

**NDHSAA Board Proposed Constitution & By-Laws Amendment
Grade 7 & 8 Semesters
Proposed: 6/11/2019**

PART IV, Article III: General Regulations

Section VI: Any team combination of 7th and 8th grade is considered junior high school. Ninth grade teams may declare their status and participate as either a high school team or as a junior high school team. ~~A team designed as a ninth grade team must have fifty percent or more of the participants enrolled in ninth grade.~~ Any 7th or 8th grade student who plays on a 9th grade team plays at the status chosen for that team. If the 9th grade team choose high school status, high school rules apply, or if a 9th grade team declares itself a junior high team, junior high rules apply.

Section IX: A student is eligible for only TWO SEMESTERS in each the 7th and 8th grade beginning with the first semester of entrance in each grade. A student who is repeating a grade is not eligible. Junior High students are limited to one season per year sport/activity. A student must not have attended a three year junior high school more than six semesters, or a two year junior high school consisting of grades seven and eight more than four semesters. The same rule as applies to senior high schools relative to what constitutes a semester's attendance shall prevail.

Section X: A ninth grade student shall not be eligible to compete in the junior high division on or after the day on which the seventeenth anniversary of his/her birth occurs for the complete school term if his/her sixteenth birthday occurs on or after September 1, a seventh and or eighth grader on or after the day on which the sixteenth anniversary of his/her birth occurs if his/her fifteenth birthday occurs on or after September 1.