

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE XXIV**

### **Lacrosse**

#### **Boys**

**Sect. 1:** Lacrosse for boys shall be administered by the NHIAA Boys Lacrosse Committee and the rules of the NFHS will govern the sport.

#### **Sect. 2: Medical Coverage**

Medical coverage as stated under By-Law Article III, Sect. 1 must be provided for all levels of practices and games (sub-varsity and varsity).

#### **Sect. 3: Criteria of Play**

- A. The Committee will annually approve schedules of teams participating in lacrosse.
- B. All teams must complete their entire schedule, which was submitted to the NHIAA. To be eligible for tournament play and seeding, the Boys Lacrosse Committee will consider completed schedules only. Any scheduled game not played will be forfeited by both teams unless the circumstances are made known to the Executive Director of the NHIAA prior to the pairings date.
- C. If a regular season game is postponed, the schools involved are to reschedule the game on the next available date. No make-up games may be scheduled during the final week of the season unless they are games that were regularly scheduled for that week. Games postponed prior to the final week must have been made up before that date. Exceptions to this will be made only with prior approval of the NHIAA Boys Lacrosse Committee through the Executive Director.
- D. Boys varsity lacrosse games will have four 12 minute periods; sub-varsity will have four 10-minute periods and there will be a 10 minute halftime.
- E. The games with NHIAA member schools in your division will be the only contests used in determining seeding for the NHIAA Boys Lacrosse Tournament. The remaining contests may be played against NHIAA teams in another division or other high school teams from bordering states.
- F. Lacrosse schools may play an NHIAA member school three (3) times with only the first two (2) games played with the same school counting toward standings.

**Sect. 4: Divisional Alignment**

Boy's lacrosse shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

**2011-12 Boys Lacrosse Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (1700+)</b>		<b>DIV. II (1025–1699)</b>		<b>DIV. III (1–1024)</b>	
<b>11 Teams</b>		<b>15 Teams</b>		<b>20 Teams</b>	
Pinkerton	3325	Keene	1654	Con-Val	1011
Nashua - South	2226	Dover	1563	Milford	959
Man. Central	2220	Spaulding	1550	Pembroke	946
Man. Memorial	2092	Merrimack	1514	Merr. Valley	910
Nashua - North	2003	Timberlane	1477	Hollis/Brookline	903
Concord	1878	Man. West	1383	Kingswood	872
Salem	1850	Winnacunnet	1265	Kennett	853
Londonderry	1765	Goffstown	1235	John Stark	838
Exeter	1701	Bedford	1223	Laconia	782
*Bishop Guertin	886	Portsmouth	1048	Plymouth	748
*Hanover	740	*Souhegan	894	Windham	734
		*Oyster River	698	Lebanon	698
		*St. Thomas	676	Pelham	690
		*Bow	613	Monadnock	649
		*Bishop Brady	369	Kearsarge	640
				Stevens	635
				Gilford	571
				Trinity	409
				Hopkinton	338
				Derryfield	248

\*Petition

**Sect. 5: Practice Requirements**

Scrimmages against other schools shall not be permitted during the first five (5) days of practice or after the first scheduled game. This regulation applies to all sub-varsity and varsity teams.

**Sect. 6: Tournament Format**

Eight (8) teams will qualify for the Division I and II tournaments. Twelve teams will qualify for the Division III tournament.

**Sect. 7: Tournament Officials**

Officials for all playoff games will be selected by a committee composed of the Chairman of the Lacrosse Committee, the Supervisor of Boys Lacrosse Officials and the Executive Director of the NHIAA. Input shall be received by the Committee Members.

**Sect. 8: Awards**

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 40 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

**Sect. 9: Tournament Rosters**

Each school will be allowed a maximum of 40 individuals, with no more than 35 of them being players in uniform. The remainder of the roster will include one (1) head coach, two (2) assistant coaches, and two (2) managers. If a team is going to make the tournament, a team photo (in uniform, no mascot allowed) MUST be submitted.