

## BY-LAW ARTICLE XXII

### Golf Coed

**Sect. 1:** Golf shall be administered by the NHIAA Golf Committee via the Policy 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. Coed Team** 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. Individual Golf Tournament:**

The NHIAA shall annually sponsor a boy's and girls individual tournament.

#### **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.

##### **2025-26 Golf Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (1096+)</b>		<b>DIV. II (690-1095)</b>		<b>DIV. III (491-689)</b>		<b>DIV IV (1-490)</b>	
<b>17 Schools</b>		<b>15 Schools</b>		<b>16 Schools</b>		<b>19 Schools</b>	
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	Somersworth	406
Concord	1464	Portsmouth	1024	John Stark	648	Hillsboro-Deering	382
Dover	1417	Timberlane	986	Lebanon	618	White Mountains	375
Bedford	1404	Oyster River	844	Laconia	590	Conant	373
Spaulding	1390	Merrimack Valley	763	Pelham	556	Belmont	360
Exeter	1384	Pembroke	756	Sanborn	524	Hopkinton	300
Man. Memorial	1365	Hollis/Brookline	750	Monadnock	499	Newport	292
Keene	1341	Kingswood	746	Stevens	499	Inter-Lakes	285
Londonderry	1291	Kennett	707	Gilford	492	Mascenic	260
Man. Central	1161	Milford	698	*Kearsarge	485	Farmington	233
Merrimack	1102	Souhegan	693	*Campbell	356	Littleton	214
Salem	1096	*Bow	611	*Trinity	327	Woodsville	212
*Windham	995	*St. Thomas Aquinas	354	*Derryfield	291	Gorham	141
*Bishop Guertin	771			*Bishop Brady	261	Moultonborough	141
*Hanover	689					Wilton-Lynd.	131
						Sunapee	132
						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 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; 11.2019; 8.2021; 11.2024)

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 team 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year to offer a team golf program.