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Sect. 1: Spirit shall be administered by the NHIAA Spirit Committee. The rules of the National Federation shall govern the sport when applicable. A limit of four (4) competitions sanctioned by the NHIAA per season (fall, winter) prior to the State Competition and prior to the end of the regular season in your division in that sport will be allowed.

Sect. 2: Divisional Alignment

Fall and Winter spirit shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

2025-26 Fall Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1000+)		DIV. II (500-999)		DIV. III (1-499)	
17 Schools		16 Schools		8 Schools	
Pinkerton	3079	*Keene	1341	Monadnock	499
Portsmouth-Oyster River	1868	*Merrimack	1102	Stevens	499
Nashua South	1704	Timberlane	986	Somersworth	406
Nashua North	1626	Man. West	781	Campbell	356
Concord	1464	Merrimack Valley	763	Raymond	343
Dover	1417	Pembroke	756	Trinity	327
Bedford	1404	Hollis/Brookline	750	Newport	292
Spaulding	1390	Kingswood	746	Franklin	272
Man. Memorial	1365	Milford	698		
Londonderry	1291	Souhegan	693		
Man. Central	1161	Con-Val	658		
Salem	1096	Plymouth	651		
Winnacunnet	1073	Lebanon	618		
Goffstown	1043	Bow	611	* Petition	
Alvirne	1025	Pelham	556		
*Windham	995	Sanborn	524		
*Bishop Guertin	771				

2025-26 Winter Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1000+)		DIV. II (500-999)		DIV. III (1-499)	
17 Schools		15 Schools		15 Schools	
Pinkerton	3079	*Keene	1341	Stevens	499
Nashua South	1704	*Merrimack	1102	Prospect Mtn.	410
Nashua North	1626	Timberlane	986	Somersworth	406
Concord	1464	Man. West	781	Winnisquam	403
Dover	1417	Merrimack Valley	763	Newfound	394
Bedford	1404	Pembroke	756	Hillsboro-Deering	382
Spaulding	1390	Hollis/Brookline	750	Conant	373
Man. Memorial	1365	Kingswood	746	Campbell	356
Londonderry	1291	Kennett	707	Berlin	348
Man. Central	1161	Milford	698	Raymond	343
Salem	1096	Con-Val	658	Trinity	327
Winnacunnet	1073	Bow	611	Newport	292
Goffstown	1043	Laconia	590	Franklin	272
Alvirne	1025	Pelham	556	Mascenic	260
Portsmouth	1024	Sanborn	524	Littleton	214
*Windham	995				
*Bishop Guertin	771				

*Petition

Sect. 3: Competition Rosters

- A. *Competition teams shall be limited to no more than 22 members who have participated in practices and cheered at games throughout the current spirit season. The remainder of the roster may include up to five (5) non-athletes. 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 allowed) must be submitted with a photo lineup. If no photo is received a logo will be supplemented. *NOTE: A maximum of 20 members will be on the competition floor. The additional two are to have the same eligibility as the other members in the event they are needed to replace an injured athlete. (CM 5.2015; 11.2016)
- B. The number of athletes allowed at other sports tournaments shall be governed by those individual sports committees. (See Spirit Policy and Procedures Manual)

Sect. 4: State Tournaments

- A. The State Tournament Competition shall be administered by the NHIAA Spirit Committee.
- B. All member schools will be able, but not required; to enter one (1) varsity team into the State Competition provided they have cheered for a school team, such as football, as a squad. There will be no strictly competition teams allowed.
- C. Tournament rules shall be set by the NHIAA Spirit Committee.
- D. Under no circumstances may a State Championship be held with less than five (5) schools in a division participating.

Sect. 5: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division. 27 team medals shall be awarded to the team members, managers, and coaches of the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

Sect. 6: Competition Judges

The NHIAA Spirit Committee shall have the responsibility of selecting judges for each tournament event.

Sect. 7: Sanctioning

- A. All competition events outside of the NHIAA State Championship must be sanctioned in accordance with NHIAA By-Law Article VIII, Sanctioning Procedures for Athletic Competition. Only requests from member schools or other State Association member schools shall be considered.
- B. In order for a spirit squad to be eligible to participate in outside competition, that squad must compete in the NHIAA State Tournament Competition. (Refer to the Spirit Policy and Procedures Manual for specific requirements when applying for sanction of an event.)