

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXXII

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 March 6th 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 5.16)

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.

2026-27 Softball Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (850+)		DIV. II (550-849)		DIV. III (281-549)		DIV. IV (1-280)	
21 Schools		16 Schools		22 Schools		23 Schools	
Pinkerton	2979	Oyster River	796	Laconia	543	*Somersworth	411
Man. Central-West	1862	Kingswood	727	Kearsarge	485	Franklin	279
Nashua South	1697	Pembroke	718	Monadnock	475	Newmarket	266
Nashua North	1545	Merrimack Valley	715	Pelham	466	Mascenic	263
Dover	1423	Hollis Brookline	713	Gilford	442	Newport	263
Bedford	1367	Souhegan	709	Sanborn	433	Epping	225
Spaulding	1346	Hanover	693	Stevens	432	Farmington	225
Man. Memorial	1345	John Stark	657	Fall Mountain	430	Woodsville	221
Concord	1329	Coe-Brown	650	Prospect Mountain	408	Portsmouth Christian	166
Exeter	1329	Plymouth	643	Winnisquam	372	Littleton	161
Keene	1263	Lebanon	642	Newfound	368	Nute	157
Londonderry	1219	Bow	639	Belmont	347	Hinsdale	156
Salem	1069	Milford	613	Trinity	345	Moultonborough	155
Goffstown	1032	Kennett	612	St. Thomas	341	Wilton-	153
Merrimack	1013	ConVal	603	Hillsboro-Deering	340	Sunapee	150
Winnacunnet	988	*Campbell	337	White Mountains	327	Gorham	142
Portsmouth	983			Raymond	326	Pittsfield	135
Alvirne	955			Berlin	324	Mount Royal-Holy Family	121
Timberlane	934			Mascoma	317	Groveton	111
Windham	884			Hopkinton	309	Colebrook	89
*Bishop Guertin	767			Conant	307	Lisbon	83
		* Petition		*Bishop Brady	227	Pittsburg-Canaan	73
						Lin-Wood	67