



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: July 9, 2024

TITLE: Approval of Proposed Varsity Letter Policy

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2024, the Governing Board studied a proposed policy establishing criteria and considerations associated with the awarding of varsity athletic letters. Subsequent to the presentation on June 11, 2024, an additional revision was made to the proposed policy. Specifically Cheer and Pom were added to the list of activities that would be included in the varsity letter policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

This Board item is presented to the Board for approval of the Varsity Letter Policy.

INITIATED BY:

Matthew Munger
Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education

Date: July 1, 2024

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

Varsity Letter Policy (Policy ...)

Student-athletes, who are on the published varsity roster, based on a competitive tryout process, will be awarded a varsity letter.

Student-Athletes on the Junior Varsity, Junior Varsity B, and/or Sophomore/Freshman teams who participate in at least 20% of regulation varsity competitions (team sports) and/or invitationals (individual sports) will be awarded a varsity letter.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association lists the following sports as “Individual” and/or “Team” sports.

Individual Sports:

Fall

- Cheer*
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Pom*
- Swim

Winter

- Wrestling

Spring

- Beach Volleyball (Pairs)
- Tennis (Singles/Doubles)
- Track

Team Sports:

Fall

- Football
- Girls' Volleyball

Winter

- Basketball
- Soccer

Spring

- Baseball
- Beach Volleyball
- Boys' Volleyball
- Esports
- Softball
- Tennis

* - Year-round

Additional Qualifying Factors:

Factors coaches may consider when awarding a varsity letter to a student-athlete who is not on the published varsity roster at the beginning of the season, include participation in any post-season competition (playoffs), promotion to varsity roster/team, promotion due to injury*, and/or sportsmanship.

*A varsity student-athlete who is injured during the season will not be excluded from awarding of the varsity letter.

Team fundraisers, fundraising activities, and donations are not considered in determination of awarding of a varsity letter.

Disqualifying Factors:

The following factors will result in being disqualified from awarding of a varsity letter, violation of Amphitheater's 24/7 Rule (Reference Amphitheater's [Code of Conduct](#), pages 16, 20, and 40), removal by school administration in accordance with Policy [JKDA](#), ineligibility during the athletic season that results in removal from the team, and/or violation of any AIA rule, specific to each sport, that results in school-level discipline.

CROSS REF:

[JJJ](#) – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

[JKDA](#) – Removal of Students From School Sponsored Activities