BY-LAW ARTICLE XXVI
Outdoor Track & Field
Boys and Girls

Sect. 1: Outdoor Track and Field shall be administered by the NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable.

Sect. 2: State Divisional Championships

A. Only NHIAA member schools are entitled to enter the divisional championships.
B. These will be organized, financed, and directed by the NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee.
C. The results of these meets will be used to qualify for and to organize the Meet of Champions which will follow.
D. If an athlete meets the Automatic Qualifying Standards, he/she may be entered in the divisional meet. The meet director will fill the field from all the entries meeting the Provisional Standards by the following formula: on an eight (8) lane track up to a maximum of 16 entries in the running events, and 16 entries plus ties in the field events unless it interferes with meet management; on a six (6) lane track up to a maximum of 18 entries in the running events and 18 entries plus ties in the field events, unless it interferes with meet management. If an athlete does not meet the Provisional Standards, he/she may not be entered. For an athlete to compete in the State Championships, he/she must have participated in at least one Outdoor Track meet during the regular season. (Refer to the Policies and Procedures Manual for Qualifying Standards.)
E. Conversion of times for English distances to metric qualifying standards for track events is not allowed. All field event distances and heights will be measured in English units.
F. All participants must meet the eligibility standards of the NHIAA.
G. A school may not enter more than six (6) competitors in an event.
H. A competitor may participate in no more than four (4) events.
I. Point scoring will be 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1.
J. Awards: Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each of the divisional meets, in addition, six (6) ribbons will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers in the finals of each event, including relays, in each division for boys and girls.
K. Divisional meets will be held the last Saturday of May every year.

Sect. 3: Meet of Champions

A. A Meet of Champions will be held for both girls and boys.
B. The top performers of the three (3) divisions will be invited to participate in the Meet of Champions, the number to be determined by the NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee based on the facilities available for the Meet of Champions. - Minimum entrants, plus ties: Division I-five (5); Division II-four (4); Division III-three (3). In addition, the next four (4) best performers regardless of class will also qualify for the Meet of Champions. Athletes who do not qualify by means of their finish at the Division Meet, who have achieved the Qualifying Standard for the Meet of Champions in their event, will be eligible for the State Meet of Champions. The NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee shall be solely responsible for determining the proper seeding position of all entrants. Records from divisional meets over the last five (5) years will be consulted in making recommendations for qualifying standards. (Refer to the Outdoor Track Policies and Procedures Manual for Qualifying Standards.)
C. The rules and events for the Meet of Champions will be the same as those used in the divisional meets.
D. The responsibility for these meets will be the NHIAA's. This responsibility will include the expense of conducting the meets and awards.
E. Relay teams will qualify for the Meet of Champions using the same procedures as individuals (Top five (5) in Division I; four (4) in Division II, and three (3) in Division III, plus the next four (4) fastest times from the divisional meets).

F. The NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee reserves the right to accept petitions from a member school's principal on behalf of an athlete who would like to be considered for competition in the State Meet of Champions, but was unable to qualify under Section 3: B due to exceptional circumstances.
G. The Meet of Champions will be held on the first Saturday of June every year.

Sect. 4: Awards
Awards: Official NHIAA place medals will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers in each event, including relays for boys and girls.

Sect. 5: State Records
State Records will be considered when they occur in NHIAA sanctioned meets under the following conditions:

- Satisfy all provisions of Rule 10, National Federation Track and Field Rule Book.
- Performances at NHIAA Division Championship Meets, Meet of Champions, or New England Championship Meet in which there are three (3) watches on any one place; or any performance occurring at a meet with fully automatic timing (F.A.T.)

Any meet not fulfilling the above criteria may submit a request, in advance, to the Outdoor Track Committee to have performances considered for State Record approval. Nominations for new State Records must be submitted in writing (on the appropriate form) to the Outdoor Track Committee by the **third** weekend of June of the current season.

NOTE: National level competitions sanctioned by the National Federation and the NHIAA will be considered for State Records.

Sect. 6: Divisional Alignment

Outdoor track shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

2011-12 Outdoor Track Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1251+) 19 Schools		DIV. II (651–1250) 24 Schools		DIV. III (1- 650) 32 Schools	
Pinkerton	3325	Goffstown	1235	Monadnock	649
Nashua - South	2226	Bedford	1223	Kearsarge	640
Man. Central	2220	Portsmouth	1048	Stevens	635
Man. Memorial	2092	Con-Val	1011	Fall Mt.	632
Nashua - North	2003	Milford	959	Bow	613
Concord	1878	Pembroke	946	Gilford	571
Salem	1850	Merr. Valley	910	Campbell	550
Londonderry	1765	Hollis/Brookline	903	Winnisquam	538
Exeter	1701	Souhegan	894	Conant	538
Keene	1654	Kingswood	872	Prospect Mt.	527
Dover	1563	Kennett	853	Berlin	517
Spaulding	1550	John Stark	838	Hillsboro-Deering	513
Merrimack	1514	Laconia	782	Belmont	498
Timberlane	1477	Sanborn	755	Newfound	464
Alvirne	1463	Plymouth	748	Raymond	459
Man. West	1383	Hanover	740	Franklin	437
Winnacunnet	1265	Windham	734	Mascoma	436
*Somersworth	588	Coe-Brown	703	Mascenic	425
*Bishop Guertin	886	Lebanon	698	White Mt.	424
		Oyster River	698	Newport	409
		Pelham	690	Inter-Lakes	388
*Petition		St. Thomas	676	Hopkinton	338
		*Trinity	409	Newmarket	310
		*Bishop Brady	369	Wilton	300
				Epping	293
				Woodsville	276
				Moultonborough	244
				Hinsdale	221
				Pittsfield	184
				Ports. Christian	184
				Sunapee	149
				Concord Christian	50
				Mount Zion	49
				Sant Bani	49