

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXI

Ice Hockey Boys and Girls

Sect. 1: Ice Hockey shall be administered by the NHIAA Ice Hockey Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable.

Sect. 2: The NHIAA Ice Hockey Committee shall be responsible for conducting the Annual State Ice Hockey Tournament. The Committee will arrange for the tournament to be played at times and sites to be determined.

Sect. 3: All games in New Hampshire, regular season and tournament, will be played according to the National Federation Ice Hockey Rules as they apply to high school games.

Sect. 4: All schedules are due in the NHIAA office on or before September 15th. The Ice Hockey Committee shall meet to approve schedules of the teams for tournament consideration.

Sect. 5: All tournaments, jamborees, and similar competition must be sanctioned by the Ice Hockey Committee through the Executive Director. These sanctioned contests shall not count on the regular season's record for tournament consideration. No school may enter more than one approved Christmas tournament.

Sect. 6: All schedules for tournament consideration shall be guided by the following:

- A. In order to qualify for tournament consideration, each team must play a minimum of 12 games against NH schools within their own Division. For rating purposes, only games with NHIAA schools within their own Divisions will count for tournament consideration. Deviations shall only occur with the approval of the Ice Hockey Committee.
- B. If more than two regular season contests are scheduled between two schools, only the first two scheduled contests appearing on each school's schedule will be counted toward tournament consideration.
- C. Games can neither be added nor deleted from the schedules after they have been approved by the NHIAA.
- D. Scrimmages against other schools shall not be permitted during the first six days of practice and after the first scheduled game. This regulation also applies to the sub-varsity and freshman teams.

Sect. 7: Classification of Ice Hockey Schools

Boys: Ice Hockey schools shall be classified into three divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

Girls: Ice Hockey schools shall be classified as on division.

2009-10 Boys Ice Hockey Classification					
Division I (1800 +) 16 Schools		Division II (1201 – 1799) 12 Schools		Division III (1 – 1200) 13 Schools	
Pinkerton	3331	Spaulding	1768	Bedford	1172
Nashua South	2287	Keene	1762	Con-Val	1087
Salem	2263	Dover	1671	Portsmouth	1067
Man. Memorial	2165	Merrimack	1593	Pembroke	1045
Man. Central	2159	Timberlane	1590	Belmont – Gilford	1033
Nashua North	2054	Alvirne	1518	Souhegan	970
Concord	1877	Winnacunnet	1324	Hollis/Brookline	952
Londonderry	1827	Goffstown	1289	Kennett	945
Man. West	1809	*Kingswood	947	John Stark	890
*Exeter	1654	*Lebanon	761	Laconia	822
*Bishop Guertin	885	*Oyster River	710	Monadnock	787
*Hanover	746	*Bow	669	Moult. – Inter-Lakes	680
*St. Thomas	721			Somersworth	605
*Berlin	570				
*Trinity	470				
*Bishop Brady	443				
* By Petition					
2009-10 Girls Ice Hockey Classification – 9 Schools					
St. Thomas – Dover	2392	Souhegan	970	Hanover	746
Concord	1877	Bishop Guertin	885	Oyster River	710
Exeter	1654	Lebanon	761	Berlin	570

Sect. 8: Team Selection and Format for the State Tournament:

- A. Boys: Twelve (12) teams will qualify for the Division I tournament. Eight (8) teams will qualify for the Division II and III tournament. Girls: If there are eight (8) or less teams in a season, four (4) teams will qualify for the girls tournament. If there are nine (9) or more teams in a season, six (6) teams will qualify for the girls tournament.
- B. Tournament team selection will be determined in accordance with the present classification system.
- C. Tournament games will consist of three (3) fifteen (15) minute periods. Each game will be played straight through. In the event of a tie the following tournament overtime rule shall apply: For all tournament games there shall be fifteen (15) minute “Sudden Victory” overtime period(s). New ice will be made and teams will change ends for every overtime period. This procedure will continue until a winner is determined.
- D. Mercy Rule: In the last period of any NHIAA game, regular season or tournament play, if a team is leading by six (6) or more goals, the clock will continue to run. If the lead is down to only four (4) goals, normal timing procedures will be instituted. The only time the clock will stop is to replace a goalie, when the goalie change rules apply, or to administer to an injured player.

Sect. 9: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to twenty-four (24) individual medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

Sect. 10: Tournament Rosters

A TOTAL of twenty five individuals to include twenty (20) players (two goalies recommended), four (4) non player personnel, and one (1) designated medical personnel shall be permitted to occupy the bench area. For those teams that do not have twenty players in uniform or a designated medical person, additional personnel may NOT be substituted