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Sect. 1: Golf shall be administered by the NHIAA Golf Committee via the Policies and Procedures Manual. In all other instances, play will be governed by the rules of the United States Golf Association (USGA).

Sect. 2: NHIAA Golf Tournament

A. Boys Golf Tournament:

1. An annual golf tournament in each division shall be conducted by the NHIAA Golf Committee.
2. The tournament will be open to all eligible students of NHIAA member schools.
3. Dates and sites for the golf tournaments will be selected by the Golf Committee.

B. Girls Golf Tournament:

1. The NHIAA shall annually sponsor a girls individual tournament.
2. If a girl participates in the team championship representing her school and qualifies for the subsequent individual championship, she may not participate if she has already participated in the NHIAA State Girls Golf Individual Championship.

Sect. 3: Code of Conduct

All competitors at the NHIAA tournaments will conduct themselves in such a manner that respect is shown for the game of golf, for the golf course and facilities which are being used, and for the other participants in the tournaments.

Sect. 4: Divisional Alignment

Golf shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee. Each division shall sponsor its own team and individual tournament.

2024-25 Golf Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1096+) 17 Schools	DIV. II (690-1095) 15 Schools	DIV. III (491-689) 15 Schools	DIV IV (1-490) 17 Schools
Pinkerton 3079	Winnacunnet 1073	Coe-Brown 662	Fall Mountain 490
Nashua South 1704	Goffstown 1043	Con-Val 658	Prospect Mountain 410
Nashua North 1626	Alvirne 1025	Plymouth 651	Hillsboro-Deering 382
Concord 1464	Portsmouth 1024	John Stark 648	White Mountains 375
Dover 1417	Timberlane 986	Lebanon 618	Conant 373
Bedford 1404	Oyster River 844	Pelham 556	Belmont 360
Spaulding 1390	Merrimack Valley 763	Sanborn 524	Hopkinton 300
Exeter 1384	Pembroke 756	Monadnock 499	Newport 292
Man. Memorial 1365	Hollis/Brookline 750	Stevens 499	Inter-Lakes 285
Keene 1341	Kingswood 746	Gilford 492	Mascenic 260
Londonderry 1291	Kennett 707	*Kearsarge 485	Farmington 233
Man. Central 1161	Milford 698	*Campbell 356	Littleton 214
Merrimack 1102	Souhegan 693	*Trinity 327	Woodsville 212
Salem 1096	*Bow 611	*Derryfield 291	Gorham 141
*Windham 995	*St. Thomas Aquinas 354	*Bishop Brady 261	Moultonborough 141
*Bishop Guertin 771			Sunapee 132
*Hanover 689			Concord Christian 114
	*Petition		

Sect. 5: Tournament Selection

The top eight (8) teams (and ties for eighth place) in Division I, II, III and IV, based on their win-loss record in their Division, shall qualify for the state tournament.

Sect. 6: Seasonal Play Rules & Regulations

A maximum of seven (7) and no fewer than four (4) players in Division III, and a maximum of six (6) and no fewer than four (4) players in Division IV will be designated by the coach to compete (Stableford Scoring Format) in seasonal matches. The total points of the highest five (5) in Division II and the highest four (4) in Divisions III and IV will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the highest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second highest, second place and two wins - one loss; third highest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth highest score, fourth place and no wins - three losses. (CM 5.2018; CM 11.2019; CM 8.2021)

Eight (8) players in Division I and II will be designated by the coach to compete (Stroke Play) in seasonal matches. The lowest five (5) in Division I and II will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the lowest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second lowest, second place and two wins - one loss; third lowest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth lowest score, fourth place and no wins - three losses. (CM 11.2019; CM 8.2021)

Tournament scoring for all divisions will be Stroke Play with stroke limits.

Sect. 7: Type of NHIAA Tournament

The first day of the tournament shall consist of 18 holes of stroke play. The combined total of the best four (4) in Divisions III and IV and five (5) in Divisions I and II individual 18-hole scores for each school shall determine the team champion and runner-up in that division.

Sect. 8: Awards

- A. Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to eight (8) team medals for Divisions III and IV and ten (10) in Divisions I and II will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.
- B. Medals will be awarded to the top five (5) medalists in all Divisions (I-IV) based upon their 36-hole scores. In the event of a tie for the individual division champion, the individuals shall play a sudden victory round beginning on the first hole and continuing until a winner is determined. Ties for places two through five in all Divisions (I-IV) shall be the last **hole round**. If competitors are still tied after using the last **18 hole round**, then the winner will be determined on the basis of the scores for the last **nine holes**, last **six (6) holes**, **the last three (3) holes**, the 18th hole, 17th hole, etc. All players tied for fifth place in all Divisions (I-IV) will receive a medal. (CM 5.2024)
- C. If a tie exists for the team champion or runner-up the following steps will be taken:
 - Divisions I and II:
 1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the 6th lowest player will count toward the team total.
 2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue through the 7th and 8th players.
 3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
 - Divisions III and IV:
 1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the 5th lowest player will count toward the team total.
 2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue with the 6th player.
 3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
- D. The top six (6) in the Medal Flight will be awarded medals based upon their 9-hole scores. The top six (6) in the Championship Flight will be awarded medals based upon their 36-hole scores. (See Golf Policy and Procedures Manual) (CM 5.2022)

Section 9: Scheduling Calendar

The NHIAA must be notified in writing on or before May 1st of the calendar year to offer a team golf program.