

**BY-LAW ARTICLE XXXII**

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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.

**2021-22 Fall Spirit Divisional Alignment**

| <b>DIV. I (1100+)</b> |      |  | <b>DIV. II (630-1099)</b> |      |  | <b>DIV. III (1-629)</b> |     |
|-----------------------|------|--|---------------------------|------|--|-------------------------|-----|
| <b>18 Schools</b>     |      |  | <b>11 Schools</b>         |      |  | <b>10 Schools</b>       |     |
| 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

**2021-22 Winter Spirit Divisional Alignment**

| <b>DIV. I (1100+)</b> |      |  | <b>DIV. II (600-1099)</b> |      |  | <b>DIV. III (1-599)</b> |     |
|-----------------------|------|--|---------------------------|------|--|-------------------------|-----|
| <b>18 Schools</b>     |      |  | <b>13 Schools</b>         |      |  | <b>19 Schools</b>       |     |
| 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.)