

Eighth Grade Students Participating on High School Athletic Teams

The SCCPSS Department of Athletics requires an approval process before an eighth grade student is allowed to try out for a sub-varsity (high school) sports team.

The middle school principal will be required to review the items below and sign where indicated, acknowledging that they have discussed the items with the middle school parent and student-athlete.

Please review following items with the middle school student and parent:

1. Eligibility

- Eighth grade students who play on a high school team must meet all middle school requirements as put forth by the State Department of Education.
- GHSA policy 1.45 states - Eighth grade students may participate on a sub-varsity team of a high school provided they attend a feeder school of that high school (as determined by student-athletes documented residential address).
- If a student is allowed to participate on a sub-varsity high school team as an eighth grade student and then they decide to attend a different high school as a ninth grade student, they will be ineligible for varsity competition for one year.
- All eighth grade students should be reported to the GHSA on Eligibility Form D.

2. Participation

- This policy allows the eighth grade student to try out for the sub-varsity team, it does not guarantee that the eighth grade student will make the team.
- Eighth grade students participating on a sub-varsity team **may only participate in 60% of the number of games allotted to the varsity team in that sport** (a 9th-10th grade student is allowed to participate in 70% of allotted varsity games).
- **An eighth grade student who makes the sub-varsity level team may only participate at that level for that particular sport (example - cannot play on both the high school JV basketball team and the middle school basketball team).**

3. Other

- An eighth grade student who participates on a high school sub-varsity team will be responsible for their own transportation to practice.
- High School sports seasons are typically longer and have different start/end dates compared to middle school.

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Student Name: _____

Middle School Attending: _____

Sport(s) trying out for: _____

High School JV Team: _____

Middle School Principal

I have reviewed the noted items regarding eighth grade students participating on sub-varsity high school teams with the eighth grade student and parent.

Signature (Middle School Principal)

Date

Parent

I understand the policies/procedures pertaining to my eighth grade son/daughter trying out/participating on a high school sub-varsity team.

Signature (Parent of 8th Grade Student)

Date

Eighth Grade Student

I understand the policies/procedures pertaining to trying out/participating on a high school sub-varsity team.

Signature (8th Grade Student)

Date

****Both high school and middle school athletic directors are required to keep a copy of this form on file at their respective schools.***