

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXX

Softball

Girls

Sect. 1: Softball shall be administered by the NHIAA Softball Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable. The "Fast Pitch 12" Softball Rules of the National Federation will be used to govern all interscholastic softball games.

Sect. 2: Results of games played in all divisions must be posted on the NHIAA website immediately following the game. Failure to do so may result in teams being eliminated from tournament consideration.

Sect. 3: Schedule Requirements

All schedules must be submitted to the Executive Director on or before the deadline date of February 1st of each year. It is strongly recommended that in drawing up interschool schedules, Thursday of each week be left open for the purposes of rescheduling due to postponements, etc. Schools may schedule three (3) in-division opponents three (3) times.

Sect. 4: NOCSAE approved equipment must be used in all NHIAA contests.

Sect. 5: Tournament Rosters

All tournament teams will be limited to a maximum of 23 individuals, with no more than 18 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.

Sect. 6: Suspended Games

If weather or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game if: (a) five (5) innings have been played, or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four (4), or four (4) and a fraction terms at bat than the visiting team has scored in five (5) terms at bat; or (b) play has gone beyond five full innings.

In (b), if the game is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed terms at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the uncompleted inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be completed from the point of suspension, with the line-up and batting order of each team the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game.

Sect. 7: Tournament Selection

Tournament team selection will be determined in accordance with the present alignment. Sixteen teams in all divisions will qualify for the tournaments.

Sect. 8: Selection of Tournament Sites

Preliminary and quarterfinal round games will be played at the site of the highest seeded team. The semifinal, and final rounds will be played at sites selected by the Committee. Final games and times at neutral sites will be rotated on a yearly basis.

Sect. 9: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 20 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

Sect. 10: Divisional Alignment

Softball shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

2011-12 Softball Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1251+)		DIV. II (651–1250)		DIV. III (326–650)		DIV. IV (1–325)	
17 Schools		26 Schools		23 Schools		19 Schools	
Pinkerton	3325	*Man. West	1383	Monadnock	649	Newmarket	310
Nashua - South	2226	Goffstown	1235	Stevens	635	Wilton	300
Man. Central	2220	Bedford	1223	Fall Mt.	632	Epping	293
Man. Memorial	2092	Portsmouth	1048	Bow	613	Woodsville	276
Nashua - North	2003	Con-Val	1011	Somersworth	588	Littleton	269
Concord	1878	Milford	959	Gilford	571	Derryfield	248
Salem	1850	Pembroke	946	Campbell	550	Moultonborough	244
Londonderry	1765	Merr. Valley	910	Winnisquam	538	Hinsdale	221
Exeter	1701	Hollis/Brookline	903	Conant	538	Nute	201
Keene	1654	Souhegan	894	Prospect Mt.	527	Profile	188
Dover	1563	Kingswood	872	Berlin	517	Groveton	156
Spaulding	1550	Kennett	853	Hillsboro-Deering	513	Pittsfield	184
Merrimack	1514	John Stark	838	Belmont	498	Ports. Christian	184
Timberlane	1477	Laconia	782	Newfound	464	Gorham	166
Alvirne	1463	Sanborn	755	Raymond	459	Colebrook	154
Winnacunnet	1265	Plymouth	748	Farmington	443	Sunapee	149
*Bishop Guertin	886	Hanover	740	Franklin	437	Lisbon	133
		Windham	734	Mascoma	436	Lin-Wood	111
		Coe-Brown	703	Mascenic	425	Pittsburg	45
		Lebanon	698	White Mt.	424		
		Oyster River	698	Newport	409		
		Pelham	690	Inter-Lakes	388		
* Petition		St. Thomas	676	Hopkinton	338		
		*Kearsarge	640				
		*Trinity	409				
		*Bishop Brady	369				