

## RHA Letterman's Club Proposal

**Reason:** Designed to publicly recognize players from the RHA Varsity Girls and Boys squads. This program is designed to motivate players to promote dedication to self, team, the members of the association, and to the community in which they reside.

**Staffing:** Will require one committee chairperson and at least one additional participating RHA member for each full season. Additional volunteers will be requested for individual events.

**Annual Cost to Association:** Minimal. This is intended to be self funded but some examples of out of budget expenses to RHA could be printing of Intent to Letter Cards, annual picture plaque for sponsor business, cost of RHA Letter itself if no sponsor is found.

### **Qualifying Factors:**

1. Roster and play in at least 50% of season league varsity games (exception made due to injury)
2. Must be in attendance to a minimum of 90% of scheduled practices.
3. Three **unexcused** absences, the player will be ineligible to letter.
4. Provide RHA 5 verified hours of service to younger RHA teams. This can include student coaching with house programs, refereeing games (good way to encourage kids to become refs), or whatever else we on the committee feel is appropriate.
5. RHA expects it's athletes to conduct themselves as young adults. This pertains to both our own rink as well as other venues. If a disciplinary action is handed down to the athlete from either the RHA Discipline Committee or the RHA BOD, for on-ice or off-ice activities, the player will not be eligible to letter.
6. RHA has adopted a zero tolerance policy. Any player that is found to have consumed drugs or alcohol (including tobacco products) will be ineligible to letter.
7. RHA encourages our student/athletes to do well in school. It is one of the foundation blocks for the future. A student/athlete must obtain, at a minimum, a GPA of 2.0 through the first semester of the school year to letter. First semester ends mid-January. Verification will be the report card of the first semester.
8. A student/athlete that is found to have been suspended from school during the hockey season, will be ineligible to letter.

### **Plans for Lettermans Club.....**

Annual fundraiser will be held...Potential candidates and current lettered players will be required to participate.

Seek a business who could commit to annually sponsoring the Lettermans Club. The business would purchase the letters( approx. cost of RHA Letter is \$20) and pins to be given to players. In turn, business would be listed in all Varsity programs as the lettermans sponsor, given a picture plaque of that years lettered players for display in their business, and invited to attend, speak, and present the letters at the banquet.

Annual Letterman's Banquet will be held for the presentation of letters and annual pins. Costs for this banquet will be supported by the fundraiser and funds from the sponsoring business. If no sponsor is secured, letter awards will be presented at the annual spring meeting conducted at the end of the season.

**Letterman's Club pricing through Dakota Sports...**

RHA Letter	19.50 (minimum order of 6) (Association expense)
8" patch	66.25
10" patch	88.50
Jacket	160.00 (base price)
Embroidered name	5.00 per line
Sewing per patch	7.00

Pricing is subject to change without notice.

Shane at Dakota Sports has all this information filed under **Rushmore Hockey**.

Jacket, patches, embroidery, and sewing of patch expense are the sole responsibility of the player and/or parents of the player. The only patch provided by RHA is the letter.