

New England Preparatory School Boys Ice Hockey Association

Constitution and By-Laws

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Article I: Name

- A. The organization shall be known as the New England Preparatory School Ice Hockey Association (NEPSBIHA).

Article II: Purpose

- A. To oversee the state of New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) boys prep school hockey and administer and run all NEPSAC boys ice hockey championship tournaments;
- B. To provide supervision and guarantee uniformity in NEPSBIHA contests;
- C. To advise athletic directors on contest issues and tournament selection.
- D. To encourage and develop academic excellence, athletic competition and sportsmanship among member institutions.
- E. To provide leadership regionally in the development and growth of the sport of ice hockey.
- F. To ensure fair play and proper conduct of its members coaching body.

Article III: Membership

- A. Membership is open to all schools who are members of NEPSAC.
- B. The annual dues must be paid yearly by October 15th or schools will not be eligible for tournament participation for that year.
- C. Members must not miss more than two meetings in a row or said member school will be deemed ineligible for tournament consideration that year.
- D. The NEPSBIHA year shall begin July 1 and end June 30.

Article IV: Officers

- A. The Officers of NEPSBIHA shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and League Representatives (Holt, Housatonic, Independent, ISL Eberhart, ISL Keller and Lakes Region).
- B. Duties of the President
 1. Preside over annual fall and spring Meetings
 2. Communication to Coaches and Athletic Directors
 3. Communication to NEPSAC officials
 4. Serve as Chair of post season Tournament Selection Committee
 5. Conduct post season Tournament Selection Meeting
 6. Appoint special committees as needed
 7. Keep appropriate records and send out meeting minutes
 8. Administer, organize and run post season tournaments
- C. Duties of the Vice President

1. Assist and represent the President when needed
 2. Shall be responsible for voting procedure of All NEPSAC Teams
 3. Assist with the running of post season tournaments
 4. Serve on post season Tournament Selection Committee
- D. Duties of the Treasurer
1. Maintain bank records and payment of dues
 2. Order necessary items for the season and post season tournaments (game sheets, pucks, trophies, programs, etc.)
 3. Communicate with NEPSAC the financial standing of NEPSBIHA
 4. Assist with the running of post season tournaments
 5. Serve on post season Tournament Selection Committee.
- E. Duties of the Secretary
1. Document the meeting minutes and send to the President for review and distribution.
 2. Assist with the running of post season tournaments.
 3. Serve on post season Tournament Selection Committee.
- F. Duties of the League Representatives
1. Correspond with members from their league to bring forth issues and agenda items for fall and spring meetings.
 2. Assist with the running of the post season tournaments.
 3. Serve on post season Tournament Selection Committee.
- G. Election of Officers
1. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall serve two year terms with the opportunity to serve consecutive terms limiting them to a maximum of four years.
 2. League Representatives shall serve a two year, non-renewable term.
 3. At the spring NEPSBIHA meeting all new officers will be nominated and voted upon by the membership.

Article V: Meetings & Voting

- A. Two annual meetings shall take place each year. One in October and one in April.
- B. Member schools shall be notified and presented with an agenda at least a week prior to any meeting.
- C. Fifty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a meeting.
- D. On formal votes, there shall be only one vote from each member school represented at the meeting.
- E. When a vote is necessary to make a decision or set a course of direction, it will require a majority approval of the membership.
- F. Bylaws can be amended at any regular NEPSBIHA meeting by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the membership.

Article VI: Rules and Conduct

- A. All NEPSBIHA games shall be conducted according to NCAA rules except for the following modifications
 1. 3 periods of 18 minutes; 10 minute warm-up
 2. Regular season tournament games can be modified to three 15 minute periods or two 22:30 minute halves.

3. Overtime procedure: there will be five-minute sudden death overtime and goalies will switch ends. For regular season tournaments a shootout may occur but the game will be recorded as a tie for NEPSBIHA tournament selection ranking purposes.
 4. There is no maximum number of players dressed.
 5. Only 35 contests will be allowed during the course of the year. This includes scrimmages. Multiple exhibition games on the same day will count only as one contest. Multiple regular season games on the same day will count individually. If member schools schedule more than 35 contests then they will be deemed ineligible for tournament consideration that year.
- B. Schedules and Non contest/Forfeits
1. After the completion of that schools first regular season game no additional games may be added/scheduled except as a scrimmage.
 2. All games that are cancelled must be made up at the earliest convenient date for each school.
 3. Non Contest – If two competing athletic directors agree that a scheduled contest cannot be played for a mutually agreed upon reason then the game stands as a non-contest.
 4. Forfeits - The circumstances that would deem a contest a forfeit should be considered highly unusual and would certainly include one school's inability to play the contest due to exceptional reasons (shortage of players due to injury, disciplinary situation.) If the competing schools' athletic directors agree that the game should be counted as a forfeit, this decision needs to be approved by a committee that includes the Coach Association President, The NEPSAC President, and the NEPSAC Directors of Championships. In addition, when schools disagree regarding how an unplayed game should be counted, this disagreement is also settled by the before mentioned committee.

Article VII: NEPSAC Boys Tournament Games: Eligibility, Qualifications, and Selection

- A. Eligibility and Qualifications:
- a. Schools must play a minimum of fifteen NEPSBIHA contests during the regular season in order to be eligible for tournament participation. Exceptions can be made based on in season cancelations.
 - b. Only games against NEPSBIHA teams and NEPSAC Associate Member schools will be considered when compiling a school's record for NEPSAC Tournament selection purposes. Associate Members are not eligible for NEPSAC Tournament participation.
 - c. There will be three NEPSAC Tournaments upon completion of the regular season. Each tournament will consist of 8 teams. The Stuart/Corkery Tournament (this will comprise of the top 8 schools in NEPSBIHA); the Martin/Earl Tournament (this will comprise of the top 8 large schools remaining after the Stuart/Corkery Tournament has been assigned); the Piatelli/Simmons Tournament (this will comprise of the top 8 small schools remaining after the Stuart/Corkery Tournament has been assigned).
 - d. Placement in the three NEPSAC Tournaments will be determined by the calculations of the RPI (explained below) and JSPPR (explained below).
 - e. NEPSBIHA schools will be divided evenly based upon male enrollment in grades 9-12 prior to the start of the season by the NEPSAC Director of Classification to determine if

schools are considered “large” or “small” schools for the purpose of NEPSAC Tournament participation.

- i. The Stuart/Corkery Tournament will be determined once the RPI numbers are calculated; the top 16 teams based on the RPI are entered into the JSPR system. Associate Members will not be considered when determining the top 16. This system gives a second level of evaluating teams based on four criteria.
 1. Head to head result.
 2. Comparing the teams RPI.
 3. Record against mutual opponents.
 4. Record against teams under consideration (how have the teams played against the top sixteen teams in NEPSHIA this year).
- 1) If two teams are tied after these four criteria are applied then the first tiebreaker is head to head record (the best indicator of comparative strength of these teams), the second is RPI (the most all-encompassing category), the third is record against mutual opponents, and then finally record against teams under tournament consideration.
- 2) After the two teams being considered are compared, a virtual winner is declared and a “JSPR point” is awarded to the winning team.
- 3) The top 8 teams after JSPA points have been awarded will be ranked based on their final point total.
- ii. The Martin/Earl Tournament will be decided by ranking the top 8 “large” schools after the Stuart/Corkery Tournament has been set. Teams must have a record above .500. These teams will be determined by the RPI calculations.
 - 1) The RPI calculations are based on three categories:
 - a. The first portion of the calculation is based on the team’s own winning percentage. A team’s winning percentage is calculated by adding the number of wins plus $\frac{1}{2}$ the number of ties and dividing this total by the number of games played. Winning percentage is 25% of the total RPI calculation.
 - b. The Second portion of the RPI calculation is based on a team's opponent’s winning percentage which is calculated as described in category (a) above. This category is worth 21% of the RPI calculation.
 - c. The Third portion of the RPI is based on a team's opponent’s opponent’s winning percentage which is calculated as described in category (a) above. This third category is worth 54% of the RPI calculation.
- iii. The Piatelli/Simmons Tournament will be decided by ranking the top 8 “small” schools after the Stuart/Corkery Tournament has been set. Teams will be determined by the RPI. If teams do not have a .500 record they must be .500 or above against “small” school teams to be eligible for the playoffs.

B. Tournament Selections:

- a. The Tournament Selection Committee will meet on the final Sunday of the season after all regular season games have been completed.

- b. The Tournament Selection Committee will form the three NEPSAC Tournaments based on RPI and JSPR rankings as listed above.
 - c. To avoid neutral site games the Tournament Selection Committee reserves the right to move seeds one place higher or lower while ensuring that home ice is guaranteed to the top 4 seeds in each tournament.
 - d. The Tournament Selection Committee will contact athletic directors and coaches to inform them of their tournament games and will work with schools to determine neutral site games. They will also contact the NEPSAC Boys Hockey AD Liaison, the NEPSAC Director of Communications, and one of the NEPSAC Co-Director of Championships to communicate the participants of each NEPSAC Tournament as well as the locations for all tournament games.
- C. Tournament Information:
- a. Tournament Applications will be sent out to coaches one month prior to the start of the playoffs.
 - b. Tournament applications must be signed and Certificates of Insurance must be submitted prior to the commencement of the Tournament otherwise teams will forfeit their spot in the Tournament.
 - c. The quarterfinals and semi-finals will be played on the Wednesday and Saturday following the final regular season. The Championship games will be played at a predetermined site on the Sunday following the semi-finals.
 - d. All Tournament game officials will be assigned and paid by the NEPSBIHA Tournament Selection Committee.
 - e. Host schools' coaches and/or athletic directors will serve as tournament directors for the quarter-final and semi-final games.
 - f. Members of the NEPSBIHA Tournament Selection Committee will serve as tournament directors for the championship games.
 - g. Host school will be the team with higher seed. Host Schools are responsible for: pucks, time keeper, and informing the NEPSBIHA President of the final score.
 - h. Teams participating in quarter-final and semi-final games are responsible for providing their own medical coverage (i.e., athletic trainers).
 - i. If neutral site games are required then the lower seed will be responsible for: pucks, athletic trainer, time keeper, and informing the NEPSBIHA President of the final score.
 - j. NEPSBIHA will provide all off-ice officials, warm-up pucks, and game pucks for the championship games. Teams will provide their own athletic trainers.
 - k. All home teams will wear dark uniforms and away teams will wear light uniforms.
- D. Neutral Site Protocol: A neutral site will be determined in advance if distance is greater than 2:45 determined by Google Maps ("without traffic" feature). The Tournament Selection Committee will do their best to find a neutral site location less than 2:45 but this location need not be midway between the schools. In securing this site, the Committee will try to insure that the higher seed does not travel farther than the lower seed. The Tournament Selection Committee's decision on a location is final.
- E. Overtime: Where advancement in a bracket or the determination of a Tournament champion is necessary, any contest that ends regulation in a tie shall be broken by 18-minute sudden-death

overtime periods. The ice shall be resurfaced upon completion of every period of play. The teams shall change ends every period.

- F. Communication of Results: The NEPSBIHA Tournament Selection Committee shall communicate all tournament game results to the NEPSAC Director of Communications immediately upon completion of the games so that they may be posted on the NEPSAC Website and maintained for historical purposes.