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Spirit

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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

DIV. I (1100+)		DIV. II (630-1099)		DIV. III (1-629)	
18 Schools		12 Schools		12 Schools	
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
Exeter	1513	Man. West	777	Trinity	331
Man. Memorial	1483	Pembroke	752	Mascoma	319
Bedford	1454	Con-Val	711	Newport	300
Londonderry	1363	Souhegan	709	Franklin	275
Keene	1358	Bow	630	Epping	246
Man. Central	1342	*Pelham	580	Woodsville	225
Spaulding	1331	Windham	1062		
Merrimack	1158	Timberlane	1048		
Salem	1158	Goffstown	1006		
Winnacunnet	1139				
*Alvirne	1069				
*Bishop Guertin	803				

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2022-23 Winter Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1100+)		DIV. II (600-1099)		DIV. III (1-599)	
17 Schools		13 Schools		20 Schools	
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
Exeter	1513	Merrimack Valley	794	Campbell	432
Man. Memorial	1483	Milford	780	Newfound	419
Bedford	1454	Man. West	777	Prospect Mnt.	417
Londonderry	1363	Pembroke	752	Conant	386
Keene	1358	Con-Val	711	Hillsboro	373
Man. Central	1342	Bow	630	Raymond	364
Spaulding	1331	*John Stark	587	Berlin	360
Merrimack	1158	*Pelham	580	White Mountains	352
Salem	1158			Trinity	331
Winnacunnet	1139			Mascoma	319
*Alvirne	1069	*Petition		Newport	300
*Bishop Guertin	803			Mascenic	270
				Epping	246
				Littleton	226
				Hinsdale	139

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.)