

**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.

**2022-23 Fall Spirit Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (1100+)</b>		<b>DIV. II (630-1099)</b>		<b>DIV. III (1-629)</b>				
<b>17 Schools</b>		<b>13 Schools</b>		<b>13 Schools</b>				
	Pinkerton	3117		Windham	1062		Plymouth	626
	Portsmouth-Oyster River	1903		Timberlane	1048		Sanborn	565
	Nashua South	1875		Goffstown	1006		Stevens	546
	Nashua North	1690		Hollis/Brookline	833		Kearsarge	515
	Dover	1548		Merrimack Valley	794		Campbell	432
	Concord	1515		Milford	780		Somersworth	393
	Man. Memorial	1483		Man. West	777		Trinity	331
	Bedford	1454		Pembroke	752		Mascoma	319
	Londonderry	1363		Con-Val	711		Newport	300
	Keene	1358		Souhegan	709		Franklin	275
	Man. Central	1342		Bow	630		Epping	246
	Spaulding	1331		Lebanon	614		Woodsville	225
	Merrimack	1158		*Pelham	580		Monadnock	444
	Salem	1158						
	Winnacunnet	1139						
	*Alvirne	1069						
	*Bishop Guertin	803						

\* Petition

**2022-23 Winter Spirit Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (1100+)</b>		<b>DIV. II (600-1099)</b>		<b>DIV. III (1-599)</b>				
<b>16 Schools</b>		<b>16 Schools</b>		<b>21 Schools</b>				
	Pinkerton	3117		Windham	1062		Laconia	589
	Nashua South	1875		Timberlane	1048		Sanborn	565
	Nashua North	1690		Portsmouth	1040		Stevens	546
	Dover	1548		Goffstown	1006		Farmington	501
	Concord	1515		Hollis/Brookline	833		Winnisquam	456
	Man. Memorial	1483		Merrimack Valley	794		Monadnock	444
	Bedford	1454		Milford	780		Campbell	432
	Londonderry	1363		Man. West	777		Newfound	419
	Keene	1358		Pembroke	752		Prospect Mnt.	417
	Man. Central	1342		Kingswood	735		Somersworth	393
	Spaulding	1331		Con-Val	711		Conant	386
	Merrimack	1158		Souhegan	709		Hillsboro	373
	Salem	1158		Bow	630		Raymond	364
	Winnacunnet	1139		Lebanon	614		Berlin	360
	*Alvirne	1069		*John Stark	587		Trinity	331
	*Bishop Guertin	803		*Pelham	580		Mascoma	319
							Newport	300
							Mascenic	270
							Epping	246
							Littleton	226
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\*Petition

**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.)