

Athletic Program

All athletic teams are open to any Dr. Phillips High School student who meets the requirements for eligibility. The following sports are offered at DPHS:

Season	Men	Women
Fall	Bowling Cross Country Football Golf Swimming	Bowling Cheerleading Cross Country Golf Swimming Volleyball
Winter	Basketball Soccer Wrestling	Basketball Competitive Cheerleading Soccer Weightlifting Wrestling
Spring	Baseball Lacrosse Tennis Track and Field Volleyball Water Polo Weightlifting	Flag Football Lacrosse Softball Tennis Track and Field Water Polo

I. Staff Responsibilities

Principal:

- Has final responsibility for Athletic Program
- Determine athletic policies with assistance of the Athletic Director
- Appoint coaches with assistance of the Athletic Director

Athletic Director

- Enforce policies of the FHSAA, Orange County School Board, Metro Conference and Dr. Phillips High School
- Develop and maintain financial accounts for all sports
- Establish individual budgets for each sport
- Recommend to Principal expenditure of funds. All purchase orders must be approved by the AD or designate and the principal
- Approve schedules and prepare all game contracts
- Check and maintain eligibility records for all participating student-athletes
- Assist coaches in making arrangements for home contests
- Approve travel arrangements made by coaches

- Schedule and confirm buses for contests with OCPS and school-based drivers
- Coordinate athletic awards (post-season and Hall of Fame) and end of year banquet
- Establish home Athletic Calendar and post on Outlook
- Responsible for control of ticket sales
- Scheduling of events in the gymnasium
- Scheduling of activity buses
- Keep accurate records of game results, records broken
- Update season results on school's website
- Provide complete yearly results packet for Athletic Department
- Maintain record of needed athletic facility reparations
- Report negligence and inefficiencies of coaches
- Interpret DP Athletic Department policies

Athletic Business Manager

- Assist the AD in all phases of the athletic program
- Supervise home athletic events at direction of AD
- Be responsible for money and taking tickets at events if necessary
- Act as representative of the department when AD is unavailable; make decisions in the best interest of the program
- Be in charge of all hosted FHSAA clinics
- Assist with school physicals
- Coordinate all fund raising activities of Athletic Department
- Assist with eligibility issues
- Assist the AD with athletic budget
- Assist with end of the year Athletic Awards banquet

Assistant Athletic Director

- Assist the AD in all phases of the athletic program
- Supervise home athletic events at direction of AD
- Be responsible for money and taking tickets at events if necessary
- Act as representative of the department when AD is unavailable; make decisions in the best interest of the program
- Monitor repair and upkeep of facilities; keep accurate record of all fixed assets
- Assist with fund raising activities of Athletic Department
- Assist with school physicals
- Assist with end of the year Athletic Awards banquet

Head Coach

A. General Issues

1. Abide by all Athletic Department regulations
2. Be responsible for entire program: varsity, junior varsity and freshmen teams. Work with junior varsity and freshmen coaches to ensure continuity
3. Insist on good sportsmanship

4. Do not use or allow alcohol, tobacco or profanity. Display good sportsmanship at all times
5. Secure a practice area if regular area is unavailable
6. Never leave a team or team members unsupervised or under the supervision of anyone other than a faculty coach
7. Attend DP coaches meetings, Metro Conference meetings and view FHSAA video rules clinics. Coaches not viewing mandatory FHSAA rules clinics will be fined the amount prescribed by the FHSAA
8. Inform athletes of rules and regulations (including awards criteria) before the season
9. Must have a parents' meeting before the season (required by the county). A copy of your meeting's agenda and notes must be given to the Athletic Director to keep on file
10. Be sure your facility is ready for home games
11. Be sure athletes look neat and respectful at all times they are representing DPHS. Shirts are to be tucked in. Do not allow uniforms to be worn at any time except games or on game days. Administration has the final say on dress code issues
12. Head Coaches are solely responsible for matters involving game officials. While no DPHS coach should engage an official belligerently or disrespectfully, only the Head Coach is permitted to discuss issues with an official
13. All doors and gates must be locked when leaving a facility after practices and games. This includes all exterior stadium gates
14. Supervise area, field, or court until everyone has left. No student, under any circumstance, should be left alone inside or in front of a facility without supervision
15. Varsity game scores must be reported to the Orlando Sentinel, regardless if the contest is home or away!
16. Head coach or a designated assistant is required to email the AD the final score of their previous day's contest, including statistics or exemplary performances by DP athletes
17. Principal or AD must be notified immediately in cases where a student is removed from a team. With exception to extreme circumstances, have 24 hour cooling off period
18. AD must be notified before any roster additions are made. Athlete must be cleared physically and academically before he/she is added to a roster.
19. Notify the AD, by the next morning, of any ejection of a DPHS athlete or coach from a game or match
20. Report any serious injury or concern to principal or AD immediately. (This includes late evening or Saturday events!)
21. Keep accurate records; submit final season results and broken all-time records to Athletic Director at season's end
22. Keep accurate records of all players who completed the 9th, JV or varsity season

B. Eligibility Issues

1. Never allow a player to practice or compete if there is any question about eligibility or physical condition
2. A student is eligible only with clearance from both the Athletic Trainer and the Athletic Director. No student is permitted to participate without clearance from both; no exceptions. The AD will notify you of any ineligible athletes on your submitted roster and they are immediately prohibited from participating
3. All freshmen should submit weekly progress reports to the coaching staff. Coaches are strongly encouraged to sit players that are not fulfilling their weekly academic responsibilities
4. Must provide a roster of participants to the AD after the first day of tryouts, including Spring Football
5. Must provide a final roster to the Athletic Director no later than 10 school days prior to the first scheduled game

C. Financial Issues

1. Changes for bus requests must be submitted to the AD at least 2 weeks prior to the trip. Changes made inside the two week window cost the department an additional 5.00 per hour per trip. Therefore, this surcharge will be deducted from the team's account
2. No one other than the Athletic Director is permitted to call in county bus orders if they are to be paid for by the Athletic Department. Buses ordered by a coach will be paid for out of that team's account
3. Purchase orders must be cleared by the bookkeeper and the Principal. No PO will be approved without the proper signatures
4. Write obligations for students who fail to return equipment or uniforms. Do not give any awards (including pins or letters) to students who have obligations

Assistant Coach

1. Be familiar with responsibilities of the Head Coach and assume them when assigned by the Head Coach or AD
2. Assistant coaches are responsible for duties assigned to them by the Head Coach in day to day operations of the team
3. Assistant coaches are prohibited from arguing or engaging in any confrontation with game officials

Non-Faculty Coach

1. Must be personally approved by the Principal and OCPS
2. A faculty member must be present at all times a non-faculty coach is being used
3. Must complete Coaching Certification within three (3) years to be a paid beyond the third year

All Coaches

1. Any coach who uses profanity at a player or an official may be immediately dismissed from coaching by the Principal
2. Must keep current with CPR and First Aid requirements
3. Make and file an injury report for all injuries
4. Refer athlete to trainer if necessary
5. Do not contact team doctor except through Athletic Trainer
6. Never refer an athlete to a doctor
7. Never arrange for athletes to be examined by any doctor other than their own physician (except in emergency when ambulance is called)
8. Do not, under any circumstances, allow a player to practice or compete if the trainer has determined he/she should not compete

Athletic Trainer

1. Attempt to prevent injuries; assist in care of injuries
2. Responsible for the Athletic Training staff and Student Trainers
3. Sets weekly assignment schedule for Athletic Trainer coverage of home and select away events
4. Refer injured athlete to their doctor; serve as liaison between physician and injured athlete
5. Process all initial injury incident reports (if present) and process all follow up reports (if not present and presented by the coach) resulting from practices and games
6. Advise the coach as to when an athlete may participate following an injury or illness
7. Initiate a student athletic trainer program
8. Give basic instruction to staff members in prevention and care of injuries
9. Keep an accurate record of current coaches' CPR certification records on file; will provide the AD a copy of certified coaches at the start of every academic year
10. Store and distribute medical supplies for all sports
11. Ensure front office has continued supply of physical packets
12. Arrange for pre-season physical exams with team doctor
13. Keep an annual record of all athletic injuries
14. Establish and post office hours
15. Students are not to be excused from class to see the athletic trainer. They must go during their scheduled lunch period or after school
16. Check physicals, risk forms and emergency treatment cards for all athletes. Collect emergency treatment cards from coaches at the end of each season
17. The athletic trainer's primary duty will be directed toward the sports of high risk as determined by the trainer and the Athletic Director
18. The athletic trainer is the final authority on whether an injured player may return to a game or practice

Team Doctor: Dr. Paul Maluso

1. Conducts and coordinates pre-season physical exams
2. Attends contests when possible and assists when requested by the trainer
3. Advises the trainer on rehabilitation of injured athletes

II. Processing Prospective Athletes

I. Before Practice

- A. Before allowing an athlete to practice in any way, the athlete must present to the coach an **emergency treatment card**, stamped by the athletic trainer for the appropriate season. Coaches must not allow the student on the field or court until he/she has this card.
- B. The student must give to the athletic trainer the following items before the trainer will clear that student to practice:
 1. Completed **physical card** that includes:
 - a. Doctor's signature indicating the athlete is physically able to play
 - b. Doctor's name printed or stamped and his phone number
 - c. Name of athlete's insurance company
 - d. Parent's signature on front page of physical card
 2. **Notification of Risk** form with parent's initials by each desired sport
 3. Completed **emergency treatment card**
- C. If the student attends DPHS after starting at another high school, the student's guardians must sign a notarized form from the FHSAA regarding recruitment before participating

II. Before Dressing Out for a Contest

- A. The head coach of each sport will submit to the Athletic Director an alphabetized list of all candidates for that sport. Additional names may be added as necessary.
- B. Athletes who were not enrolled at DPHS on the first day of school must have a parent complete and return the school's athletic eligibility form. Please notify the Athletic Director immediately if the student attended another school before enrolling in Dr. Phillips. Student number should be included.
- C. The Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director will check each student for eligibility. The coach will be given a list of all eligible athletes. Coaches are not to let any student dress for a contest until the coach sees that name on the list.

III. Eligibility

Eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Must legally be a student at DPHS or an approved Home School student within the Dr. Phillips High School zone.
2. A student has eligibility up to the age of 19 years and 9 months. If a student surpasses this age during State Series competition, he/she is permitted to compete through the conclusion of the State Series event.
3. Students have 4 years of eligibility beginning with the first day they enroll in 9th grade.
4. Students must have a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 2.0 since the beginning of their freshman year.

5. A student who falls under a 2.0 GPA after their first semester of ninth grade is ineligible for the spring semester. There may be certain exemptions for 10th graders who do not have a cumulative 2.0 but who do have a 2.0 for their previous semester. See the Athletic Director for clarification.
6. Grades will be checked by the Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director at the end of each semester.
7. A student who is not eligible at the beginning of the academic year cannot become eligible until the beginning of the second semester.
8. A student who transfers from one school to another will be ineligible at the school to which he/she transferred. There are a few exceptions to this rule, such as a bona fide change of residence. Check with the AD if you have questions.
9. Any questions or concerns related to eligibility are to be directed to the AD. No coach is permitted to call the FHSAA.
10. Using an ineligible athlete will result in forfeiture and a fine by the FHSAA. Any coach who knowingly uses an ineligible athlete may be terminated.
11. Any player at a contest in uniform is considered to have played in that game. Freshmen, JV and Varsity teams must be separated from each other on game dates.
12. Do not use any player until you receive confirmation of eligibility from the Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer
13. A student who is not eligible cannot practice with the team, go on trips with the team, etc. Do not allow any student who is not eligible to participate in any way. OCPS insurance does not cover athletes who are not eligible to play.
14. All team managers must have an emergency treatment card on file with the Head Coach.

IV. Rules for Athletes

General Rules

1. Display good sportsmanship at all times.
2. The use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or profanity is a violation of school rules and will be dealt with according to school board policies.
3. Attend all practices and contests unless excused by coach.
4. Attend school regularly.
5. Present themselves in a positive manner as a representative of Dr. Phillips High School (dress, mannerisms, language, etc.)

Specific Rules

1. Any student who quits a team will not be allowed to play on another team until the end of the season of the team he/she has quit. Exceptions can be made by the Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director.
2. A student is not permitted to tryout for a subsequent sport while their initial sport is still in season unless agreed upon by both sports' coaches. Once the initial sport has concluded its season, the student may then participate in a mandatory supplemental tryout period for the next sport.
3. On days school is in session, an athlete must attend a minimum of 3 periods in order to practice or play in a game, unless prior arrangements were made by the AD, Assistant AD or Principal.

4. An athlete suspended from school is automatically suspended from the team.
5. An athlete assigned detention by a teacher or administrator is required to serve that detention. Detention takes precedence over team practices and games.
6. A student who misbehaves at an athletic event or who is ejected from a contest is subject to school disciplinary action.
7. Any student ejected from a contest is required to meet with the Athletic Director before he/she is allowed to return to the team. The Athletic Director will schedule the meeting with the student at the earliest possible time during the next school day.
8. An athlete who is ineligible to play may not practice with the team.
9. Students who curse during practice or a game are subject to immediate dismissal from the team.
10. Any student utilizing online mediums such as MySpace, Facebook, YouTube or internet message boards to threaten, intimidate, harass or entice other students or coaches, of any school, may be subject to immediate disciplinary action up to, and including, dismissal from a team by the Head Coach, Principal or Athletic Director..
11. Any student utilizing online mediums such as MySpace, Facebook, YouTube or internet message boards to post images depicting the use of alcohol, drugs or suggestive behavior that is not deemed conducive to the image expected of a Dr. Phillips student-athlete may be subject to immediate disciplinary action up to, and including, dismissal from a team by the Head Coach, Principal or Athletic Director.

V. News Media

It is important to maintain a strong relationship with the local media. Local media provides the players, the team and the school with invaluable publicity which facilitates morale campus-wide.

1. Coaches are required to phone in their game results to the Orlando Sentinel at the conclusion of their contest (win or lose, home or away).
2. All scores and statistics reported to the media must be accurate. Falsification of information or padding / softening of statistics is not permitted.
3. Coaches are required to assist media representatives seeking statistics, photos or interviews with players, provided the request is made with the intention of promoting the player, team or school in a positive light. Should a coach have questions about intent or sincerity, he/she should contact the AD.
4. Media requested information in the form of pre-season previews or season recaps should be returned in an expedient manner.
5. Please note the following local media contact numbers:
 - Orlando Sentinel scores: 407-420-5474
 - West Orange Times: (407) 656-2121; WOTimes@aol.com
 - Southwest Orlando Bulletin: (407) 351-1573 www.kearneypublishing.com
 - John Magrino: (407) 355-3206 magrinj@ocps.net

VI. Purchasing

- The head coach must be able to justify all expenditures. Requests may be declined by the AD, Business Manager or Principal.

- Never order anything until approval has been secured. It is a coach's responsibility to ensure there are sufficient funds in their team's account to cover the cost of the order.
- Unapproved purchases will become the personal responsibility of the coach. A request is not considered approved the coach receives a signed, approved purchase order.

VII. Fund Raising

- All fund raising activities must first be approved by the bookkeeper and Principal. The coach will have control over the account for his/her team with the approval of the AD. Complete the proper paperwork from bookkeeping before and after the event
- All monies raised must be deposited into the internal accounts of DPHS.

VIII. Support Groups

- All support groups are under the direct control of the Head Coach and will be monitored by the Athletic Director.
- All monies raised by support groups must be deposited into the internal accounts of DPHS.
- The head coach is responsible for ensuring the support group complies with all school and county policies.

IX. Concessions

- Gym concessions will be operated by an individual team or support group appointed by and under the direction of the AD.
- Stadium concessions will be operated by the band for football activities. Only 10 band parents working in the concession stand will be admitted free. Band chaperones admitted free will comply with the county chaperone-to-student ratio. All others must pay including children 8 and over.
- Band has use of the concession stand only during football season. All outside vendors brought in during home football games must be approved by the Athletic Director.

X. Game Day Entry

- All sporting events held at DPHS, or in outside venues that provide seating, may be subjected to a mandatory entrance fee (tickets) to offset the cost of officials, transportation, etc.
- Promotion nights such as Community Night, Senior Night and Homecoming are subject to normal ticket entry policies. Parents of student-athletes or band members do not receive free admission to these events unless they have been placed on the Pass List by the Athletic Director or have purchased an annual pass. Homecoming representatives are admitted as long as their names appear on a list provided by the coordinator to the Athletic Director.
- Ticket prices for games are printed on each ticket unless an Athletic Department sponsored promotional night (i.e. DPHS Student Night) is in effect.

- Coaches, ticket takers, or volunteers are not permitted to discount ticket prices for individuals entering a game. An administrator on duty or the AD on duty must be contacted should a situation arise.
- Annual pass holders must present, upon request, a picture ID for verification.
- Annual passes are non-transferable; they are only valid for the individual named on the pass.
- Passes may be revoked without refund for reasons of unsportsmanlike behavior, forgery, or other activities deemed not in the best interest of Dr. Phillips High School.

XI. Compensation

- Coaches may not receive any compensation from sources other than the Orange County School Board while coaching their teams during the season.
- No coach shall receive compensation for services offered to students of DPHS
- No coach shall promote, at DPHS, any activity from which he/she is likely to receive compensation other than his/her salary as an employee of OCPS
- Coaches will not accept tutoring fees for any athletic-related instruction

XII. Department Meetings

- There will be up to 4 regular meetings of the DP coaching staff: August (pre-planning week), November (beginning of winter season), January (beginning of spring season) and May (post-planning).
- All coaches are expected to attend.
- All coaches are to provide the AD with the following contact information: home phone, cell phone, email, work extension, and work location.
- All coaches will be emailed directly following county Athletic Director meetings to update them on the latest information covered.

XIII. Scheduling

- Coaches must schedule the minimum amount of Metro West Conference games to qualify for Metro West Conference championship standing.
- All remaining games will be scheduled by the Head Coach with the approval of the Athletic Director.
- The number of games must conform to FHSAA policies
- All games which require long trips should be considered carefully. Out of county bus trips will not be paid for by the Athletic Department without prior approval.
- All contracts will be written by the Athletic Director
- If a scheduling change is necessary, approval must be given by the AD and the Head Coach must notify the Athletic Trainer immediately.
- In scheduling District teams more than once, the **first** meeting on the schedule counts as the District game, regardless of when it was scheduled or when the schedule was changed.
- In sports without a Metro West Conference tournament, coaches must schedule **all** Metro West Conference schools in their sport, which may include simultaneous

District games. Currently, the Metro West Conference has nine schools: Dr. Phillips, Olympia, West Orange, Apopka, Wekiva, Edgewater, Jones, Evans and Ocoee.

- Sports that have a scheduled Metro West Conference Tournament are not required to schedule every team in the regular season
- FHSAA State Series expenses are funded by the Athletic Department for out-of area participation. Accommodations, transportation and food will be covered by the AD. Athletes on the state entry list and coaches will be allotted \$7.00 each for breakfast, \$9.00 each for lunch, \$11.00 each for dinner in a check prior to departure. The Head Coach must return all receipts and remaining change to the bookkeeper's office.
- The Athletic Department does not cover entrance fees for tournaments or meets other than the Metro Conference championship for each sport.

XIV. Cancellation of Contests

When it becomes necessary to cancel a contest:

1. Obtain approval from the Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director
2. Notify the following:
 - Coach of opposing school
 - Administrator assigned to cover the game
 - Transportation (DPHS activity bus drivers or Orange County)
 - Officials association
 - Athletic Trainer / team physician (football)
 - Concession parents
 - Event staff
3. Notify the school's main office and have an announcement prepared
4. Reschedule the game with the approval of the Athletic Director

XV. Travel

- The head coach should give bus requests to the Athletic Director at least 10 school days in advance of a contest. Any extra bus charges due to late requests will be paid from that team's fund.
- If transportation by private vehicle is necessary, it is the head coach's responsibility to provide the AD with proof of each driver's liability insurance. In addition, permission should be obtained with parent signature approving transport of their student-athlete by the licensed, insured driver(s). All drivers must understand that their insurance will be the primary insurance in case of an accident. In no case should a coach ask a student to drive other students to a game or practice.
- Never transport student-athletes in the back of a pick-up truck
- It is allowable and recommended to have students meet you at the game site. Be sure in this case that the parents know they are responsible for their child's transportation.
- Vans are not permitted to transport students. The following vehicles are allowed:
 - Any passenger car
 - Station wagons designed to carry 8 or fewer people
 - Most minivan models 1994 and up

- Overnight trips are not encouraged. They must be approved by the AD well in advance, be approved by the Principal and the District, and have approval from the FHSSA if out of state.
- The following information regarding overnight trips should be supplied to the AD and clearly communicated to the team and parents:
 - Day, time and place of departure and return
 - Means of transportation
 - Names of chaperones
 - Headquarters and tentative schedule at destination
- The Head Coach is responsible for insuring proper chaperones
- Tour buses may be used for out of area trips as long as the company is an approved vendor with OCPS. See the AD for the complete listing.

XVI. Student Managers

- Student Managers may be appointed by the Head Coach when necessary
- Care should be taken to select responsible students and assign specific tasks
- Do not assign duties to students that should be performed by a coach
- Student managers must have emergency treatment cards on file with the coach and Athletic Trainer

XVII. Fines

- Any fine assessed by the FHSAA because of an action of a coach will be paid by that coach, not from the sport's internal account.
- Anytime a student is ejected from a game, that team's internal account will pay the amount of the fine levied by the FHSAA

XVIII. Parking

- Students are not permitted to park or drive vehicles anywhere inside the stadium area.
- Coaches needing to park inside the stadium area should use the bus gate and park on the north end of the stands
- This area is off limits to student parking at all times
- Coaches using this area must lock the bus gate when they are last to leave
- No one should park on sidewalks around the gym
- No one is permitted to park on the road leading to the North Campus at any time! This is an emergency zone...coaches need to enforce this policy
- Parking is not permitted on grass. Athletes using the baseball field, practice fields or stadium must park in the Student Parking Lot.

XIX. Facilities

- For some teams it is necessary to use off-campus facilities. It is the responsibility of the coach to arrange for these facilities with the approval of the Athletic Director.
- Scheduling use of on-campus facilities by outside organizations should be made with the approval of the Athletic Director. Facility lease agreements and proper insurance coverage must be in place in order for any outside group to rent facilities.

- In no case should a coach give permission for anyone or any group to use our facilities.
- Coaches wishing to schedule practices or conditioning in any on-campus facility should meet with the AD and other affected coaches to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- Due to FHSAA scheduling, there are unavoidable overlaps in seasons. Priority use of facilities is given to the team whose season is concluding. Fall sports have facility priority over winter; winter has priority over spring. Coaches are strongly encouraged to work cooperatively and communicate with each other to alleviate unnecessary conflicts

XX. Summer Programs

- All students involved in activities must have completed and approved physical packets on file.
- Outside organizations which rent facilities must have a contract with OCPS as well as proper insurance. They may not use the school name, uniforms or equipment.
- No coach may receive compensation, whether school related or from an outside agency, where any Dr. Phillips students are involved.
- Do not allow students to be unsupervised. Allowing unsupervised students in a facility will result in that summer program being cancelled.
- A non-Dr. Phillips student who participates in any conditioning with DPHS over the summer will be considered a student at DPHS and will forfeit his/her eligibility at another school for one year.

XXI. National Signing Day Participation

Students that compete for Dr. Phillips High School athletic teams that have the opportunity to sign a scholarship may participate in one of three sport-specific National Signing Day dates as dictated by the NCAA (November, February or April). Students must notify in advance their coach and Athletic Director of their intention to sign in the interest of sufficient preparation. Students that have chosen **not** to represent Dr. Phillips High School in a sport that is offered at the school, but have a scholarship offer through participation with an external club team in that same sport, will **not** be permitted to participate in the school's National Signing Day ceremony. Recognition by Dr. Phillips High School is reserved for students that willfully represent Dr. Phillips High School and have maintained good standing throughout the school year. Good standing is defined as maintaining academic eligibility, emulating proper sportsmanship and fulfilling all participation requirements to earn a varsity letter.

XXII. Awards

1. Letters

- In order to receive a varsity letter, an athlete must have completed the season in good standing (maintained eligibility)
- Must have attended all games and practices unless excused by the Head Coach
- Letters are only awarded once per sport. The process is as follows:
 1. First year: varsity letter and sport-specific pin
 2. Second year: certificate and bar
 3. Third year: certificate and bar
 4. Fourth year: plaque and bar
- Letters may be awarded to student managers at a coach's discretion. Statisticians and scorekeepers who are only in attendance at games are not eligible for letters.
- Junior Varsity athletes will not receive letters. They receive certificates only.

2. Trophies

- One participant per varsity team will be given a plaque by the Athletic Department, the Principal's Award, and will be presented at the Hall of Fame ceremony in the spring. All other individual trophies are to be purchased by the team's fund.
- Trophies are not to be awarded to JV players under any circumstances

3. Most Outstanding Athlete Award

- Awarded to one male athlete and one female athlete
- Winner should have excelled in his/her sport, demonstrated good sportsmanship, exhibited strong leadership qualities. Number of sports played should be given legitimate consideration.
- Each coach may nominate one male and one female for this award. Winners will be picked by a committee appointed by the Athletic Director.

4. William C. Spooone Scholar-Athlete Award

- Awarded to one male athlete and one female athlete
- Must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5
- Strong consideration will be given to GPA but a number of factors, including number of sports played, sportsmanship, leadership, et al, will be considered
- Selection process same as Outstanding Athlete

5. Bob Noyes Sportsmanship Award

- Awarded to one male athlete and one female athlete
- Must have demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, on and off the field
- Selection process same as above two awards

Students are not eligible for awards 3-5 if he/she has quit a team, been suspended, or has excessive referrals, unless exemption is granted by the Principal.

XXIII. State Championships

- Should any DPHS team win an FHSAA sanctioned state championship, the athletic department will pay, if funding is available, a minimum of \$50.00 each towards the cost of individual jackets or rings for members of the varsity team (excluding managers, coaches and others not on the state eligibility list).
- The Athletic Director or Principal may increase or decrease the contribution based upon available funds.
- No awards other than those listed in the FHSAA by-laws will be purchased by athletic funds, including individual team funds.
- Attention is called to the FHSAA policy which prohibits the awarding of any item that has utilitarian value.

XXIV. Lightning

- Remember that lightning strikes people in Central Florida more than anywhere else in the world.
- If you are conducting an outdoor activity and lightning is anywhere in the vicinity, you are directed to immediately suspend the activity and seek shelter.
- Do not take any chances. If you are unsure whether the conditions are safe, then they are not. The activity can always be resumed when the weather has improved.

XXV. Gender Equity

- DPHS has taken all necessary steps to ensure there are no violations of Title IX (gender equity) policies. Should any discrepancy exist in the future, the department will seek to resolve the issue as needed. Actions may include restricting the number of cuts in some sports, etc. All coaches are expected to comply with decisions made in the interest of gender equity.

XXVI. Hall of Fame

- Guidelines for entrance into the DPHS Athletic Hall of Fame are on file and available in the Athletic Director's office.
- Nomination forms, as well as a preliminary list of eligible nominees, will be distributed in March.
- The Hall of Fame voting process will be held in April
- The induction ceremony will be held in May.