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Sect. 1: Spirit shall be administered by the NHIAA Spirit Committee. The rules of the National Federation shall govern the sport when applicable. A limit of four (4) competitions sanctioned by the NHIAA per season (fall, winter) prior to the State Competition and prior to the end of the regular season in your division in that sport will be allowed.

Sect. 2: Divisional Alignment

Fall and Winter spirit shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

2020-21 Fall Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1100+)			DIV. II (630-1099)			DIV. III (1-629)	
18 Schools			11 Schools			10 Schools	
Pinkerton	3283		Winnacunnet	1087		Stevens	555
Nashua South	1901		Goffstown	1071		Kearsarge	508
Nashua North	1735		Windham	997		Campbell	439
Exeter	1649		Hollis/Brookline	857		Somersworth	433
Concord	1530		Milford	833		Mascoma	345
Bedford	1505		Man. West	804		Trinity	324
Dover	1474		Merrimack Valley	795		Newport	316
Londonderry	1458		Pembroke	763		Franklin	278
Man. Memorial	1430		Souhegan	751		Epping	251
Keene	1382		Con-Val	718		Woodsville	218
Man. Central	1331		Sanborn	651			
Spaulding	1308		Plymouth	644			
Merrimack	1226		Bow	638			
Salem	1175		*Pelham	605			
Portsmouth	1119						
Alvirne	1115						
Timberlane	1100						
*Bishop Guertin	793						

* Petition

2020-21 Winter Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1100+)			DIV. II (600-1099)			DIV. III (1-599)	
18 Schools			13 Schools			19 Schools	
Pinkerton	3283		Winnacunnet	1087		Stevens	555
Nashua South	1901		Goffstown	1071		Laconia	542
Nashua North	1735		Windham	997		Prospect Mnt.	454
Exeter	1649		Hollis/Brookline	857		Winnisquam	448
Concord	1530		Milford	833		Campbell	439
Bedford	1505		Man. West	804		Newfound	391
Dover	1474		Merrimack Valley	795		Berlin	378
Londonderry	1458		Pembroke	763		Conant	373
Man. Memorial	1430		Con-Val	718		Hillsboro	367
Keene	1382		Sanborn	651		Raymond	351
Man. Central	1331		Bow	638		White Mountains	348
Spaulding	1308		John Stark	618		Mascoma	345
Merrimack	1226		Pelham	605		Trinity	324
Salem	1175					Newport	316
Portsmouth	1119					Mascenic	293
Alvirne	1115		*Petition			Farmington	253
Timberlane	1100					Epping	251
*Bishop Guertin	793					Littleton	217
						Hinsdale	136

Sect. 3: Competition Rosters

- A. *Competition teams shall be limited to no more than 22 members who have participated in practices and cheered at games throughout the current spirit season. The remainder of the roster may include up to five (5) non-athletes. 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 allowed) must be submitted with a photo lineup. If no photo is received a logo will be supplemented. *NOTE: A maximum of 20 members will be on the competition floor. The additional two are to have the same eligibility as the other members in the event they are needed to replace an injured athlete. (CM 5.2015; 11.2016)
- B. The number of athletes allowed at other sports tournaments shall be governed by those individual sports committees. (See Spirit Policy and Procedures Manual)

Sect. 4: State Tournaments

- A. The State Tournament Competition shall be administered by the NHIAA Spirit Committee.
- B. All member schools will be able, but not required; to enter one (1) varsity team into the State Competition provided they have cheered for a school team, such as football, as a squad. There will be no strictly competition teams allowed.
- C. Tournament rules shall be set by the NHIAA Spirit Committee.
- D. Under no circumstances may a State Championship be held with less than five (5) schools in a division participating.

Sect. 5: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division. Twenty-seven team medals shall be awarded to the team members, managers, and coaches of the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

Sect. 6: Competition Judges

The NHIAA Spirit Committee shall have the responsibility of selecting judges for each tournament event.

Sect. 7: Sanctioning

- A. All competition events outside of the NHIAA State Championship must be sanctioned in accordance with NHIAA By-Law Article VIII, Sanctioning Procedures for Athletic Competition. Only requests from member schools or other State Association member schools shall be considered.
- B. In order for a spirit squad to be eligible to participate in outside competition, that squad must compete in the NHIAA State Tournament competition. (Refer to the Spirit Policy and Procedures Manual for specific requirements when applying for sanction of an event.)