

Bishop Luers Athletic Award Policies

The purpose of the Bishop Luers High School Athletic Department is to provide a high standard of interschool athletics for the young men and women who participate. It should be noted that our award system is fundamentally based upon participation and not necessarily outstanding performance. An award is presented after fulfillment of certain standards and requirements as noted in the following:

A STUDENT-ATHLETE CAN CURRENTLY RECEIVE AN AWARD IN THE FOLLOWING SPORTS/ACTIVITIES:

Girls: Cheerleading*, Soccer, Swim/Dive, Basketball, Track and Field, Golf, Tennis, Gymnastics, Softball, Cross Country, and Volleyball

Boys: Football, Soccer, Swim/Dive, Basketball, Track and Field, Golf, Tennis, Baseball, Wrestling, Cross Country and Lacrosse*

** activities/or clubs sports not sanctioned by the IHSAA, but eligible for department awards based upon established criteria*

General Guidelines to receive an Athletic Award:

Finish the sports season in good standing with the coach/administration.

Remain academically eligible (The IHSAA and BLHS maintain minimum academic standards for athletes. Students must have passing grades in 70% of classes at the end of each quarter or semester. Semester Grades always take precedence.) 70% equals 5 of 7 classes or 6 of 8 classes.

Observe the Athletic Code of Conduct (found in the Student Handbook)

Be Recommended for an award by your coach or the Athletic Director.

Specific Guidelines for Awards: There are always exceptions to rules, but the following awards system covers the general spirit of how Luers honors its' student-athletes.

1st Year participation: Class Numerals. These represent the athlete's year of graduation. An athlete receives only ONE (1) set of numeral. Given most generally to freshmen, numerals are also presented to any first time participant in the athletic program.

2nd Year Participation: School Letter (L). The letter award is given to athletes competing in their second year of participation in a sport. There are several exceptions to this rule: a) Letters may be awarded to first time participation, such as freshmen or transfer students, if their participation is at the varsity level. This decision is made by the Head Coach in the sport, with the approval of the Athletic Director b) Combinations of sports in the same season may also constitute winning a letter (i.e. football-1st year, soccer the 2nd year!) Athletes who receive their letter in freshmen year, may now receive their sports PINS and certificates at the conclusion each season.

3rd Year Participant: Chevron and Pin. Any athlete completing a third season in any sport, or a combination of sports in the same season, is awarded the Chevron and Pin. Athletes are then awarded pins and chevrons for each subsequent sport they finish the remainder of their careers. (Note: Chevrons are junior and senior awards only. Athletes who receive letters in their first year must still wait until junior year (or 3rd year) to receive a Chevron. Sophomores who have received a letter will receive their sport Pins. The Pins are now actually cloth inserts that can be sewn on the letter or Chevron.

4th Year Participant: same rules as 3rd year awards.

Letter Jackets: any athlete regardless of grade, who has been awarded the Luers Letter award in Athletics, Music, Cheerleading, Honors, or any extra-curricular activity, may purchase the School Jacket. The cost of the jacket is the sole responsibility of the student. Luers has a long time commitment with Sports Center at Coventry, for the purchasing of the letter jackets. Price and style of jackets vary, and those arrangements are made between the student and Sports Center.

Blanket Award

The Luers Athletic Blanket Award is presented to a graduating senior who has competed in a minimum 3 sports for at least three years, with one of those years being their Senior year. Any combination of sports qualifies (i.e. two in the same season) The sports that are considered for the Blanket Award were listed earlier. An exception to this rule would be the athlete who earns 10 or more "varsity" letter may also earn the Blanket award. This scenario can negate the 3 sports in senior year rule.

Placement of Awards on Letter Jackets

Numerals are usually placed on the right chest of the jacket, with the school Letter generally placed upon the left chest of jacket. Chevrons are placed upon the sleeves, with the Pins or Inserts attached either to the letter or chevrons. Patches awarded for team championships, or individual accomplishment are placed in any strategic location. While the Luers administration does not normally monitor the appearance of the jacket, you MUST remember that the jacket is a very highly visible symbol of BLHS, and the wearer is a representative of our school at all times. While the administration will not remove a jacket from a student, it is our right as school authority to deem a jacket not acceptable to worn at school, or any Bishop Luers function. Any item worn or sewn onto the Luers jacket MUST have awarded by the school.

Patches: Team and Individual

Championship patches are purchased by the Athletic Office for teams that win championships, at either SAC or state tourney level. Individual patches are also awarded when athletes are deemed as champions or State tournament qualifiers. ONE PATCH per season is the maximum, and the patch will be designed to represent all accomplishments for that team/individuals (i.e. State Championship patch obviously represents sectional, regional titles.) Patches can be awarded to teams winning: SAC -Sectional-Regional-Semi state or State Champion. Only a team or individual who qualifies to compete at the state finals level/or a State championship game will receive the State of Indiana patch. Patches are ONLY awarded in Varsity sports, as the SAC only recognizes champions at the varsity level. Only patches awarded by the Athletic Office should appear on letter jackets. Athletes are not awarded patches for individual ALL SAC recognition. The conference awards plaques for such honors.

Transfer Student Awards

An athlete who transfers to Luers will be awarded on the same basis as would have been the case at their former school. For instance, an athlete who received numerals at former school, will receive the Luers letter in their second season.

Banner Policy

The prestigious banners that hang from the rafters in Luers gym are symbolic of State Championship team and State Runners Up teams. To qualify for the banner, teams must compete in the State Championship game in their sport, or finish first or second in State Finals events involving multiple teams (such as Golf, swimming, wrestling)

Award Certificates

The Athletic Office provides award certificates that accompany all awards.