

BY-LAW ARTICLE XVI

Basketball Boys and Girls

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

Sect. 2: The Committee shall annually approve schedules of teams for tournament competition.

Sect. 3: All basketball schedules are due into the NHIAA office no later than October 24th each year.

Sect. 4: All tournaments, jamborees, festivals and similar competition in basketball must be sanctioned by the Basketball Committee of the NHIAA. All such contests sanctioned by the Committee shall not count on the regular season's record for tournament consideration. No school may enter more than one (1) approved Christmas tournament.

Sect. 5: To avoid increased injury risk, it is recommended that athletes play no more than six (6) quarters in one (1) day. Administrators and coaches should monitor quarters played per day. Athletes who participate in more than six (6) quarters per day should be closely monitored by coaches, administrators, and/or medical personnel (i.e. Athletic Trainers, etc). (CM 5.2023)

Sect. 6: The Basketball Committee, in its approval of all schedules, will be guided primarily by the following:

- A. Each member school may schedule no more than three (3) different NHIAA member schools three (3) games each on their approved annual schedule to the NHIAA Basketball Committee. This applies to out-of-state schools providing they are members of their respective state associations.
- B. Games can neither be added nor deleted from schedules after they have been approved by the NHIAA.

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 boys and girls tournament. (CM 5.2016)

Sect. 8: Mercy Rule All Divisions

A mercy rule will be in effect for all divisions. Running time will go into effect when a lead of 35 point in the 4th quarter, and stop for free throws and time-outs. Upon reaching the 35-point differential, the clock will remain running for the duration of the period and stop only for time-outs and free throws. Should the point differential drop below 35 point during running time, the clock will continue to run for the remainder of the game. (CM 5.2016)

Sect. 9: In order to be eligible for post-season tournament play, each team must play at least fifty percent (50%) of its games with New Hampshire schools.

Sect. 10: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 21 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division for boys and girls.

Sect. 11: Interrupted Games

Whenever a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the principals from both schools agree to terminate the game with the existing score. If the game is to be continued, both officials should sign the official scorebook and note the time on the clock and the period when the game was interrupted. (CM 5.2015)

Sect. 12: Tournament Rosters

Each school will be allowed 21 individuals with no more than 15 of them being players in uniform. The remainder of the roster will include one (1) head coach, three (3) 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. 13: Divisional Alignment

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

2023-24 Boys Basketball Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (900+)	DIV. II (525-899)	DIV. III (286-549)	DIV. IV (1- 285)
22 Schools	20 Schools	21 Schools	25 Schools
Pinkerton 3117	Hollis/Brookline 857	Stevens 546	Derryfield 281
Nashua South 1875	Oyster River 839	Kearsarge 515	Franklin 275
Nashua North 1690	Milford 833	Fall Mountain 501	Newmarket 272
Dover 1548	Man. West 804	Gilford 494	Mascenic 270
Concord 1515	Merrimack Valley 795	Winnisquam 456	Farmington 249
Exeter 1513	Kingswood 794	Monadnock 444	Epping 246
Man. Memorial 1483	Pembroke 763	Campbell 432	Gorham 236
Bedford 1454	Souhegan 751	Newfound 419	Littleton 226
Londonderry 1363	Hanover 743	Prospect Mountain 417	Woodsville 225
Keene 1358	Kennett 739	St. Thomas Aquinas 416	Wilton-Lyndeborough 159
Man. Central 1342	Con-Val 718	Somersworth 393	Portsmouth Christian 150
Spaulding 1331	Coe-Brown 691	Conant 386	Pittsfield 149
Merrimack 1158	Sanborn 651	Belmont 384	Moultonborough 144
Salem 1158	Plymouth 644	Hillsboro-Deering 373	Nute 143
Winnacunnet 1139	Bow 638	Raymond 364	Profile 142
Alvirne 1069	John Stark 618	Berlin 360	Hinsdale 139
Windham 1062	Lebanon 606	White Mountains 352	Sunapee 133
Timberlane 1048	Pelham 605	Hopkinton 322	Groveton 127
Portsmouth 1040	Laconia 542	Mascoma 319	Pittsburg-Canaan 117
Goffstown 1006	*Bishop Brady 304	Newport 300	Colebrook 114
*Bishop Guertin 803		Inter-Lakes 292	Concord Christian 106
*Trinity 331			Lisbon 99
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