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# TRI-COUNTY NORTH

STUDENT-ATHLETE

CODE OF CONDUCT

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# TRI-COUNTY NORTH ATHLETIC PROGRAM

## To the Parents/Guardians;

This information is provided to you because your son or daughter has indicated a desire to participate in interscholastic athletics and you have expressed your willingness to permit him/her to compete. Your family's interest in this phase of our school program is truly satisfying. We believe that participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences, which assist in personal growth.

We are devoted to the educational growth of students through athletics and feel that a properly controlled, well-organized, athletic program meets the needs to foster his/her mental awareness and physical growth. It is our goal to maintain a program that is on-task to further each student's education and personal growth.

We, as a district, are committed to the following responsibilities;

- To provide a positive experience for our athletes and families
- To provide well-trained coaches
- To provide equitable competitions
- To foster the growth of our student-athletes

Likewise, participation in an interscholastic athletic team requires responsibilities and obligations for both you and your student-athlete. The following Code of Conduct describes those responsibilities, rules, policies, and most importantly, serves as a guide for successful participation in athletics at Tri-County North Local Schools.

We look forward to working with you and your student-athlete. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 937-962-2675, ext. 2000 or at [kristen.mills@tcnschools.org](mailto:kristen.mills@tcnschools.org).

Sincerely,



Kristen Mills  
High School Principal  
Tri-County North Local Schools

## Tri-County North Local Schools Athletic Department Mission Statement

The purpose of interscholastic athletics in the Tri-County North Local School District is to provide an educational experience in the framework of competitive athletics. By focusing on educational outcomes and positive student learning, athletics provides paths for physical, emotional, social, individual, and intellectual growth.

## To the Student-Athlete;

Your involvement as a member of a Tri-County North athletic team is both a **PRIVILEGE** and an honor. We hope you enjoy your time in practice and on the playing field, and that the experiences you have will serve you both mentally and physically.

The rules outlined in this Code of Conduct are intended to guide you to be a successful student-athlete. As a student-athlete, you are expected to understand and abide by these rules at all times, which have been adopted by the Tri-County North Board of Education. If you have any questions, it is important that you meet with the athletic director before continuing, to clarify your understanding of the expectations of the Tri-County North Local Schools. This Code of Conduct is in effect 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

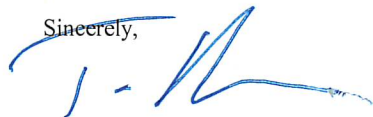
**Responsibilities to yourself:** The most important responsibility is to broaden yourself and develop strength of character. Your academic studies, your participation in other extra-curricular activities, as well as sports, help to prepare you for your life as an adult. You owe it to yourself to get the most out of your high school experience.

**Responsibility to your school:** Another responsibility you assume as a member of a Tri-County North Local School athletic team is to your school. The student body and the citizens of this community know you. You are always on stage with the spotlight on you. The student body, our community, and other communities judge our school by the conduct and attitudes of our athletes on and off the field. You are an ambassador of our school at all competitions; home and away. Thus, you contribute greatly to how our school and community are perceived by others. You will have the opportunity to consistently show that "Panther Pride!"

**Responsibilities to others:** As a Tri-County North athletic team member you bear a responsibility to your family. When you have given it your all and played the game to the best of your ability, you maintain your self-respect, and your family can be proud of you.

We are here to help foster your growth as a student-athlete. If there is anything we can do to help you, contact me at 937-962-2675, ext. 2025 or at [tony.augspurger@tcnschools.org](mailto:tony.augspurger@tcnschools.org).

Sincerely,



Tony Augspurger  
Athletic Director  
Tri-County North Local Schools

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## EXPECTATIONS OF TCN ATHLETES;

- A student-athlete will be clean of body, clean of mind, and clean in his/her daily living habits.
- A student-athlete will be neat in appearance.
- A student-athlete will be honest in every phase of life.
- A student-athlete will be loyal to his/her country, community, school, and athletic program.
- A student-athlete will have a strong desire to gain a quality education.
- A student-athlete will be interested in developing and maintaining a strong, healthy body and mind.
- A student-athlete will realize that accomplishment is gained through WORK. He/she will expect 100% effort in all worthy endeavors.
- A student-athlete will strive for excellence and exemplify the ideals outlined in the Athletic Code of Conduct.

## STATE ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Any student enrolled in Tri-County North High School who is in good standing with the school and meets all bylaws as established by TCN schools and the OHSAA may participate in the athletic program.

Students may participate in only one sport during each sport season (exceptions must be approved by the athletic director and building principal after consent of the head coach from each sport involved is granted.)

The following is a summary of the OHSAA athletic regulations. A complete copy of the OHSAA bylaws is available in the offices of the Principal and the Athletic Director. To be eligible to represent Tri-County North in athletics, YOU

1. Must not have attained the age of 15 before August 1 to participate in a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>-grade team.
2. Shall be eligible for a period not to exceed eight semesters taken in order of attendance whether you participate or not.
3. Are currently enrolled and were enrolled in the school the immediately preceding grading period.
4. Received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent, which count toward graduation during the preceding period. Please note that eligibility is based on quarter grades and not on a semester or year grades. It is possible for a student to pass five or more classes for the semester or year and not meet the state requirements for quarter grades. It is also possible for a student to fail several classes for the semester or the year but meet

eligibility requirements based on the quarter standard. It is also imperative to understand that summer school work may not be used to bring a student into good academic standing for athletic purposes.

5. Is a resident of the Tri-County North Local School District or received the superintendent's permission to attend.
6. Were not placed under any undue influence to attend this school system by any employee of the school district.
7. An amateur in good standing by definition of the OHSAA.
8. Understand this is only a summary of the OHSAA rules. Contract your principal or Athletic Director for further information before participating outside Tri-County North.

## LOCAL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Tri-County North Local Schools require student-athletes to maintain a quarterly Grade Point Average (GPA) of 1.500 during the previous quarter. **A yearly GPA does not override a quarterly GPA.**

If a student athlete has met Ohio's requirement for being eligible to participate in athletics, but did not maintain our TCN 1.5 GPA requirement, they will be ineligible for the next nine weeks. However, we will use the next quarterly interim grade report to give a student an opportunity to regain eligibility if they are meeting both state and local requirements at that time (passing five solids with at least a 1.5 GPA).

Since the second nine weeks now ends before winter break, Ohio has different requirements for when eligibility ends or begins for that subsequent nine weeks. Here at Tri-County North, we are going to assess eligibility by the first Friday after grades are due for from teachers once we resume school in January. The normal OHSAA five day rule will still apply following the first and third nine weeks, and the start of the fall sports season rule has not changed for eligibility based on the fourth nine weeks.

## UPFRONT INFORMATION

In order to participate in contests and practices, athletes must have the following material turned into the **head coach or Athletic Trainer.**

1. **OHSAA Sports Physical – Must be on file PRIOR to beginning practice for any Tri-County North Athletic event.**

In order to participate in contests and practices, athletes must have the following material updated/completed in Final Forms. Failure to do so will result in no-participation until all forms and fees are up-to-date!

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1. Athletic Code of Conduct – **MUST** be signed by the student-athletes parents and/or guardians **PRIOR** to participation in a Tri-County North sanctioned OHSAA event. This is imperative!
2. Emergency Medical Form – This form requires proper information and signature provided by the parent or legal guardian.
3. Proof of Insurance – An athlete must be covered by his parent or guardian's health care plan or another plan purchased by the parent.
4. Participation fee paid in full prior to the first regular season competition.

- a. **\$40 per sport.** *With an individual maximum of \$80 and a \$160 family maximum. No Refunds.*

**Individual example:** If an individual plays football, basketball, and track the total would be \$120, but the *individual maximum is \$80, which is the total that this student-athlete would pay in participation fees.*

**Family example:** If a Senior student plays football, wrestling, and track and an 8th-grade student in the same family does cheerleading and basketball, the total for the family would be \$200, but the *family maximum is \$160, which is the total that this family would pay in participation fees.*

## QUITTING A SPORT

A student-athlete who quits any sport during the season must understand the following consequences:

1. He/She is responsible for returning all equipment to the coach.
2. He/She will not receive an award for that sport season.
3. He/She may not quit one sport in order to participate in another sport during the season unless consent is granted by both coaches and the athletic director.
4. He/She may not attend conditioning sessions or practices for a sport in the upcoming season until the season for the terminated sport has ceased in its entirety.
5. He/She must meet with the Athletic Director and coach to justify his/her reason for quitting.

## ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete should have a good attendance record. He/She should seldom be absent from school.

To participate in either an athletic contest or practice on a school day, the student-athlete must be in attendance from 7:30-10:50 a.m. or 10:50 a.m.-2:11 p.m. In order for an exception to be considered, the Principal must be notified prior to the absence and a Doctor's note or proof of attendance at a funeral must be provided.

## EQUIPMENT CARE

All athletic equipment is the property of Tri-County North High School and is issued to participants for the duration of a given sports season. Equipment must be properly stored, cleaned, and cared for by the athlete to whom it is issued. Lost equipment due to player neglect will be paid for at the rate of replacement as determined by the athletic director. Uniforms will be of school colors and will be approved by the athletic director or high school principal.

All equipment must be turned in promptly when called for and missed items paid for at that time. An athlete who willfully neglects to turn in athletic equipment will be considered ineligible for further participation in the Tri-County North athletic program and all awards will be withheld until equipment is returned. Athletic equipment issued by the department may only be worn or used at athletic contests or practices, or the coach's discretion.

## PARTICIPATION CONDUCT

It is courteous to congratulate your opponent after a game. The goal of the interscholastic competition is to allow student-athletes to compete in a fair and equitable manner.

Any behavior contrary to that, which has been stated, is a direct reflection of the school, team, and coaches, and will not be tolerated. Violation of a minor nature will result in removal from the game. Those of a serious nature will result in a suspension and possible expulsion from the team.

## PRACTICE

Student-athletes are expected to attend all scheduled practices. They are also expected to be punctual in attending practices. Illness or other extreme emergencies are the only good reasons for missing practices. The student-athlete or parent should always inform the coach when he/she knows that it will be impossible to attend a scheduled practice at least a day before that practice. Coaches will provide student-athletes with standard procedures and consequences for missing practices at the beginning of the season. Practice schedules will be published and student-athletes will be informed as to times and areas of practice by the coach each week.

## TCN UNIFORM CARE AGREEMENT

Choosing to participate in sports carries with it a number of responsibilities and one of the most important are taking care of your uniform. These are the terms and conditions for maintaining and returning uniforms and equipment issued to student-athletes by the athletic department.

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1. Team members will be assigned a uniform and any necessary equipment through the team's head coach at the beginning of the season. Any uniforms or equipment issued to the student-athlete, **EXCLUDING** any apparel or equipment that the student-athlete is responsible for purchasing, is property of the school and must be returned at the end of the season.
2. ALL school-issued uniforms and equipment will be returned immediately following the team's FINAL game of the season.
3. If a student-athlete ceases participation, voluntarily or otherwise, before the team's season ends, he/she is to return all school-issued gear immediately.
4. All gear is to be returned in the condition it was issued. If the equipment is damaged beyond ordinary wear and tear, the student-athlete will be billed a replacement fee.
5. Any student-athlete with unreturned or damaged gear will be ineligible to participate in practice or games with any other TCN teams until the equipment is returned or the replacement fee is paid.
6. As a general rule, most uniforms require a cold-water wash and rinse, and line drying or tumble drying on **low heat**. Please read and follow the attached uniform care instructions.

Uniforms and equipment are expensive, and we need your cooperation to help keep costs down and keep our teams looking their best. Your signature on the last page of the Code of Conduct indicates that you understand and will abide by these expectations.

### STAYING AFTER SCHOOL

Only athletes practicing or participating in games or meets are to be in gyms or locker rooms after normal school hours. Those not out for a sport in season and not under the direct supervision of a coach will be referred to the office for discipline.

### SCHOOL SPIRIT

A good athlete should think of his/her school and teammates rather than his/her own personal interests. An athlete should furnish booster support for sports and games in which he/she is not a participant. An athlete should always back his/her school with pride.

### GENERAL BEHAVIOR AND APPEARANCE

The student-athletes of Tri-County North High School must realize that it is a PRIVILEGE to participate in the athletic program. Student-athletes must take pride in their program. Student-athletes must also take pride in their appearance and should gain the respect of the school, family, and community.

1. A student-athlete should be neat and well-groomed at all times.
2. A student-athlete should realize that proper clothes, properly worn, do help "make the person."
3. A student-athlete should never be profane in manner or speech.
4. A student-athlete should realize that public display of affection is in poor taste.
5. A student-athlete will be courteous at all times.
6. When suspended from school (in school or out of school suspension) the student-athlete is not permitted to participate in either contests or practices.

### TCN ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT POLICY

#### CHEERLEADING

1. The department provides and keeps uniforms and basic cheering equipment.
2. Student-athletes provide and care for practice attire, shoes, and socks.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

1. The department provides and keeps uniforms.
2. Student-athletes provide and care for their socks, shorts, and shoes.

#### FOOTBALL

1. The department provides and keeps all uniforms, pads, and helmets.
2. Student-athletes provide and care for their socks, shorts, and shoes (practice and game.)

#### VOLLEYBALL

1. The department provides and keeps all uniforms.
2. Student-athletes provide and care for their shirts, socks, shorts, and shoes.

#### SOCCER

1. The department provides and keeps all meet uniforms.
2. Student-athletes provide and care for their socks, shorts, and shoes.

#### WRESTLING

1. The department provides and keeps all match uniforms and other match equipment.
2. Student-athletes provide and care for their own shirts, socks, shoes, and practice gear.

#### BASKETBALL

1. The department provides and keeps all game uniforms.
2. Student-athletes provide and care for their socks, shirt, shorts, and shoes.

#### GOLF

1. The department provides and keeps all match balls and practice balls.
2. Student-athletes provide and care for their clubs and shoes.

#### TRACK

1. The department provides and keeps all meet uniforms.



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2. Student-athletes provide and care for all their socks, shorts, and shoes.

## BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

1. The department provides and keeps all necessary game equipment except shoes and gloves.
2. Student-athletes provide and care for their practice gear, gloves, and shoes.

## ATHLETIC TRAINER

The Tri-County North Athletic Department has an athletic trainer at various practices and contests to serve the needs of our student-athletes. The athletic trainer is utilized at the school's discretion and is available to our student-athletes after hours by appointment with the athletic trainer. The athletic trainer's phone number will be posted on the training room door in order for students to contact the athletic trainer directly.

Good Samaritan North provides Athletic Trainer services to the school. This does not mean that the school endorses the particular orthopedist or hospital providing this service, but values the training service they provide. In fact, we believe that the choice of medical services is a family decision.

## TRAINING RULES

Training rules are not rules to be broken. They are guides to help you become a better athlete. Training for all Tri-County North athletes is a year-round program and every athlete is expected to participate in this training 100 % of the time.

## TEAM RULES

The head coach of each sport or team may have additional team and/or training rules above and beyond the Code of Conduct. Student-athletes will be expected to follow these rules. The additional rules will be made known to the team and a copy will be approved and filed with the athletic director. The coach who made them in a responsible manner will enforce these additional team and/or training rules.

## BODY ENHANCING PRODUCTS

Although several enhancement substances legally exist on the market and claim to increase strength or athletic achievement, the Tri-County North Athletic Department does not support or encourage the usage of such additives.

## TRAVEL

Student-athletes represent the community, the school, and the athletic program. The coaching staff will stipulate the proper dress. Student-athletes will act in an acceptable manner when traveling and will conduct

themselves on the bus in a manner that is above approach. Equipment and facilities of the opposing school will be respected and cared for just like personal equipment. Any breaking or defacing, which is purposely done, will result in direct expulsion from the team.

Student-athletes are expected to travel with the team to and from away athletic contests. Student-athletes may occasionally ride home with their parents if a note or email from their parents is provided to the Athletic Director. Requests for alternative travel must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. An exception to this rule may only be granted in an emergency situation.

## CODE OF CONDUCT SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Participation in high school athletics is a PRIVILEGE, which carries with it varying degrees of honor and responsibility and sacrifice. Realizing that the student-athletes represent their school and student body, it is the student-athletes' duty to conduct themselves on and off the field in a manner that is becoming to themselves, their family, and the Tri-County North High School student body and the community.

## **Student-Athletes are responsible for adhering to the school code of conduct at all times!**

## TRI-COUNTY NORTH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC POLICY

The policy is in effect for 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Offenses accumulate in grades 7 and 8; however, they will not be carried over to grades 9-12. Offenses will accumulate in grades 9-12. A statute of limitation of 365 days will be in effect when investigating a suspected violation.

Middle School athletic participation concludes on the date of the awards program for the last sport of participation in Middle School. For example, an athlete who participates in a fall sport in eighth grade and does not participate in a winter or spring sport becomes a high school athlete the day after the fall awards program.

## CODE VIOLATIONS

The following are considered part of the Tri-County North Athletic Code. These general rules apply to all participants in the Tri-County North Athletic Program. The Tri-County North Student-Athlete:

## MAJOR VIOLATIONS;

1. Shall not use or possess alcohol or controlled substances including vapor

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- products as defined in the Ohio Revised Code. (O.R.C.)
2. Shall not deal, sell, or distribute alcohol or control substances.
  3. Shall not use or possess tobacco or tobacco products.
  4. Shall not commit theft or any other act constitution a crime as defined in the Ohio Revised Code. (O.R.C.)

## MINOR VIOLATIONS;

5. Shall not show disrespect for others.
6. Shall not use or possess any school equipment or uniform unless assigned by a coach of that sport.
7. Shall not represent the school in a negative manner.

## REPORTING VIOLATIONS

It is the responsibility of the student-athlete and/or his/her parents to report any violations of the Tri-County North Athletic Code to the Athletic Director.

**Complaints** about student-athletes suspected of violating the code of conduct are investigated fully and fairly. Anonymous complaints are disregarded.

**Evidence** of student-athletes violating the code of conduct is investigated fully and fairly.

## OUTSIDE PARTY PENALTIES

Any penalty or punishment imposed on the part of a parent/guardian or law enforcement agency will not substitute for or replace any part of the penalty phase of the Tri-County North Athletic Code of Conduct.

## REVIEW AND APPEAL PROCESS

Any participant in the Tri-County North Athletic Program has the right to appeal a decision of exclusion. Appeals will be heard by the Athletic Council. The student-athlete and/or his/her parents must notify the athletic director in writing within five (5) school days of the decision indicating a desire for a hearing. The Athletic Council will meet within five (5) days of the Athletic Director's notification and make recommendations based only upon the information presented at the hearing and may not change or alter the established rules and regulations as described herein. The student-athlete must be present at the Athletic Council hearing.

A written report of the Athletic Council's findings will be sent to the parents within five (5) school days of the hearing.

Decisions of the Athletic Council may be appealed to the superintendent or his/her designee within five (5) school days of the athletic council decision. This is the final step in the appeal process.

## DEFINITION OF ATHLETIC COUNCIL

The Tri-County North Athletic Council consists of the High School Principal, Middle School Principal, Athletic Director(s), and the available Varsity head coaches at Tri-County North. The coach of the student-athlete will not participate in the Athletic Council meeting if the pending penalties would interfere with the season in which they coach.

**It is understood that the code of conduct is enforced throughout the whole year and is not limited to the school year of season of participation.**

## PENALTIES FOR ALL MAJOR VIOLATIONS;

**FIRST OFFENSE** – The student-athlete will be denied from participating in Tri-County North Athletics. In order to have participation reinstated after the set number of games (See Game Suspensions), evidence of scheduling a complete tobacco, drug, and / or alcohol assessment/service\* must be presented to the Athletic Director. Scrimmages do not count. Each OHSAA tournament contest will count as one contest.

**SECOND OFFENSE**- The student-athlete will be denied from participating in Tri-County North Athletics. In order to have participation reinstated after one calendar year, evidence of scheduling a complete tobacco, drug, and / or alcohol assessment/service\* must be presented to the Athletic Director.

**THIRD OFFENSE** - The student-athlete will be denied participation from all Tri-County North Athletics for the remainder of his/her high school career. After 18 calendar months from the last infraction, the student-athlete may apply for reinstatement. In order to be reinstated the principal and athletic director must be convinced that the student-athlete has successfully changed his/her behavior.

\* The assessment will be at the financial expense of the student-athlete and/or his/her parents/guardians. Student-athletes who fail to complete or quit services will not be permitted to participate in Tri-County North Athletics.

## PENALTIES FOR MINOR VIOLATIONS;

1. Coaches rules will be applied to minor violations.

## GAME SUSPENSIONS

### High School

Football*-5	Basketball-11	Track*-7
Soccer*-8	Wrestling-10pts	Volleyball-11
XC*-8	Golf*-9	Cheerleading Fall* -5
Cheerleading Winter-10		Baseball*- 13
Softball*-12		

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## Middle School

Football\*-4    Basketball-7    Volleyball-8  
XC\*-6        Wrestling 8 pts.    Track\*-6

\*Outdoor sports will be based on the average amount of games played in the past three regular-season games.

\* If a student-athlete is removed or quits during a season in which a suspension of participation is being served, the suspension of participation will be considered not served

In the event a suspension cannot be completed during the current season, the remainder of the suspension will be carried over to the next sport season the student-athlete participates. The remaining fraction will be applied to the game suspension for the student-athlete's next sport.

For example;

If a student-athlete has a major violation of the Code of Conduct during week 9 of football, under our code he will be suspended for 5 games if they participate in the counseling requirement. However, there is only 1 football game left. Thus, he will miss the last football game, with 4/5 of the suspension to be applied to the next season sport played. If the student-athlete plays basketball, 4/5 will be applied to the 10 game suspension for basketball. 4/5 of 10 is 8, thus the student-athlete will miss the first 8 games of the basketball season, not including scrimmages.

If the football team plays in one OHSAA tournament round, the student-athlete will miss that game and have 3/5 of the suspension applied to the 10 game suspension for basketball. 3/5 of 10 is 6, thus the student-athlete will miss the first 6 games of the basketball season, not including scrimmages.

In some cases, it is possible to have a fractional amount. In this situation, the rule is to round up. **Student-athletes will not miss less of punishment due to rounding.**

**At the discretion of the Coach, when a student-athlete is suspended or ineligible, they may be permitted to sit with or behind the team in regular street clothes. They may be permitted to travel with the team. They may continue to practice with the team, but are not permitted to dress for OHSAA contest, scrimmages, or tournaments.**

## **AWARDS CONSTITUTION**

**The purpose of the Tri-County North Awards Constitution:**

1. To recognize and honor the student-athletes who participate in the Tri-County North Athletic Program.

2. To encourage participation in the Tri-County North Athletic Program.

## **AWARDS GIVEN:**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS**

1. 7<sup>th</sup> grade student-athletes will receive a certificate.
2. 8<sup>th</sup> grade student-athletes will receive a certificate.

### **FRESHMAN NUMERAL AWARD**

1. The numerals will be four inches high, made of gray chenille on red felt.
2. Numerals will be presented to any student-athlete who satisfactorily competes in any sport and is recommended by his/her coach.
3. Only one set of numerals per student-athlete will be presented regardless of the number of sports participated in that year. The presentation of the numerals will follow the first sports season in which they are earned. Subsequent freshman awards will be certificates.

### **RESERVE AWARD (Junior Varsity)**

1. The reserve award will be a participation certificate.
2. The reserve award will be presented to high school student-athletes who do not qualify for a varsity award.

### **VARSITY AWARD**

1. The varsity award will be a ten-inch "N" made of gray chenille on red felt.
2. Only one varsity "N" will be presented to a student-athlete regardless of the number of other varsity awards received.
3. A Chevron will be presented to a student-athlete signifying the sport in which the varsity "N" was received. An additional Chevron will be received for every other varsity "N" received.
4. Second year varsity student-athletes will receive a certificate and a solid gray chevron.
5. Third year varsity student-athletes will receive a small plaque, certificate, and a solid gray chevron.
6. Fourth year varsity student-athletes will receive a large plaque, certificate, and a solid gray chevron.

### **WOAC ACADEMIC AWARD**

1. Maintain a 3.6 GPA during the academic period of the sport.
2. Earn a first year varsity letter or higher.

### **COACHES AWARDS**

1. Coaches will give specialty awards based on the sport he/she coaches. One of the four will be the Panther Pride Award. This



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award goes to a student-athlete who truly reflects the PRIDE of Tri-County North.

### 4VL – Seniors Only

Four years receiving a varsity letter in the same sport. Awards given out at the Senior Award Program in May.

### PATCHES

Patches will be awarded to all varsity letter recipients on teams winning conferences championships or championships at any level of the OHSAA Tournament series or state finalists. Individual state tournament champions and finalists will also be honored with a patch.

### CRITERIA FOR EARNING LETTERS:

**BASEBALL/SOFTBALL** – participate in at least four innings of every game and/or recommendation of the coach.

**BASKETBALL** – participate in one-fourth of the quarters and/or recommendation of the coach.

**CROSS COUNTRY** – average in the top five runners for the entire season. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> runner may qualify if their finishing has been of direct value to the overall placing of the team and/or recommendation of the coach.

**FOOTBALL** - participate in one-half of the quarters played by the varsity team and/or recommendation of the coach.

**GOLF** – participation in one-third of the varsity matches (with tournaments counting double) and/or recommendation of the coach.

**SOCCER** – participation in one-half of the halves played by the varsity team and/or recommendation of the coach.

**TRACK** – earn 100 points and/or recommendation of the coach.

**TRAINER** – Must attend a sports medicine camp in the summer and attend all practices and contests of the sport training for.

**VOLLEYBALL** – must participate in one-half of all matches and play the equivalent of at least one game per match and/or recommendation of the coach.

**WRESTLING** - must score 20 varsity points and/or recommendation of the coach.

**CHEERLEADING** – must participate in a hundred percent of all required activities of the squad which shall include providing support at varsity football and basketball games and/or recommendation by the coach.

**To earn the coaches' recommendation for an award one must give "exceptional" service to the team throughout the season. A senior may be recommended for a varsity award for loyal service during four years of participation in a specific sport.**

**All coaches' recommendations must be approved by the athletic director.**

### GENERAL AWARD POLICIES

1. Awards, which become unusable, may be replaced at cost by the student-athlete.
2. The student-athlete must be a good citizen of his/her school and community to be considered for an award in any sport.
3. Only those awards earned by the student-athlete, given by the athletic department, will be worn by the student-athletes.
4. Athletes may not "loan" or give their awards to others to be worn.

### REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES

All awards are based upon requirement set forth by this athletic awards constitution. If any student-athlete feels that he/she has a grievance in regards to an athletic award he/she may follow this procedure.

1. Write a letter requesting a hearing before the Athletic Council within five (5) school days of the awards program in which the award in question was presented.
2. Appear before the Athletic Council with his/her parent(s) or guardian to explain his/her grievance whenever he/she is asked to appear.
3. Accept the decision of the Athletic Council as final.
4. Understand as clearly as possible the reason why he/she was denied the award. All students who have a definite grievance will be heard. Parents will also be heard before the Athletic Council.
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### AWARDS PROGRAMS

There will be at least one awards program for each sports season each year. **All award recipients have to attend to receive their awards.** Student-athletes who are absent from an awards program must have secured prior permission from the building principal or the Athletic Director to receive their awards.

# TRI-COUNTY NORTH ATHLETIC PROGRAM

## TRI-COUNTY NORTH FIGHT SONG

PANTHERS, PANTHERS, HATS OFF TO THEE  
TO OUR COLORS, TRUE WE WILL EVER BE  
FIRM AND STRONG, UNITED ARE WE.  
GIVE A CHEER FOR RED AND GRAY,  
WE ARE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY,  
ALL FOR TRI-COUNTY NORTH – HEY!

## TRI-COUNTY NORTH ALMA MATER

ALMA MATER HEAR US, AS WE PRAISE THY  
NAME,  
MAKE US WORTHY SONS AND DAUGHTERS,  
ADDING TO THY FAME;

SHOUT IT OUT IN CHORUS, SING THY  
STORY LOUD;  
RED AND GRAY, WE'LL ALWAYS PRAISE  
THEE,  
OF OUR SCHOOL WE'RE PROUD.

EVEN THOUGH THE SCHOOL DAYS PASS AS  
WE TO FORTH,  
CHIMES RING OUT WITH GLADNESS, FOR  
OUR TRI-COUNTY NORTH

WHEN ALL IS JUST A MEMORY, OF THE  
BYGONE DAYS,  
HEAR OUR HYMN DEAR ALMA MATER,  
AS THEY NAME WE PRAISE