BY-LAW ARTICLE XXXI 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 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.

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. 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. 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

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

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 23 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.

2021-22 Softball Divisional Alignment							
DIV. I (900+) 21 Schools		DIV. II (525-899) 20 Schools		DIV. III (286-524) 23 Schools		DIV. IV (1-285)	
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Pinkerton	3283	Hollis/Brookline	857	*Lebanon	606	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	Groveton	131
Alvirne	1115	John Stark	618	Raymond	351	Profile	129
Timberlane	1100	Pelham	605	White Mountains	348	Colebrook	111
Winnacunnet	1087	Stevens	555	Mascoma	345	Lisbon	107
Goffstown	1071	Laconia	542	Trinity	324	Pittsburg-Canaan	106
Windham	997			Hopkinton	320	Lin-Wood	97
*Bishop Guertin	793			Newport	316	Newmarket	280
				Inter-Lakes	305		
				Bishop Brady	304		
* Petition				Mascenic	293		