

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE XVI**

### **Basketball Boys and Girls**

**Sect. 1:** Basketball shall be administered by the NHIAA Basketball Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable.

**Sect. 2:** The Committee shall annually approve schedules of teams for tournament competition.

**Sect. 3:** All basketball schedules are due into the NHIAA office no later than October 24<sup>th</sup> each year.

**Sect. 4:** All tournaments, jamborees, festivals and similar competition in basketball must be sanctioned by the Basketball Committee of the NHIAA. All such contests sanctioned by the Committee shall not count on the regular season's record for tournament consideration. No school may enter more than one (1) approved Christmas tournament.

**Sect. 5:** To avoid increased injury risk, it is recommended that athletes play no more than six (6) quarters in one (1) day. Administrators and coaches should monitor quarters played per day. Athletes who participate in more than six (6) quarters per day should be closely monitored by coaches, administrators, and/or medical personnel (i.e. Athletic Trainers, etc). (CM 5.2023)

**Sect. 6:** The Basketball Committee, in its approval of all schedules, will be guided primarily by the following:

- A. Each member school may schedule no more than three (3) different NHIAA member schools three (3) games each on their approved annual schedule to the NHIAA Basketball Committee. This applies to out-of-state schools providing they are members of their respective state associations.
- B. Games can neither be added nor deleted from schedules after they have been approved by the NHIAA.

#### **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 boys and girls tournament. (CM 5.2016)

#### **Sect. 8: Mercy Rule All Divisions**

A mercy rule will be in effect for all divisions. Running time will go into effect when a lead of 35 point in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, and stop for free throws and time-outs. Upon reaching the 35-point differential, the clock will remain running for the duration of the period and stop only for time-outs and free throws. Should the point differential drop below 35 point during running time, the clock will continue to run for the remainder of the game. (CM 5.2016)

**Sect. 9:** In order to be eligible for post-season tournament play, each team must play at least fifty percent (50%) of its games with New Hampshire schools.

#### **Sect. 10: Awards**

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 21 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division for boys and girls.

#### **Sect. 11: Interrupted Games**

Whenever a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the principals from both schools agree to terminate the game with the existing score. If the game is to be continued, both officials should sign the official scorebook and note the time on the clock and the period when the game was interrupted. (CM 5.2015)

**Sect. 12: Tournament Rosters**

Each school will be allowed 21 individuals with no more than 15 of them being players in uniform. The remainder of the roster will include one (1) head coach, three (3) 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. 13: Divisional Alignment**

Boys and girls basketball shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

**2024-25 Boys Basketball Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (900+)</b>	<b>DIV. II (501-899)</b>	<b>DIV. III (281-500)</b>	<b>DIV. IV (1- 280)</b>
<b>22 Schools</b>	<b>20 Schools</b>	<b>22 Schools</b>	<b>23 Schools</b>
Pinkerton 3079	Oyster River 844	Monadnock 499	Newmarket 280
Nashua South 1704	Man. West 781	Stevens 499	Franklin 272
Nashua North 1626	Merrimack Valley 763	Gilford 492	Mascenic 260
Concord 1464	Pembroke 756	Fall Mountain 490	Farmington 233
Dover 1417	Hollis/Brookline 750	Kearsarge 485	Epping 221
Bedford 1404	Kingswood 746	Prospect Mountain 410	Profile 221
Spaulding 1390	Kennett 707	Somersworth 406	Littleton 214
Exeter 1384	Milford 698	Winnisquam 403	Woodsville 212
Man. Memorial 1365	Souhegan 693	Newfound 394	Portsmouth Christian 178
Keene 1341	Hanover 689	Hillsboro-Deering 382	Hinsdale 164
Londonderry 1291	Coe-Brown 662	White Mountains 375	Nute 161
Man. Central 1161	Con-Val 658	Conant 373	Pittsfield 161
Merrimack 1102	Plymouth 651	Belmont 360	Gorham 141
Salem 1096	John Stark 648	Campbell 356	Moultonborough 141
Winnacunnet 1073	Lebanon 618	St. Thomas Aquinas 354	Sunapee 132
Goffstown 1043	Bow 611	Berlin 348	Wilton-Lyndeborough 131
Alvirne 1025	Laconia 590	Raymond 343	Pittsburg-Canaan 129
Portsmouth 1024	Pelham 556	Mascoma 342	Groveton 119
Windham 995	Sanborn 524	Hopkinton 300	Concord Christian 114
Timberlane 986	*Bishop Brady 261	Newport 292	Colebrook 112
*Bishop Guertin 771		Derryfield 291	Lin-Wood 77
*Trinity 327		Inter-Lakes 285	Holy Family 66
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\*Petition

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