

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXI

Golf

Boys and Girls

Sect. 1: Golf shall be administered by the NHIAA Golf Committee via the Polices and Procedures Manual. In all other instances, play will be governed by the rules of the United States Golf Association (USGA).

Sect. 2: NHIAA Golf Tournament

A. Boys Golf Tournament:

1. An annual golf tournament in each division shall be conducted by the NHIAA Golf Committee.
2. The tournament will be open to all eligible students of NHIAA member schools.
3. Dates and sites for the golf tournaments will be selected by the Golf Committee.

B. Girls Golf Tournament:

1. The NHIAA shall annually sponsor a girls individual tournament.
2. If a girl participates in the team championship representing her school and qualifies for the subsequent individual championship, she may not participate if she has already participated in the NHIAA State Girls Golf Individual Championship.

Sect. 3: Code of Conduct

All competitors at the NHIAA tournaments will conduct themselves in such a manner that respect is shown for the game of golf, for the golf course and facilities which are being used, and for the other participants in the tournaments.

Sect. 4: Divisional Alignment

Golf shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee. Each division shall sponsor its own team and individual tournament.

2018-19 Golf Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1150+)		DIV. II (700-1149)		DIV. III (400-699)		DIV IV (1-399)	
19 Schools		13 Schools		19 Schools		12 Schools	
Pinkerton	3449	Goffstown	1114	*Con-Val	733	White Mountains	373
Nashua South	1862	Portsmouth	1078	Plymouth	677	Newport	356
Nashua North	1744	Windham	925	John Stark	669	Hillsboro-Deering	345
Exeter	1705	Milford	855	Bow	661	Inter-Lakes	332
Concord	1661	Merrimack Valley	819	Pelham	656	Trinity	314
Man. Central	1510	Hollis/Brookline	806	Sanborn	646	Mascenic	312
Bedford	1498	Pembroke	799	Lebanon	575	Hopkinton	288
Londonderry	1496	Oyster River	794	Stevens	548	Littleton	259
Man. Memorial	1455	Souhegan	789	Laconia	547	Farmington	258
Keene	1420	Kingswood	783	Kearsarge	541	Woodsville	209
Spaulding	1391	Kennett	752	Fall Mountain	506	Moultonborough	171
Dover	1336	Coe-Brown	714	Monadnock	502	Sunapee	142
Merrimack	1219	*St. Thomas	432	Gilford	491		
Alvirne	1200			Prospect Mountain	479		
Timberlane	1173			Campbell	466		
Salem	1170			Conant	400	*Petition	
*Winnacunnet	1078			*Belmont	396		
*Bishop Guertin	789			*Bishop Brady	320		
*Hanover	725			*Derryfield	257		

Sect. 5: Tournament Selection

The top ten (10) teams (and ties for tenth place) in Division I and III, and the top seven (7) teams (and ties for seventh place) in Division II and IV, based on their win-loss record in their Division, shall qualify for the state tournament. (CM 1.2018)

Sect. 6: Seasonal Play Rules & Regulations

Seven (7) players in Division III, six (6) players IV and eight (8) players in II will be designated by the coach to compete (Stableford Scoring Format) in seasonal matches. Eight (8) players in Divisions I will be designated by the coach to compete (medal play) in seasonal matches. The total points of the highest four (4) in Divisions III and IV and the highest five (5) in Divisions II will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the highest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second highest, second place and two wins - one loss; third highest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth highest score, fourth place and no wins – three losses. The lowest five (5) in Divisions I will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the lowest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second lowest, second place and two wins - one loss; third lowest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth lowest score, fourth place and no wins – three losses. (CM 5.2018)

Sect. 7: Type of NHIAA Tournament

The first day of the tournament shall consist of 18 holes of stroke play. The combined total of the best four (4) in Divisions III and IV and five (5) in Divisions I and II individual 18 hole scores for each school shall determine the team champion and runner-up in that division.

Sect. 8: Awards

- A. Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to eight (8) team medals for Divisions III and IV and ten (10) in Divisions I and II will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.
- B. Medals will be awarded to the top ten (10) medalists in Divisions I and III based upon their 36 hole scores. Medals will be awarded to the top five (5) medalists in Divisions II and IV based upon their 36 hole scores. In the event of a tie for the individual division champion, the individuals shall play a sudden victory round beginning on the first hole and continuing until a winner is determined. Ties for places two through nine in Divisions I and II, and ties for places two through five in Divisions III and IV shall be the last nine holes. If competitors are still tied after using the last nine holes, then the winner will be determined on the basis of the scores for the last six holes, last three (3) holes, the 18th hole, 17th hole, etc. All players tied for tenth place in Divisions I and II, and all players tied for fifth place in Divisions III and IV will receive a medal. (CM 5.2018)
- C. If a tie exists for the team champion or runner-up the following steps will be taken:
 - Divisions I and II:
 1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the 6th lowest player will count toward the team total.
 2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue through the 7th and 8th players.
 3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
 - Divisions III and IV:
 1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the 5th lowest player will count toward the team total.
 2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue with the 6th player.
 3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
- D. At the NHIAA Girls Tournament medals will be awarded to the top six (6) medalists in the Championship Flight and the top six (6) medalists in the Medal Flight. (See Golf Policies and Procedures Manual)

Section 9: Scheduling Calendar

The NHIAA must be notified in writing on or before May 1st of the calendar year to offer a golf program.