

NEW LEXINGTON SCHOOLS



NEW LEXINGTON SCHOOLS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

STUDENT ATHLETIC CONTRACT

**PARENT/STUDENT
ATHLETIC CONTRACT**

(Effective beginning with 2019-2020 school year)

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Message to Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Student Athletes

This handbook is made available to you because your son or daughter has indicated a desire to participate in interscholastic athletics at New Lexington Schools, and you have expressed your willingness to permit him/her to compete. We are pleased with your interest in our New Lexington Athletic Programs. Involvement in student activities is vital to the educational development of our students at New Lexington Schools. Participating in an athletic program is a privilege. As an athlete, you are held to higher standards in the classroom, on the field, and in the community. You are representing many people, including past athletes, your family, the community, the school, your coaches, and fellow athletes. As an athlete, you have to carry yourself with tremendous character. Your actions constantly reflect on others. You must realize that you are a role model for the younger members of the community. As an athlete, you have an opportunity to set a good example for those who follow you.

As students elect to participate, there are many questions that both you and your son/daughter may have regarding the athletic program. The purpose of this handbook is to answer as many questions about the policies of our athletic program as possible (i.e. keep students and parents as informed as possible in order to assist in making the athletic experience a positive one for our student athletes). We are hopeful that this handbook will be of assistance to you as your child participates in our New Lexington Athletic Programs.

THE NEW LEX WAY

DEMANDS COMMITMENT, DENIES SELFISHNESS, ACCEPTS REALITY,
YET SEEKS IMPROVEMENT EVERYDAY WHILE PUTTING THE TEAM ABOVE SELF

ATHLETICS MISSION & PURPOSE

The New Lexington High School Athletic Program fosters excellence, teaches values, and enriches lives through competitive athletics that challenge student athletes to reach their full potential.

NEW LEX ATHLETICS GOALS

Exceptional Student/Athlete Experiences

Successful Teams

Source of unity and pride for students, teachers, staff, alumni, friends and families of New Lexington

Parent/Guardian Expectations

- 1. Parents will communicate openly and freely with coaches and administrators.**
 - Parents will communicate with respect.
 - Parents will be honest.
 - Parents will communicate issues and concerns in a timely manner, including those of student's physical and emotional well-being.
 - Parents will follow an appropriate chain of command:
 - o Parent – Coach of the level of play (*7th, 8th, 9th, JV, Varsity*)
 - o Parent – Head Coach of the program (*Varsity Head Coach*)
 - o Parent – Athletic Administrator
 - o Parent – Principal
 - o Parent – Superintendent
 - Parents are required to attend meetings and read all information disseminated by coaches and the athletic department.
 - Playing time is not guaranteed and may only be discussed at the coach's discretion.

- 2. Parents will display good sportsmanship and behavior by doing the following:**
 - Understanding the game is for the students, not the adults
 - Recognizing that student participation is a privilege
 - Displaying good sportsmanship as a spectator, and conducting yourself in a manner that reflects positively on both the team and school
 - Promoting the team by being supportive and positive when helping the program
 - Respecting the officials, opponents, coaches, and players
 - Refraining from coaching from the stands
 - Understanding that the student has an obligation to attend all practices and games

- 3. Parents will create a positive and supportive environment to promote your student-athlete's well-being by:**
 - Supporting good conditioning and a healthy lifestyle
 - Placing the emotional and physical well-being of your student ahead of any personal desire to win
 - Expecting your student to play in a healthy and safe environment
 - Supporting your student to be successful in the classroom given the demands of training and practices
 - Being a role model for other parents by remaining positive at sporting events
 - Getting involved and staying involved in a positive manner as you support your student is critical to the success of the team (concessions, game support, fundraisers, banquets)

- 4. Failure to follow the standards and expectations of New Lexington School District and the Athletic Department may cause you to forfeit your right to support your student and the team.**

Spectator Consequences for Unsporting Conduct

First Offense

Any fan ejected or disqualified from an interscholastic contest for unsporting conduct shall be suspended from all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the fan shall be suspended from attending contests at all levels in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests (one in football) are played at the same level as the ejection. In addition, the fan shall take the National Federation of State High School Association's "**Sportsmanship**" course, which must be completed before returning to athletic contests and can be taken at www.nfhslearn.com. A letter will be sent by the Athletic Administrator to the spectator in question notifying them of the ejection and the dates of their suspension.

If the ejection or disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the fan shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the same sport during the following season in the next school year. On the day of the ejection, a fan that has been disqualified shall be ejected from the vicinity of the playing area and is prohibited from further contact, direct or indirect, with team members, managers, coaches, and contest officials during the remainder of the contest. No refund will be given.

Second Offense

A fan that is ejected or disqualified a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport. A fan that has been ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contest subject to the discretion of the Athletic Administrator. In addition, the fan shall take the National Federation of State High School Association's "**Positive Sport Parenting**" course, which must be completed before returning to athletic contest and can be taken at www.nfhslearn.com. A letter will be sent by the Athletic Administrator to the spectator in question notifying them of the ejection and the dates of their suspension.

Third Offense

A fan that is ejected or disqualified a third time shall be suspended from all athletic contests *for one calendar year from the date of the ejection*. A letter will be sent by the Athletic Administrator to the spectator in question notifying them of the ejection and the dates of their suspension.



Requirements for Participation

You are not eligible to participate in any sporting event until the following are completed:

1. Prospective athletes and parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign and return form saying they have received copy of rules and regulations found in the athletic handbook.
2. A current physical must be on file in athletic office prior to tryouts.
3. Emergency Medical Form completed and given to coach.
4. Academic eligibility requirements must be satisfied.
5. A pre-season mandatory drug test must be completed and on file in the athletic office (9-12 only). Mandatory Drug Testing Days will be announced prior to beginning of each season (fall, winter, spring).
6. All uniform/equipment fees (damaged or did not return at end of season) and other fees need to be paid (if applicable).
7. Managers/Mascots will be required to complete all paperwork in order to participate.

Athletic Department Policies

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Athletic Policies:

At the beginning of each school year, the Athletic Handbook and all necessary forms and Information for participating athletes can be found on the New Lexington School District website: newlexsports.org

Physical Examination

OHSAA physical examination forms for all participants shall be signed by a physician, the participant, and by a parent or legal guardian, and must be on file in the Athletic Administrator's office before any candidate for a team may participate in any way. These forms necessitate the physician's certification of the individual's physical fitness. In accordance with Bylaw 3-5-1 (OHSAA), the Pre-participation Evaluation is required to be completed once every 13 months. However, there is one exception and it reads: *If the pre-participation athletic evaluation is conducted between May 1 and June 1, the pre-participation evaluation, signed by the medical examiner, is valid for one calendar year plus the remainder of that current school year's spring sports season (i.e. through mid-June).*

(Form can be found on the district's website.)

Scholastic Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, grades 7-12, all students will be required to meet certain standards established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the New Lexington School District Board of Education. These standards are as follows:

Minimum Grade Point Average: 1.5

(Coaches may increase minimum GPA based upon team expectations)

Maintain a 1.5 GPA per grading period:

1. Eligibility for each grading period is determined by the grades received the preceding grading period. An athlete will be eligible or ineligible for the next grading period beginning with the fifth school day after the end of each grading period. Eligibility or ineligibility would remain until the fifth school day after the end of the next grading period.

For eligibility purposes, new 9th grade students will have established their GPA if they took any junior high school course(s) for high school credit.

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five of all subjects carried the preceding grading period (last grading period of 8th grade year) in which the student was enrolled.

New Lexington Local School District Eligibility

1. All student athletes, 7th-12th, shall have their grades checked at the end of the grading period.

Each athlete must meet the Ohio High School Athletic Association and New Lexington School Districts eligibility requirements, including the following grade mandates:

2. Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received the preceding grading period.

For example:

- 1st nine weeks based on previous year's 4th nine weeks grades.
- 2nd nine weeks based on 1st nine weeks grades.
- 3rd nine weeks based on 2nd nine weeks grades.
- 4th nine weeks based on 3rd nine weeks grades.

Semester average and yearly average have no effect on eligibility.

3. Grades 9-12: You must be currently enrolled in school and must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period.

4. Grades 7-8: You must be currently enrolled in school and must have received passing grades in a minimum of five courses or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period.

5. High School students with a nine-week G.P.A. of less than 1.5 will be ineligible for the next nine-week grading period.

6. Eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the 5th school day of the next grading period.

7. High School and Junior High - Summer school grades and other educational options may not be used to substitute for failure to meet the academic standards during the last grading period of the school year.

Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Bylaws

1. High School

During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one-credit courses, or the equivalent, which count toward graduation.

2. Junior High

A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement.

Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five (5) of those subjects in which the student received grades.

3. High School and Junior High

The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period become effective.

4. High School

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five (5) of all subjects carried the preceding grading period (the last grading period of 8th grade) in which the student was enrolled.

5. High School and Junior High - Summer school grades and other educational options may not be used to substitute for failure to meet the academic standards during the last grading period of the school year.

NCAA Eligibility Center

Any high school credit class taken prior to the ninth grade will not count toward eligibility for a student athlete's participation in Division I and Division II college athletics. Please see your guidance counselor or the NCAA Eligibility Center website for more information. (www.eligibilitycenter.org)



Code of Conduct – 12-Month Rule

All athletes shall abide by a code of conduct, which will earn him/her the honor and respect that participation and competition in the interscholastic programs afford. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team, the coach, or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to, theft, vandalism, hazing, disrespect, immorality, or violations of the law tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the athletic programs and will not be tolerated. This code shall be in effect for 12 months a year, 24 hours a day, for student-athletes. If you make the team and quit, the code still applies. The code of conduct applies for one calendar year after the conclusion of the last sports season in which the athlete participated.

Penalty: The penalty shall range from a minimum of 10% prohibition of participation for the season or succeeding season to a maximum of permanent prohibition of participation.

Bullying and Hazing

(Harassment, Intimidation, and Violence)

Bullying is an intentional written, verbal, electronic or physical act that a student has exhibited more than once toward a student or students. The behavior causes mental or physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for other.

Hazing is defined as any act of coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation to any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

All students must follow the Student Code of Conduct and Board Policy regarding Bullying and Hazing.

Training Rules and Regulations

Any student using or possessing alcohol or tobacco, or using, possessing, buying or selling counterfeit drugs, look-alike drugs, including E-Cigarettes, illegal drugs or any substance represented to be an illegal drug, shall be prohibited from participating in interscholastic athletics.

This code shall be in effect for 12 months a year, 24 hours a day, for student-athletes. If you make the team and quit, the code still applies. The training rules apply for one calendar year after the conclusion of the last sport season in which the athlete participated.

“Illegal drugs” or “drugs”-

Any substance as defined by United States Code which any individual may not sell, offer to sell, exchange, give, possess, use, distribute or purchase under state or federal. This definition also includes all prescription drugs obtained without authorization, and all prescribed and over-the-counter drugs being used in any way other than for medical purposes, in accordance with the directions for use provided in the prescription or by the manufacturer. This definition includes nicotine and E-Cigarettes.

Penalties:

1. Self-Referral
 1. This applies to drug and alcohol use violations only and carries no penalty.
 2. Further violations will carry a penalty as a student’s first offense.
 3. The student/athlete must complete an intervention or prescribed treatment program and provide the Athletic Administrator with verification that the program has been completed.
 4. The student/athlete will be required to take a drug test at the request of the district or parent, in season or out of season, for the balance of the school year.
 5. A self-referral may be used only once in a student’s career.

6. A self-referral shall be defined as: The athlete or parent coming forward with information about a violation before notification by the coach or if asked the athlete admits to the rule violations within 72 hours of the infraction. (This usually happens when there are rumors but little or no evidence at that time.)

First Violation – Use or Possession of Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, and or Tobacco of any form

- The penalty for a first violation will be prohibition from athletic participation (contests) for a minimum of 50% of the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates. Any athlete disciplined for the first violation may practice/scrimmage with his/her team. He/she may travel with the team and sit on the bench. He/she cannot be in uniform. The athlete must follow all training rules and requirements of the sport team during the period of prohibited participation.
- The Athletic Administrator, upon request of the athlete, may reduce the prohibition to a minimum of 20% for violations involving drugs and or alcohol, and 10% for nicotine, including e-cigarettes, vaping, juuling or the use of other similar devices that are used to inhale or ingest foreign substances of the athlete's current and/or next occurring season's athletic contests, provided:
 - a) For tobacco violations and e-cigarettes, vaping, juuling or the use of other similar devices that are used to inhale or ingest foreign substances, the athlete participates in a professional counseling clinic, workshop, or seminar as approved by the Principal or Athletic Administrator. The professional counseling will be at the expense of the athlete and must be completed prior to resuming athletic competition. (An unexcused absence from a session will immediately reactivate the original prohibition of participation.)
 - b) For violations involving alcohol and or drugs, the athlete agrees to complete a program of counseling as established by the Principal or Athletic Administrator. This counseling program will be at the expense of the athlete and must be completed prior to reinstatement, with evaluation reports sent to the Principal or Athletic Administrator. (An unexcused absence from a session will immediately reactivate the original prohibition of participation.)
 - c) The athlete agrees to revoke any leadership position, such as, but not limited to, team captain and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for one full calendar year.

Second Violation–Use or Possession of Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, or Tobacco in Any Form

- Upon confirmation of the second violation, athletic participation (contests) will be prohibited for one full calendar year. Any athlete disciplined for the second violation may practice/scrimmage with his/her team. He/she may travel with the team and sit on the bench. He/she cannot be in uniform. The athlete must follow all training rules and requirements of the sport team during the period of prohibition participation.
- The Athletic Administrator, upon request of the athlete, may reduce the prohibition to a minimum of 50% for violation involving drugs and or alcohol and 25% for tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping, juuling or the use of other similar devices that are used to inhale or ingest foreign substances nicotine including e-cigarettes of the athlete's current and/or next occurring season's athletic contests provided:

a) For tobacco violations and e-cigarettes, vaping, juuling or the use of other similar devices that are used to inhale or ingest foreign substances, the athlete participates in a professional counseling clinic, workshop, or seminar as approved by the Principal or Athletic Administrator. The professional counseling will be at the expense of the athlete and must be completed prior to resuming athletic competition. (An unexcused absence from a session will immediately reactivate the original prohibition of participation.)

b) For violations involving alcohol and or drugs, the athlete agrees to complete a program of counseling as established by the Principal or Athletic Administrator. This counseling program will be at the expense of the athlete and must be completed prior to reinstatement, with evaluation reports sent to the Principal or Athletic Administrator. (An unexcused absence from a session will immediately reactivate the original prohibition of participation.)

c) The athlete agrees to revoke any leadership position, such as, but not limited to, team captain and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for one full calendar year.

Third Violation–Use or Possession of Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, or Tobacco in Any Form

- The student athlete found in violation of the training rules a third time shall be prohibited from athletic participation for the remainder of his/her athletic career.
- After one calendar year from determination of his/her guilt, an appeal can be made to the appeals board for reinstatement contingent upon substantiated rehabilitation.

Penalty Definitions for Code of Conduct and Training Rules

- To calculate the percentage of penalty for prohibition, the number of regular season contests scheduled will be used for each respective sport.
- When a penalty results in a prohibition of a partial contest, the fraction will be rounded to the nearest whole contest.

Example: 3.49 contests will be 3 contests and 3.50 contests will be 4 contests

1. A prohibited athlete who has a carry-over penalty into a succeeding sport must complete the season in good standing in order for the prohibition to be credited to that sport.
2. Any sophomore, junior or senior athlete who is serving a prohibition from participation will not be permitted to serve their prohibition by going out for a sport for the first time.
3. Eighth grade violations with penalty time remaining will carry over into the 9th grade year.

Prohibitions

The Building Principal and Athletic Administrator are authorized to prohibit a student from any or all athletics and extracurricular activities for a violation of the athletic code of conduct, the student code of conduct, athletic training rules, OHSAA requirements or any other rules or regulations of the school district, school, coach or advisor that are applied to students, student athletes or students participating in athletics or extracurricular activities.

Appeals Procedure

An athlete may appeal a prohibition from athletics to the activities appeal board. The board shall be made up of Five (5) members of the Athletic Council (Athletic Administrator, Building Principal, and Head Coaches). The appeal shall require the following:

1. The written appeal must be presented to the Athletic Administrator or Building Principal within three (3) school days following the date on the notice of prohibition from athletics.
2. The Athletic Administrator or Building Principal in charge shall mail or otherwise provide a decision, in writing, to the student regarding the appeal.
3. The decision of the appeal board shall be final and not subject to any further appeal.
4. During the time any appeal is pending, all penalties in this policy shall be enforced.

Attendance

Students must be present at least fifty (50) percent of their scheduled school day, in order to participate in that evening's practice or after school event.

Exemptions will be made for students who were approved by the Athletic Administrator or Building Administrators for a prearranged absence.

- Athletic Administrator and Building Administrators have the discretion to make exceptions to this rule and the final authority for infractions.
- Students absent from school on Friday with a contest the following day (Saturday) will be eligible to participate provided the absence is an excused absence.

Individual Sport Rule

Coaches will establish additional rules and regulations for their respective sports. Penalties will be designated/handled by the respective coaches (with the exception of prohibitions previously addressed).

Changing Sports / Same Season

Once an athlete attends the first five (5) days of practice of a sport (i.e., football), he/she may not quit and try out for another sport (i.e., cross-country) that is being conducted simultaneously, unless the two coaches (i.e., head football and head cross-country) mutually agree to the change. If an athlete is cut from the squad (i.e., football), he/she may try out for a second sport (i.e., cross country) at the discretion of the coach of the second sport (i.e., cross country).

Dual Sports Seasons

A student may participate in two sports at the high school level (i.e., cross country and golf) during the same season if both coaches (i.e., cross country and golf) agree, and the administration approves, based on whether or not dual participation will result in conflict in the requirements of the two sports.

Financial Obligations and Equipment

1. Uniforms – Those uniforms that belong to the school should not be worn at anytime other than the athletic contest unless directed by the coach.
2. Equipment – All athletes are responsible for the proper care and security of equipment issued to them. School furnished equipment/uniforms are to be worn for contests and practice only. All equipment/uniforms not returned in good condition at the end of the season will be subject to a financial penalty.
3. Only uniforms approved by the athletic department will be permitted to be worn for contests.

Vacation Policy

Vacations during an athlete's season are discouraged. However, if a vacation is unavoidable:

1. Contact head coach prior to the vacation.
2. An athlete must practice one day for each practice or contest day missed prior to resuming competition (contest day will count as a practice day).
3. Be willing to assume the consequences related to your status as a starter, 2nd string, 3rd string, etc.

Travel

1. Athletes will remain with their squad in the athletic facilities and under the supervision of the coach when attending away contests.
2. Athletes who miss the bus will not be allowed to participate in the contest. If there are extenuating circumstances involved that caused the athlete to miss the bus, the coach may allow the athlete to play only if the athlete's parent/guardian transports him/her to the contest. The final decision is up to the coach.
3. All regular school bus rules will be in effect, including rules pertaining to food, noise, remaining in seats, care and respect for equipment.
4. All athletes are expected to ride the bus to and from the contest. No squad member is allowed to drive to or from contests.
5. Athletes are not to be signed out to ride on private transportation by anyone other than parent(s) or guardian(s).

Conflicts in School-Sponsored Extracurricular Activities

An individual who attempts to participate in too many extracurricular activities will, undoubtedly, be in a position to have a conflict of obligations. Students need to be cautious about participating in too many activities where conflicts might occur.

When conflicts do arise, the coach and sponsor of the activity will get together and try to work out a solution so that the student does not feel caught in the middle. If a conflict cannot be resolved, the Athletic Administrator and Building Principal will make the decision based on the following:

1. The relative importance of each event;
2. The relative contribution the student can make;
3. How long each event has been scheduled;
4. A talk with the parents.

Once the decision has been made and the student follows that decision, he/she will not be penalized in any way by the coach or faculty sponsor. If it becomes obvious that a student cannot fulfill the obligations of both school activities, he/she should withdraw from one.

Risk of Injury

All athletes and parents must realize the risk of serious injury, which may be the result of athletic participation.

Insurance

New Lexington School District does not provide accident or health insurance coverage for athletes participating in interscholastic athletics. It is the responsibility and a requirement of the parents to maintain an active accident and health policy while their child is participating in sports. The school district does offer a supplemental accident insurance policy at the beginning of each school year to all students. Information on this policy can be obtained from the school office and or Athletic Administrator.

Tryouts

1. Once students are enrolled in school, students can try out for the team. However, they will not be permitted to participate in any contest until all enrollment paperwork has been completed, fees have been paid, and all grades and other pertinent records have been received from their previous school.
2. New students that enroll in the district after tryouts shall be granted a tryout after meeting all OHSAA and district transfer requirements.
3. Should a student be sick or injured prior to or during a try-out period, that student may have a delayed try-out at the discretion of the coach and the Athletic Administrator.

Open Gyms, Fields, Courts, etc.

1. All open gyms/fields/courts, etc. must follow the guidelines of the OHSAA.

Participation on Independent Teams

Participation by an athlete in a non-interscholastic program (tryouts, practice, contest) while he/she is a member of the school squad in the same sport during the same season is prohibited. Penalty for violations could range from multiple game suspensions to ineligibility for the remainder of that season.

Varsity Letter Requirements

1. Criteria That Pertains To All Sports:
 1. An athlete must complete the season in good standing with the school and coach.
 2. An athlete who moves from one level of competition to another will letter at the level of highest competition provided meeting combined requirements.
 3. A coach will have the prerogative to letter a senior who has not met the seasonal requirements for lettering.
 4. Injury rule – Any athlete who is a starter or plays regularly and was there after injured may be awarded a letter if, in the coach's judgment, he/she would have met the lettering requirements.
2. Baseball / Softball
 1. A player needs to participate in one-half of all innings played, or pinch-hit or pinch-run in three-fourths of all games played, or be a pitcher with at least four starts or six appearances in games, and/or win one tournament game.
 2. Athletes brought up to the varsity squad for tournament play only WILL NOT be awarded a varsity letter unless earned during regular season.
3. Basketball (Boys & Girls)
 1. Athletes must participate in 50% of the quarters of the regularly scheduled games.
 2. Athletes brought up to the varsity squad for tournament play only WILL NOT be awarded a varsity letter unless earned during regular season.
4. Bowling
 1. An athlete must compete in 50% of the varsity events.
4. Cheerleading - Cheerleader's awards will parallel the regular athletic system for all athletic teams.
 1. Competition Squad – All varsity competition squad members will receive the appropriate award provided the following:
 1. The athlete completes one year of varsity competition;
 2. Completes the cheerleading season in good standing with the school and coaches; and attends a minimum of 75% of practices, competitions, and contests.

2. Sideline Cheer – All varsity squad members will receive the appropriate award provided the following:

1. The athlete completes one season of fall (football) and/or basketball (winter) at the varsity level;
2. Completes the cheerleading season in good standing with the school and coaches; and attends a minimum of 75% of practices and contests.

5. Cross Country

1. Run on the Varsity Seven in at least 50% of the races in a season.

6. Football

1. An athlete must play in at least one-half of the total number of regular season quarters.
2. An athlete in a key position (i.e., punter, kick-off specialist, return man, extra-point kicker) must play in 50% of the regular season contests.

7. Golf

1. An athlete's score must be used four times in varsity matches.

8. Soccer (Boys & Girls)

1. An athlete must participate in 50% of the halves of the regular scheduled games.
2. Athletes brought up to varsity squad for tournament play only WILL NOT be awarded a varsity letter.

9. Track (Boys & Girls)

An athlete must meet one of the following:

1. An athlete must score a total of 14-points in varsity matches during season.
2. Score in the MVL meet or meet with at least 8 teams (excludes relays);
3. Meet one of the following standards during regular scheduled meet on varsity schedule.

10. Volleyball

1. An athlete must participate in two-thirds of the varsity matches.
2. Athletes brought up to the varsity squad for tournament play only WILL NOT be awarded a varsity letter unless earned during regular season.

11. Wrestling

1. An athlete must score twenty (20) team points during the season in varsity competition.

Non-Letter Varsity

1. All members of a varsity athletic squad who successfully complete an athletic season for a particular sport, but who have not earned ample points for a varsity letter, are to be awarded a varsity participation certificate.
2. All members of junior high athletic squads who successfully complete an athletic season for a particular sport are to be awarded an award certificate.

MVL Scholar Athlete Awards

1. Athletes must have earned a varsity letter during the season and maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher during the season.

Scholar Athlete Award

This award is presented each year at graduation to the senior girl and senior boy who maintained a high scholastic average along with athletic excellence.

Qualifications

1. The student must have an accumulated grade average of 3.0 or better throughout High School.
2. The student must have earned two varsity letters in each of two separate sports.

Selection

1. Forms will be distributed to qualifying candidates and completed by the candidates.
2. Points will be totaled and checked for accuracy by the Athletic Administrator and Building Principal.

Signing Ceremonies

Procedure

1. Head Coach verifies scholarship offer
2. Receives copy of paperwork for signing
3. Notifies Athletic Department of signees

Athletic Department

1. Secure room for ceremony
2. Notify local media of date, time and location of ceremony
3. Notify athletes of date, time and location of ceremony
4. Prepare Room – sign, PA, etc.

Criteria

Any athlete receiving an athletic scholarship from a university's athletic department:

1. Must be a member of New Lexington Local School District's recognized school team(s)
2. An appointment to a Service Academy for athletic purposes.
3. Division III athletes, along with all other athletes going to college to play, will be invited to a recognition ceremony at the end of the school year. This will be coordinated through the Athletic Department.

Ceremonies for student's receiving an athletic scholarship from a university's athletic department will be based on time frames established by NCAA.

COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE
ATHLETE/PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

To request a hard copy of this policy, contact the high school office at 740-342-3528.

I have read the New Lexington City Schools Athletic Contract and the O.H.S.A.A. Athletic Eligibility Rules and Requirements. I fully understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations contained within said contract.

Student-Athlete Name - _____

Signature - _____

Date - _____

Parent/Guardian Name - _____

Signature - _____

Date - _____

A signed contract slip between the athlete and parent/guardian stating that they have read, understand, and will abide by these rules and regulations, must be on file in the Athletic Department Office in order to participate. Contract is valid throughout the entire year.

