

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE XVI**

### **Basketball Boys and Girls**

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

**Sect. 2:** The Committee shall annually approve schedules of teams for tournament competition.

**Sect. 3:** All basketball schedules are due into the NHIAA office no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

**Sect. 4:** All tournaments, jamborees, festivals and similar competition in basketball must be sanctioned by the Basketball Committee of the NHIAA. All such contests sanctioned by the Committee shall not count on the regular season's record for tournament consideration. No school may enter more than one (1) approved Christmas tournament.

**Sect. 5:** Varsity athletes may play only six (6) quarters in one (1) day. Participation in a quarter, regardless of time, will be considered one (1) quarter. Overtime is considered as an extension of the fourth quarter. Team scorers are to keep an accurate record of quarters played. Penalty for Violation: Forfeiture of game. For sub-varsity tournaments the Participation Rule does not apply. (CM 11.2017)

**Sect. 6:** The Basketball Committee, in its approval of all schedules, will be guided primarily by the following:

- A. Each member school may schedule no more than three (3) different NHIAA member schools three (3) games each on their approved annual schedule to the NHIAA Basketball Committee. This applies to out-of-state schools providing they are members of their respective state associations.
- B. Games can neither be added nor deleted from schedules after they have been approved by the NHIAA.

#### **Sect.7: Tournament Selection**

The maximum number of teams allowed per By-Law Article IV: Classification; Sect. 10; Tournament Selection Requirements will qualify for the boys and girls tournament. (CM 5.2016)

#### **Sect. 8: Mercy Rule All Divisions**

A mercy rule will be in effect for all divisions. Running time will go into effect when a lead of 35 point in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, and stop for free throws and time-outs. Upon reaching the 35 point differential, the clock will remain running for the duration of the period and stop only for time-outs and free throws. Should the point differential drop below 35 point during running time, the clock will continue to run for the remainder of the game. (CM 5.2016)

**Sect. 9:** In order to be eligible for post-season tournament play, each team must play at least fifty-percent (50%) of its games with New Hampshire schools.

#### **Sect. 10: Awards**

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 21 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division for boys and girls.

#### **Sect. 11: Interrupted Games**

Whenever a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the principals from both schools agree to terminate the game with the existing score. If the game is to be continued, both officials should sign the official scorebook and note the time on the clock and the period when the game was interrupted. (CM 5.2015)

**Sect. 12: Tournament Rosters**

Each school will be allowed 21 individuals with no more than 15 of them being players in uniform. The remainder of the roster will include one (1) head coach, three (3) assistant coaches and two (2) managers. Rosters shall be completed via the NHIAA website. If a team is going to make the tournament, a team photo in uniform (no warm-ups and no mascots allowed) must be submitted with a photo lineup. If no photo is received a logo will be supplemented.

**Sect. 13: Divisional Alignment**

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

**2019-20 Boys Basketball Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (900+)</b>	<b>DIV. II (525-899)</b>	<b>DIV. III (286-524)</b>	<b>DIV. IV (1- 285)</b>
<b>22 Schools</b>	<b>22 Schools</b>	<b>21 Schools</b>	<b>22 Schools</b>
Pinkerton 3449	Milford 855	Fall Mountain 506	Epping 280
Nashua South 1862	Merrimack Valley 819	Monadnock 502	Newmarket 267
Nashua North 1744	Man. West 816	Gilford 491	Littleton 259
Exeter 1705	Hollis/Brookline 806	Prospect Mountain 479	Farmington 258
Concord 1661	Pembroke 799	Campbell 466	Derryfield 257
Man. Central 1510	Oyster River 794	Winnisquam 448	Woodsville 209
Bedford 1498	Souhegan 789	Somersworth 438	Ports. Christian at Dover 179
Londonderry 1496	Kingswood 783	St. Thomas 432	Moultonborough 171
Man. Memorial 1455	Kennett 752	Conant 400	Nute 168
Keene 1420	ConVal 733	Berlin 399	Pittsfield 168
Spaulding 1391	Hanover 725	Belmont 396	Wilton-Lyndeborough 159
Dover 1336	Coe-Brown 714	Raymond 384	Hinsdale 153
Merrimack 1219	Plymouth 677	Newfound 373	Profile 151
Alvirne 1200	John Stark 669	White Mountains 373	Sunapee 142
Timberlane 1173	Bow 661	Newport 356	Groveton 130
Salem 1170	Pelham 656	Hillsboro-Deering 345	Gorham 124
Goffstown 1114	Sanborn 646	Mascoma 343	Colebrook 114
Portsmouth 1078	Lebanon 575	Inter-Lakes 332	Pittsburg-Canaan 103
Winnacunnet 1078	Stevens 548	Mascenic 312	Lisbon 103
Windham 925	Laconia 547	Franklin 309	Lin-Wood 102
*Bishop Guertin 789	Kearsarge 541	Hopkinton 288	Concord Christian 86
*Trinity 314	*Bishop Brady 320		Mount Royal 56
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