

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXXI

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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 spirit shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

Winter spirit shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

2011-12 Fall Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1251+) 17 Schools	DIV. II (651–1250) 18 Schools	DIV. III (1–650) 10 Schools
Pinkerton 3325	*Man. West 1383	Monadnock 649
Nashua - South 2226	Goffstown 1235	Stevens 635
Man. Central 2220	Bedford 1223	Inter-Lakes/Moulton 632
Man. Memorial 2092	Portsmouth 1048	Bow 613
Nashua - North 2003	Con-Val 1011	Somersworth 588
Concord 1878	Milford 959	Campbell 550
Salem 1850	Merr. Valley 910	Farmington 443
Londonderry 1765	Hollis/Brookline 903	Franklin 437
Exeter 1701	Souhegan 894	Newport 409
Keene 1654	Kingswood 872	Trinity 409
Dover 1563	John Stark 838	Epping 293
Spaulding 1550	Laconia 782	
Merrimack 1514	Sanborn 755	
Timberlane 1477	Plymouth 748	
Alvirne 1463	Windham 734	
Winnacunnet 1265	Pelham 690	
*Bishop Guertin 886	Kearsarge 640	* Petition
	*Bishop Brady 369	

2011-12 Winter Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1251+) 17 Schools	DIV. II (651–1250) 16 Schools	DIV. III (326–650) 17 Schools	DIV. IV (1–325) 8 Schools
Pinkerton 3325	*Man. West 1383	Monadnock 649	Epping 293
Nashua - South 2226	Goffstown 1235	Stevens 635	Littleton 269
Man. Central 2220	Bedford 1223	Fall Mt. 632	Hinsdale 221
Man. Memorial 2092	Portsmouth 1048	Campbell 550	Nute 201
Nashua - North 2003	Con-Val 1011	Winnisquam 538	Gorham 166
Concord 1878	Milford 959	Conant 538	Groveton 156
Salem 1850	Pembroke 946	Prospect Mt. 527	Sunapee 149
Londonderry 1765	Merr. Valley 910	Berlin 517	Lin-Wood 111
Exeter 1701	Hollis/Brookline 903	Hillsboro-Deering 513	
Keene 1654	Souhegan 894	Newfound 464	
Dover 1563	John Stark 838	Raymond 459	
Spaulding 1550	Laconia 782	Farmington 443	
Merrimack 1514	Sanborn 755	Franklin 437	
Timberlane 1477	Windham 734	Mascenic 425	*Petition
Alvirne 1463	Lebanon 698	White Mt. 424	
Winnacunnet 1265	Bow 613	Newport 409	
*Bishop Guertin 886		Hopkinton 338	

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. The number of athletes allowed at other sports tournaments shall be governed by those individual sports committees. (See Spirit Policies 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. Twenty-five 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 Policies and Procedures Manual for specific requirements when applying for sanction of an event.)