

**BY-LAW ARTICLE XXIV**

**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 an annual 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 October 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**2024-25 Ice Hockey Boys Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (1750 +)</b>		<b>DIV. II (1042-1749)</b>		<b>DIV. III (1-1041)</b>	
<b>15 Schools</b>		<b>12 Schools</b>		<b>12 Schools</b>	
Man. Central-West-Memorial	3307	Alvirne-Milford	1723	*Monadnock-FAM-ConVal	1647
Pinkerton	3079	Lebanon-Stevens-Mascoma	1459	*John Stark-HOP-HIL	1330
Nashua North-Souhegan	2319	Dover	1417	*Laconia-WNQ-Interlakes	1278
Nashua South-Pelham	2260	Spaulding	1390	*Kearsarge-Plymouth	1136
*Concord	1464	Portsmouth-Newmarket	1304	*Pembroke-Campbell	1112
*Bedford	1404	Merrimack	1102	*Sanborn-Epping-Raymond	1088
*Exeter	1384	Winnacunnet	1073	Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield	1041
*Keene	1341	Somersworth-CoeBrown	1068	Bishop Brady-Merrimack Valley	1024
*Londonderry	1291	Goffstown	1043	Belmont-Gilford	852
*Salem	1096	*Timberlane	986	Kingswood	746
*Windham	995	*Oyster River	844	Kennett	707
*Bishop Guertin	771	*St. Thomas Aquinas	354	Berlin-Gorham	489
*Hanover	689				
*Bow	611	*Petition			
*Trinity	327				

**2024-25/2025-26 Girls Ice Hockey 17 Schools**

Pinkerton	3079	Concord	1464	Con-Val-Conant	1031
St. Thomas-Winnacunnet-Dover	2844	Bedford	1404	Hanover	869
Man. Central-Memorial	2526	Exeter	1384	Bishop Guertin	771
Keene-Monadnock-Fall Mountain	2330	Bishop Brady-Trinity- Bow	1199	Kingswood	746
Oyster River-Portsmouth	1868	Berlin-Gorham-Kennett	1196	Souhegan	693
Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge	1602	Goffstown	1043		

**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.