

AMHERST Policy

JJIC – PARTICIPATION OF EIGHTH GRADE ATHLETES ON SUB-VARSITY SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS

The purpose of this policy is to provide eighth grade student athletes the opportunity to participate on High School sports teams, subject to the following limiting and controlling conditions:

1. An eighth grade student shall not participate in a Souhegan High School sport if the Amherst Middle School offers that same sport during the same season and the student is eligible to play.
2. An eighth grade student shall not replace any eligible High School student on any sports team roster. Moreover, High School students are expected to start each game and play a majority of the time.
3. An eighth grade student shall not play on any varsity team; however, he or she may play on a junior varsity team if authorized by the N.H.I.A.A. Otherwise, an eighth grader's participation shall be limited to team practices and freshmen squads.
4. Permission of the parent or guardian and of the Amherst School Board (by Policy) is required for eighth grade athletes to participate on any High School team.
5. The eighth grade student must meet N.H.I.A.A, or Souhegan High School or Amherst Middle School sports eligibility requirements, whichever are higher.
6. Souhegan High School will not offer a sport if the number of High School students in that sport falls below fifty percent of the team roster.

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