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Spirit

Girls and Coed

Sect. 1

- A. Spirit shall be administered by the NHIAA Spirit Committee.
- B. The rules of the National Federation shall govern the sport when applicable.
- C. A limit of 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 class in that sport will be allowed.

Sect. 2: Classification

Schools will be classified in the following manner:

- A. Fall - three classes: L, I, M-S
- B. Winter - five classes: L, I, M, S, Coed*
 - *Coed: A team with one or more of the opposite gender on the team.

Sect. 3: Competition Rosters

- A. Competition teams shall be limited to no more than 20 members who have participated in practices and cheered at games throughout the current spirit season.
- B. Two classes of teams will exist:
 - 1. Single gender
 - 2. Coed, with one or more of the opposite gender on the team
- C. The number of athletes allowed at other sports tournaments shall be governed by those individual sports committees. (See 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 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 class participating.

Sect. 5: Awards

Official NHIAA Championship and Runner-up plaques will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each class. 24 team medals shall be awarded to the team members, managers, and coaches of the respective champion and runner-up teams in each class, including coed.

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 VII, 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 Policies and Procedures Manual for Spirit Teams for specific requirements when applying for sanction of an event.)