

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXXI

Softball

Girls

Sect. 1: Softball shall be administered by the NHIAA Softball Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable. The Softball Rules of the National Federation will be used to govern all interscholastic softball games.

Sect. 2: Results of games played in all divisions must be posted on the NHIAA website immediately following the game. Failure to do so may result in teams being eliminated from tournament consideration.

Sect. 3: Schedule Requirements

All schedules must be submitted to the Executive Director on or before the deadline date of February 1st of each year. It is strongly recommended that in drawing up interschool schedules, Thursday of each week be left open for the purposes of rescheduling due to postponements, etc.

Sect. 4: NOCSAE approved equipment must be used in all NHIAA contests.

Sect. 5: Tournament Rosters

All tournament teams will be limited to a maximum of 23 individuals, with no more than 18 of them being players in uniform. The remainder of the roster will include one (1) head coach, two (2) 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. 6: Suspended Games

If weather or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game if: a) five (5) innings have been played, or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four (4), or four (4) and a fraction terms at bat than the visiting team has scored in five (5) terms at bat; or b) play has gone beyond five full innings.

In "b", if the game is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed terms at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the uncompleted inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be completed from the point of suspension, with the line-up and batting order of each team the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game.

Sect. 7: Tournament Selection

The maximum number of teams allowed per By-Law Article IV: Classification; Sect. 10; Tournament Selection Requirements will qualify for the tournament in each division. (CM 5.2016)

Sect. 8: Selection of Tournament Sites

Preliminary and quarterfinal round games will be played at the site of the highest seeded team. The semifinal, and final rounds will be played at sites selected by the Committee. Final games and times at neutral sites will be rotated on a yearly basis.

Sect. 9: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 23 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

Sect. 10: Divisional Alignment

Softball shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

2023-24 Softball Divisional Alignment			
DIV. I (900+)	DIV. II (550-899)	DIV. III (286-549)	DIV. IV (1-285)
21 Schools	19 Schools	20 Schools	21 Schools
Pinkerton 3117	Oyster River 863	Stevens 546	Franklin 275
Man. Central-Memorial 2825	Hollis/Brookline 833	Kearsarge 515	Newmarket 272
Nashua South 1875	Merrimack Valley 794	Fall Mountain 501	Mascenic 270
Nashua North 1690	Milford 780	Gilford 494	Farmington 249
Dover 1548	Pembroke 752	Winnisquam 456	Epping 246
Concord 1515	Kingswood 735	Monadnock 444	Gorham 236
Exeter 1513	Kennett 730	Newfound 419	Littleton 226
Bedford 1454	Con-Val 711	Prospect Mnt. 417	Woodsville 225
Londonderry 1363	Souhegan 709	St. Thomas 416	Wilton-Lyndeborough 159
Keene 1358	Coe-Brown 697	Somersworth 393	Por. Christian at Dover 150
Spaulding 1331	Hanover 690	Conant 386	Pittsfield 149
Merrimack 1158	Bow 630	Belmont 384	Moultonborough 144
Salem 1158	Plymouth 626	Hillsboro 373	Nute 143
Winnacunnet 1139	Lebanon 614	Raymond 364	Profile 142
Man. West-Trinity 1108	Laconia 589	Berlin 360	Hinsdale 139
Alvirne 1069	John Stark 587	White Mountains 352	Sunapee 133
Windham 1062	Pelham 580	Hopkinton 322	Groveton 127
Timberlane 1048	Sanborn 565	Mascoma 319	Pittsburg-Canaan 117
Portsmouth 1040	*Campbell 432	Newport 300	Colebrook 114
Goffstown 1006		*Bishop Brady 242	Lisbon 99
*Bishop Guertin 803			Lin-Wood 96

* Petition