

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: All basketball schedules are due into the NHIAA office no later than October 24th each year.

Sect. 3: 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. 4: 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. 5: 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.
- C. In order to be eligible for post-season tournament play, each team must play **twelve (12) games within their division**. (CM 11.24)

Sect. 6: 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. 7: 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 4th 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. 8: 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. 9: 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. 10: 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. 11: 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.

2025-26 Boys Basketball Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (900+) 22 Schools		DIV. II (501-899) 20 Schools		DIV. III (281-500) 22 Schools		DIV. IV (1- 280) 24 Schools	
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
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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	Lisbon	81
*Trinity	327			Inter-Lakes	285	Lin-Wood	77
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