

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

Sect. 3: 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. 4: 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 5.23)

Sect. 5: 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.
- C. In order to be eligible for post-season tournament play, each team must play twelve (12) games within their division. (CM 11.24)

Sect. 6: 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 5.16)

Sect. 7: 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 5.16)

Sect. 8: 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. 9: 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 5.15)

Sect. 10: 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. 11: 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.

2026-27 Boys Basketball Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (850+) 22 Schools		DIV. II (550-849) 20 Schools		DIV. III (281-549) 20 Schools		DIV. IV (1- 280) 26 Schools	
Pinkerton	2979	Oyster River	796	Laconia	543	Franklin	279
Nashua South	1697	Man. West	756	Kearsarge	485	Derryfield	270
Nashua North	1545	Kingswood	727	Monadnock	475	Newmarket	266
Dover	1423	Pembroke	718	Gilford	442	Mascenic	263
Bedford	1367	Merrimack Valley	715	Stevens	432	Newport	263
Spaulding	1346	Hollis Brookline	713	Fall Mountain	430	Epping	225
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Concord	1329	Hanover	693	Prospect Mountain	408	Woodsville	221
Exeter	1329	John Stark	657	Winnisquam	372	Portsmouth Christian	166
Keene	1263	Coe-Brown	650	Newfound	368	Littleton	161
Londonderry	1219	Plymouth	643	Belmont	347	Nute	157
Man. Central	1106	Lebanon	642	Hillsboro-Deering	340	Hinsdale	156
Salem	1069	Bow	639	Campbell	337	Moultonborough	155
Goffstown	1032	Milford	613	White Mountains	327	Wilton	153
Merrimack	1013	Kennett	612	Raymond	326	Sunapee	150
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Alvirne	955	*Sanborn	433	Hopkinton	309	Pittsfield	135
Timberlane	934	*St. Thomas	341	Conant	307	Concord Christian	120
Windham	884	*Bishop Brady	227	*Inter-Lakes	279	Groveton	111
*Bishop Guertin	767					Colebrook	89
*Trinity	345					Lisbon	83
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