

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 15th 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 4th 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.

2021-22 Boys Basketball Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (900+)	DIV. II (525-899)	DIV. III (286-524)	DIV. IV (1- 285)
22 Schools	20 Schools	22 Schools	24 Schools
Pinkerton 3283	Hollis/Brookline 857	*Stevens 555	Newmarket 280
Nashua South 1901	Oyster River 839	Kearsarge 508	Franklin 278
Nashua North 1735	Milford 833	Gilford 489	Derryfield 269
Exeter 1649	Man. West 804	Monadnock 479	Farmington 253
Concord 1530	Merrimack Valley 795	Fall Mountain 465	Epping 251
Bedford 1505	Kingswood 794	Prospect Mnt. 454	Woodsville 218
Dover 1474	Pembroke 763	Winnisquam 448	Littleton 217
Londonderry 1458	Souhegan 751	Campbell 439	Moultonborough 168
Man. Memorial 1430	Hanover 743	Somersworth 433	Wilton-Lyndeborough 163
Keene 1382	Kennett 739	St. Thomas 402	Por. Christian at Dover 155
Man. Central 1331	Con-Val 718	Newfound 391	Sunapee 155
Spaulding 1308	Coe-Brown 691	Berlin 378	Pittsfield 152
Merrimack 1226	Sanborn 651	Conant 373	Gorham 138
Salem 1175	Plymouth 644	Hillsboro 367	Hinsdale 136
Portsmouth 1119	Bow 638	Belmont 358	Nute 134
Alvirne 1115	John Stark 618	Raymond 351	Groveton 131
Timberlane 1100	Lebanon 606	White Mountains 348	Profile 129
Winnacunnet 1087	Pelham 605	Mascoma 345	Concord Christian 112
Goffstown 1071	Laconia 542	Hopkinton 320	Colebrook 111
Windham 997	*Bishop Brady 304	Newport 316	Lisbon 107
*Bishop Guertin 793		Inter-Lakes 305	Pittsburg-Canaan 106
*Trinity 324		Mascenic 293	Lin-Wood 97
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