions during one sport season.

**An athlete who has quit or been dismissed from a team is not eligible to receive any award or letter for that team.**

**Letter Jacket** – All Varsity letter winners are eligible to purchase a Madison County Letter Jacket and represent our school outside of campus. Only a letter winner can wear a jacket with a varsity letter. Because students are representing MCHS when they are wearing their letter jackets, the following rules apply:

1) The school issued letter should be worn on the left chest area of the jacket.

2) The graduation year should be worn on the left shoulder.

3) Symbols, names and sports played may be printed on the jacket.

4) Only medals won while representing MCHS may be worn on the jacket.