

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXIII

Ice Hockey Boys and Girls

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

Sect. 2: The NHIAA Ice Hockey Committee shall be responsible for conducting the Annual State Ice Hockey Tournament. The Committee will arrange for the tournament to be played at times and sites to be determined.

Sect. 3: All games in NH, regular season and tournament, will be played according to the National Federation Ice Hockey Rules as they apply to high school games.

Sect. 4: All schedules are due in the NHIAA office no later than September 15th. The Ice Hockey Committee shall meet to approve schedules of the teams for tournament consideration.

Sect. 5: All tournaments, jamborees, and similar competition must be sanctioned by the Ice Hockey Committee through the Executive Director. These sanctioned contests shall not count on the regular season's record for tournament consideration. No school may enter more than one approved Christmas tournament.

Sect. 6: All schedules for tournament consideration shall be guided by the following:

- A. In order to qualify for tournament consideration, each team must play a minimum of 12 games against NH schools within their own Division. Deviations shall only occur with the approval of the Ice Hockey Committee.
- B. Games can neither be added nor deleted from the schedules after they have been approved by the NHIAA.
- C. Scrimmages against other schools shall not be permitted during the first three (3) days of practice and after the first scheduled game. This regulation also applies to sub-varsity teams.

Sect. 7: Divisional Alignment

Boys Ice Hockey schools shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee. Girls Ice Hockey schools shall be aligned as one (1) division.

2023-24 Ice Hockey Boys Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (2000 +)		DIV. II (1350–1999)		DIV. III (1–1349)	
16 Schools		13 Schools		10 Schools	
Man. Central-West-Memorial	3602	Alvirne-Milford	1849	Laconia-Winnisquam-Interlakes	1337
Pinkerton	3117	Monadnock-Fall Mnt-ConVal	1656	John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro	1282
Nashua South-Pelham	2455	Dover	1548	Pembroke-Campbell	1184
Nashua North-Souhegan	2399	Lebanon-Stevens-Mascoma	1479	Kearsarge-Plymouth	1141
*Concord	1515	*Spaulding	1331	Hollis/Brookline-Derryfield	1114
*Exeter	1513	*Portsmouth-Newmarket	1312	Belmont-Gilford	878
*Bedford	1454	*Merrimack	1158	Sanborn-Epping	811
*Bishop Brady-Mer. Valley-C. Christian	1142	*Winnacunnet	1139	Kingswood	735
*Londonderry	1363	*Somersworth-CoeBrown	1090	Kennett	730
*Keene	1358	*Timberlane	1048	Berlin-Gorham	596
*Salem	1158	*Goffstown	1006		
*Windham	1062	*Oyster River	863		
*Bishop Guertin	803	*St. Thomas	416		
*Hanover	690				
*Bow	630				
*Trinity	331				

*Petition

2023-24 Girls Ice Hockey Divisional Alignment

16 Schools

Bedford	Keene-Monadnock-Fall Mountain
Berlin-Gorham-Kennett	Kingswood-Prospect Mnt.
Bishop Brady-Trinity-Londonderry	Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge
Bishop Guertin	Man. Central-Memorial-West
Concord	Oyster River-Portsmouth
Con-Val-Conant	Pinkerton
Exeter	Souhegan
Hanover	St. Thomas-Winnacunnet-Dover

Sect. 8: Team Selection and Format for the State Tournament (CM 6.2016):

- A. 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 in each division.
- B. Tournament team selection will be determined in accordance with the present divisional alignment.
- C. Tournament games will consist of three (3) 15-minute periods. Each game will be played straight through. In the event of a tie the following tournament overtime rule shall apply: For all tournament games there shall be 15 minute "Sudden Victory" overtime period(s). New ice will be made and teams will change ends for every overtime period. This procedure will continue until a winner is determined.
- D. Mercy Rule: In the last period of any NHIAA game, regular season or tournament play, if a team is leading by six (6) or more goals, the clock will continue to run. If the lead is down to only four (4) goals, normal timing procedures will be instituted. The only time the clock will stop is to replace a goalie, when the goalie change rules apply, or to attend to an injured player.

Sect. 9: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 24 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

Sect. 10: Tournament Rosters

A TOTAL of 25 individuals to include 20 players (two goalies recommended), four (4) non-player personnel, and one (1) designated medical personnel shall be permitted to occupy the bench area. For those teams that do not have 20 players in uniform or a designated medical person, additional personnel may NOT be substituted. 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.