

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXII

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 NH, 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 no later than 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 (2) regular season contests are scheduled between two (2) schools, only the first two (2) 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 three (3) days of practice and after the first scheduled game. This regulation also applies to sub-varsity teams.

Sect. 7: Divisional Alignment

Boys Ice Hockey schools shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee. Girls Ice Hockey schools shall be aligned as one (1) division.

2011-12 Ice Hockey Boys Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1700 +)		DIV. II (1100–1699)		DIV. III (1–1099)	
15 Schools		12 Schools		16 Schools	
Pinkerton	3325	Keene	1654	*Pembroke-Campbell	1496
Nashua - South	2226	Dover	1563	*Alvirne	1463
Man. Central	2220	Spaulding	1550	* Pelham-Windham	1424
Man. Memorial	2092	Merrimack	1514	*Man. West	1383
Nashua - North	2003	Timberlane	1477	*Laconia-Winnisquam	1320
Concord	1878	Winnacunnet	1265	*John Stark – Hopkinton	1176
Salem	1850	Goffstown	1235	Belmont-Gilford	1069
Londonderry	1765	Bedford	1223	Portsmouth	1048
Exeter	1701	*Kingswood	872	Con-Val	1011
*Bishop Guertin	886	*Oyster River	698	Hollis/Brookline	903
*Hanover	740	*Bow	613	Souhegan	894
*St. Thomas	676	Lebanon	698	Monadnock-Hinsdale	870
*Berlin	517			Kennett	853
*Trinity	409			Kearsarge	640
*Bishop Brady	369			Moulton-Inter-Lakes	632
				Somersworth	588

*Petition

2011-12 Girls Ice Hockey Divisional Alignment

One Division - 9 Schools

St. Thomas-Dover	2239	Souhegan	894	Hanover	740
Concord	1878	Bishop Guertin	886	Oyster River	698
Exeter	1701	Lebanon	698	Berlin-Gorham	683

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

- A. Boys: Ten (10) teams will qualify for the Division I and Division III tournaments. Eight (8) teams will qualify for the Division II 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) 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 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 attend to an injured player.

Sect. 9: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 24 team 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 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 20 players in uniform or a designated medical person, additional personnel may NOT be substituted. If a team is going to make the tournament, a team photo (in uniform, no mascots allowed) MUST be submitted.