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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.

2026-27 Fall Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1050+)		DIV. II (600-1049)		DIV. III (1-599)	
14 Schools		17 Schools		10 Schools	
Pinkerton	2979	Goffstown	1032	Monadnock	475
Portsmouth-Oyster River	1779	Merrimack	1013	Sanborn	433
Nashua South	1697	Winnacunnet	988	Stevens	432
Nashua North	1545	Alvirne	955	Somersworth	411
Dover	1423	Timberlane	934	Prospect Mtn.	408
Bedford	1367	Windham	884	Trinity	345
Spaulding	1346	Man. West	756	Campbell	337
Man. Memorial	1345	Kingswood	727	Raymond	326
Concord	1329	Pembroke	718	Franklin	279
Keene	1263	Hollis Brookline	713	Newport	263
Londonderry	1219	Souhegan	709		
Man. Central	1106	John Stark	657		
Salem	1069	Plymouth	643		
*Bishop Guertin	767	Bow	639	*Petition	
		Milford	613		
		ConVal	603		
		*Pelham	466		

2026-27 Winter Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1050+)		DIV. II (600-1049)		DIV. III (1-599)	
13 Schools		18 Schools		17 Schools	
Pinkerton	2979	Goffstown	1032	Laconia	543
Nashua South	1697	Merrimack	1013	Sanborn	433
Nashua North	1545	Winnacunnet	988	Stevens	432
Dover	1423	Portsmouth	983	Somersworth	411
Bedford	1367	Alvirne	955	Prospect Mountain	408
Spaulding	1346	Timberlane	934	Winnisquam	372
Man. Memorial	1345	Windham	884	Newfound	368
Concord	1329	Man. West	756	Trinity	345
Keene	1263	Kingswood	727	Hillsboro-Deering	340
Londonderry	1219	Pembroke	718	Campbell	337
Man. Central	1106	Merrimack Valley	715	Raymond	326
Salem	1069	Hollis Brookline	713	Berlin	324
*Bishop Guertin	767	Souhegan	705	Conant	307
		John Stark	657	Franklin	279
		Milford	613	Mascenic	263
		Kennett	612	Littleton	161
		ConVal	603	Hinsdale	156
		*Pelham	466		
*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 5.15; 11.16)
- 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.)