

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXI

Golf

Boys and Girls

Sect. 1: Golf shall be administered by the NHIAA Golf Committee via the Policies and Procedures Manual. In all other instances, play will be governed by the rules of the United States Golf Association (USGA).

Sect. 2: NHIAA Golf Tournament

A. Boys Golf Tournament:

1. An annual golf tournament in each division shall be conducted by the NHIAA Golf Committee.
2. The tournament will be open to all eligible students of NHIAA member schools.
3. Dates and sites for the golf tournaments will be selected by the Golf Committee.

B. Girls Golf Tournament:

1. The NHIAA shall annually sponsor a girls individual tournament.
2. If a girl participates in the team championship representing her school and qualifies for the subsequent individual championship, she may not participate if she has already participated in the NHIAA State Girls Golf Individual Championship.

Sect. 3: Code of Conduct

All competitors at the NHIAA tournaments will conduct themselves in such a manner that respect is shown for the game of golf, for the golf course and facilities which are being used, and for the other participants in the tournaments.

Sect. 4: Divisional Alignment

Golf shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee. Each division shall sponsor its own team and individual tournament.

2023-24 Golf Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1150+)		DIV. II (720-1149)		DIV. III (510-719)		DIV. IV (1-509)	
16 Schools		16 Schools		14 Schools		22 Schools	
Pinkerton	3117	Winnacunnet	1139	Con-Val	711	Fall Mountain	501
Nashua South	1875	Alvirne	1069	Souhegan	709	Gilford	494
Nashua North	1690	Windham	1062	Coe-Brown	697	Monadnock	444
Dover	1548	Timberlane	1048	Plymouth	626	Campbell	432
Concord	1515	Portsmouth	1040	Lebanon	614	Prospect Mnt.	417
Exeter	1513	Goffstown	1006	Laconia	589	Somersworth	393
Man. Memorial	1483	Oyster River	863	John Stark	587	Conant	386
Bedford	1454	Hollis/Brookline	833	Pelham	580	Belmont	384
Londonderry	1363	Merrimack Valley	794	Sanborn	565	Hillsboro	373
Keene	1358	Milford	780	Stevens	546	White Mountains	352
Man. Central	1342	Pembroke	752	Kearsarge	515	Hopkinton	322
Spaulding	1331	Kingswood	735	Raymond	364	Newport	300
Merrimack	1158	Kennett	730	*Bishop Brady	242	Inter-Lakes	292
Salem	1158	*Bow	630	*Derryfield	281	Mascenic	270
*Bishop Guertin	803	*St. Thomas	416			Farmington	249
*Hanover	690	*Trinity	331			Gorham	236
						Littleton	226
						Woodsville	225
						Moultonborough	144
						Profile	142
						Sunapee	133
						Concord Christian	106

Sect. 5: Tournament Selection

The top eight (8) teams (and ties for eighth place) in Division I, II, III and IV, based on their win-loss record in their Division, shall qualify for the state tournament. (PENDING Council Approval November 2022)

Sect. 6: Seasonal Play Rules & Regulations

A maximum of seven (7) and no fewer than four (4) players in Division III, and a maximum of six (6) and no fewer than four (4) players in Division IV will be designated by the coach to compete (Stableford Scoring Format) in seasonal matches. The total points of the highest five (5) in Division II and the highest four (4) in Divisions III and IV will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the highest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second highest, second place and two wins - one loss; third highest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth highest score, fourth place and no wins - three losses. (CM 5.2018; CM 11.2019; CM 8.2021)

Eight (8) players in Division I and II will be designated by the coach to compete (Stroke Play) in seasonal matches. The lowest five (5) in Division I and II will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the lowest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second lowest, second place and two wins - one loss; third lowest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth lowest score, fourth place and no wins - three losses. (CM 11.2019; CM 8.2021)

Tournament scoring for all divisions will be Stroke Play with stroke limits.

Sect. 7: Type of NHIAA Tournament

The first day of the tournament shall consist of 18 holes of stroke play. The combined total of the best four (4) in Divisions III and IV and five (5) in Divisions I and II individual 18-hole scores for each school shall determine the team champion and runner-up in that division.

Sect. 8: Awards

- A. Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to eight (8) team medals for Divisions III and IV and ten (10) in Divisions I and II will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.
- B. Medals will be awarded to the top five (5) medalists in all Divisions (I-IV) based upon their 36-hole scores. In the event of a tie for the individual division champion, the individuals shall play a sudden victory round beginning on the first hole and continuing until a winner is determined. Ties for places two through five in all Divisions (I-IV) shall be the last nine holes. If competitors are still tied after using the last nine holes, then the winner will be determined on the basis of the scores for the last six holes, last three (3) holes, the 18th hole, 17th hole, etc. All players tied for fifth place in all Divisions (I-IV) will receive a medal. (Pending Council Approval)
- C. If a tie exists for the team champion or runner-up the following steps will be taken:
 - Divisions I and II:
 1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the 6th lowest player will count toward the team total.
 2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue through the 7th and 8th players.
 3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
 - Divisions III and IV:
 1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the 5th lowest player will count toward the team total.
 2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue with the 6th player.
 3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
- D. The top six (6) in the Medal Flight will be awarded medals based upon their 9-hole scores. The top six (6) in the Championship Flight will be awarded medals based upon their 36-hole scores. (See Golf Policies and Procedures Manual) (CM 5.2022)

Section 9: Scheduling Calendar

The NHIAA must be notified in writing on or before May 1st of the calendar year to offer a team golf program.