

Souhegan Athletic Six

1. Respect and Encourage the right to teach and the right to learn at all times

Students are expected to be respectful of their opponents, coaches, and game officials both while on the field competing, and while in the stands cheering. In the event that a student-athlete is ejected from a game as a spectator the student shall be suspended from participating in the next scheduled game for which team that student is a member of.

2. Be actively engaged in the learning; ask questions, collaborate, and seek solutions

Students are encouraged to advocate for themselves. If a student is not satisfied with playing time or coaching decisions the student needs to speak directly with the coach to voice his / her concerns. Parents may make an appointment to speak with a coach only after the student has spoken with the coach. At no time before or immediately following a game are parents welcome to discuss playing time or coaching decisions with the coach. If a parent calls or approaches a coach, the coach is right in not speaking on the issue until a student has spoken with the coach on the issue. Students and parents are welcome to make an appointment to speak with the Athletic Director only after the student and parent have spoken with the coach.

3. Be on time to fulfill your daily commitments

Students absent from any part of the school day for a reason other than those defined as an excused in Souhegan Student Policy *JH Attendance, Absenteeism, and Truancy*, will be ineligible to practice or compete on the day of the absence (*Excused absences as defined in Policy JH include illness, recovery from an accident, required courts attendance, medical and dental appointments, death in the immediate family, and observation of a bona fide religious holiday*). For the purpose of athletic participation an absence shall be considered arrival at school one hour or more after the start of the school day. A student arrival fifty-nine minutes or less after the start of the school day shall be considered a tardy. For the purpose of Athletics, a student's third unexcused tardy, and every subsequent unexcused tardy shall be considered and will be treated like an unexcused absence.

4. Be appropriate; demonstrate behavior that is considerate of the community, the campus, and yourself.

If a student is suspended from school his / her suspension will coincide with the start and end of the suspension.

5. Be truthful, communicate honestly.

Souhegan policy requires a student to ride to and from any away off campus contests on the team bus. In the event a parent would like to transport his / her child or authorize his / her child to ride home from an event with another parent, the parent must sign and give to the coach *Form D – Transportation FROM an athletic event*. In the event a parent would like to transport his / her child to an away off campus contest so that the child can make another critical appointment the parent may use *Form E – Transportation TO an athletic event* to request permission to transport the child to the event. Such transportation TO an event must be approved in advance first by the Athletic Director, and then by the Coach. If either the Athletic Director or the coach does not grant permission the student must ride the bus TO the contest. Both forms can be picked up from the athletic office or downloaded from the SHS Athletic webpage.

6. Be responsible and accountable for your choices.

The use of tobacco products, alcohol, illegal drugs, or other controlled substances is strictly prohibited at all times. This expectation is effective year-round including the summer months. The specifics of this expectation and the consequences for it's violation are outlined on the back of this page under Souhegan Substance Use Policy