

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE XX**

### **Golf**

#### **Boys and Girls**

**Sect. 1:** Golf shall be administered by the NHIAA Golf Committee via the Policies and Procedures Manual. In all other instances, play will be governed by the rules of the United States Golf Association (USGA).

#### **Sect. 2: NHIAA Golf Tournament**

##### **A. Boys Golf Tournament:**

1. An annual golf tournament in each division shall be conducted by the NHIAA Golf Committee.
2. The tournament will be open to all eligible students of NHIAA member schools.
3. Dates and sites for the golf tournaments will be selected by the Golf Committee.

##### **B. Girls Golf Tournament:**

1. The NHIAA shall annually sponsor a girls individual tournament.
2. If a girl participates in the team championship representing her school and qualifies for the subsequent individual championship, she may not participate if she has already participated in the NHIAA State Girls Golf Individual Championship.

#### **Sect. 3: Code of Conduct**

All competitors at the NHIAA tournaments will conduct themselves in such a manner that respect is shown for the game of golf, for the golf course and facilities which are being used, and for the other participants in the tournaments.

**Sect. 4: Divisional Alignment**

Golf shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee. Each division shall sponsor its own team and individual tournament.

**2011-12 Golf Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (1251+)</b> <b>18 Schools</b>		<b>DIV. II (651–1250)</b> <b>25 Schools</b>		<b>DIV. III (425–650)</b> <b>13 Schools</b>		<b>DIV. IV (1–424)</b> <b>12 Schools</b>	
Pinkerton	3325	Goffstown	1235	Monadnock	649	White Mt.	424
Nashua - South	2226	Bedford	1223	Kearsarge	640	Newport	409
Man. Central	2220	Portsmouth	1048	Stevens	635	Inter-Lakes	388
Man. Memorial	2092	Con-Val	1011	Gilford	571	Hopkinton	338
Nashua - North	2003	Milford	959	Campbell	550	Newmarket	310
Concord	1878	Pembroke	946	Winnisquam	538	Woodsville	276
Salem	1850	Merr. Valley	910	Conant	538	Littleton	269
Londonderry	1765	Hollis/Brookline	903	Prospect Mt.	527	Derryfield	248
Exeter	1701	Souhegan	894	Hillsboro-Deering	513	Moultonborough	244
Keene	1654	Kingswood	872	Belmont	498	Profile	188
Dover	1563	Kennett	853	Farmington	443	Sunapee	149
Spaulding	1550	John Stark	838	Franklin	437	Lisbon	133
Merrimack	1514	Laconia	782	Mascenic	425		
Timberlane	1477	Sanborn	755				
Alvirne	1463	Plymouth	748				
Man. West	1383	Hanover	740				
Winnacunnet	1265	Windham	734				
*Bishop Guertin	886	Coe-Brown	703				
		Lebanon	698				
		Oyster River	698				
		Pelham	690				
		St. Thomas	676				
		*Bow	613				
		*Trinity	409				
*Petition		*Bishop Brady	369				

**Sect. 5: Tournament Selection**

The top ten (10) teams (and ties for tenth place) in Division I, the top twelve (12) teams (and ties for twelfth place) in Division II, and the top seven (7) teams (and ties for seventh place) in Divisions III and IV, based on the win-loss record in their Division, shall qualify for the state tournament.

**Sect. 6: Seasonal Play Rules & Regulations**

Six (6) players in Divisions III and IV and eight (8) players in Divisions I and II will be designated by the coach to compete (medal play) in seasonal matches. The total scores of the lowest four (4) in Divisions III and IV and the lowest five (5) in Divisions I and II will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the lowest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second lowest, second place and two wins - one loss; third lowest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth lowest score, fourth place and no wins - three losses.

**Sect. 7: Type of NHIAA Tournament**

The first day of the tournament shall consist of 18 holes of stroke play. The combined total of the best four (4) in Divisions III and IV and five (5) in Divisions I and II individual 18 hole scores for each school shall determine the team champion and runner-up in that division.

## **Sect. 8: Awards**

- A. Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to eight (8) team medals for Divisions III and IV and ten (10) in Divisions I and II will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.
- B. Medals will be awarded to the top ten (10) medalists in Divisions I and II based upon their thirty-six hole scores. Medals will be awarded to the top five (5) medalists in Divisions III and IV based upon their thirty-six hole scores. In the event of a tie for the individual division champion, the individuals shall play a sudden victory round beginning on the first hole and continuing until a winner is determined. Ties for places two through nine in Divisions I and II shall be broken by matching scores beginning with the first hole of the second round of play. Ties for places two through five in Divisions III and IV shall be broken by matching scores beginning with the first hole of the second round of play. All players tied for tenth place in Divisions I and II, and all players tied for fifth place in Divisions III and IV will receive a medal.
- C. If a tie exists for the team champion or runner-up the following steps will be taken:
- Divisions I and II:
    1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the sixth (6th) lowest player will count toward the team total.
    2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue through the 7th and 8th players.
    3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
    4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
  - Divisions III and IV:
    1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the fifth (5th) lowest player will count toward the team total.
    2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue with the sixth (6th) player.
    3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
    4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
- D. At the NHIAA Girls Tournament medals will be awarded to the top six (6) medalists in the Championship Flight and the top six (6) medalists in the Medal Flight. (See Golf Policies and Procedures Manual)

## **Section 9: Scheduling Calendar**

The NHIAA must be notified in writing on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year to offer a golf program.