

BY-LAW ARTICLE XVI

Basketball Boys and Girls

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

Sect. 2: The Committee shall annually approve schedules of teams for tournament competition.

Sect. 3: All basketball schedules are due into the NHIAA office no later than September 15th each year.

Sect. 4: All tournaments, jamborees, festivals and similar competition in basketball must be sanctioned by the Basketball Committee of the NHIAA. All such contests sanctioned by the Committee shall not count on the regular season's record for tournament consideration. No school may enter more than one (1) approved Christmas tournament.

Sect. 5: Pilot beginning with the 2016-17 season with feedback and results to be collected by the Basketball Committee: Varsity athletes may play only six (6) quarters in one (1) day. Participation in a quarter, regardless of time, will be considered one (1) quarter. Overtime is considered as an extension of the fourth quarter. Team scorers are to keep an accurate record of quarters played. Penalty for Violation: Forfeiture of game. For sub-varsity tournaments the Participation Rule does not apply. (CM 5.2016)

Sect. 6: The Basketball Committee, in its approval of all schedules, will be guided primarily by the following:

- A. Each member school may schedule no more than three (3) different NHIAA member schools three (3) games each on their approved annual schedule to the NHIAA Basketball Committee. This applies to out-of-state schools providing they are members of their respective state associations.
- B. Games can neither be added nor deleted from schedules after they have been approved by the NHIAA.

Sect.7: Tournament Selection

The maximum number of teams allowed per By-Law Article IV: Classification; Sect. 10; Tournament Selection Requirements will qualify for the boys and girls tournament. (CM 5.2016)

Sect. 8: Mercy Rule All Divisions

A mercy rule will be in effect for all divisions. Running time will go into effect when a lead of 35 point in the 4th quarter, and stop for free throws and time-outs. Upon reaching the 35 point differential, the clock will remain running for the duration of the period and stop only for time-outs and free throws. Should the point differential drop below 35 point during running time, the clock will continue to run for the remainder of the game. (CM 5.2016)

Sect. 9: In order to be eligible for post-season tournament play, each team must play at least fifty-percent (50%) of its games with New Hampshire schools.

Sect. 10: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 21 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division for boys and girls.

Sect. 11: Interrupted Games

Whenever a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the principals from both schools agree to terminate the game with the existing score. If the game is to be continued, both officials should sign the official scorebook and note the time on the clock and the period when the game was interrupted. (CM 5.2015)

Sect. 12: Tournament Rosters

Each school will be allowed 21 individuals with no more than 15 of them being players in uniform. The remainder of the roster will include one (1) head coach, three (3) assistant coaches and two (2) managers. Rosters shall be completed via the NHIAA website. If a team is going to make the tournament, a team photo in uniform (no warm-ups and no mascots allowed) must be submitted with a photo lineup. If no photo is received a logo will be supplemented.

Sect. 13: Divisional Alignment

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

2016-17 Boys Basketball Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1151+)		DIV. II (551-1150)		DIV. III (301- 550)		DIV. IV (1- 300)	
19 Schools		21 Schools		25 Schools		22 Schools	
Pinkerton	3167	*Timberlane	1240	*Sanborn	686	Farmington	299
Nashua South	1875	Goffstown	1106	*Laconia	590	Epping	277
Nashua North	1748	Man. West	949	*Kearsarge	566	Derryfield	263
Exeter	1741	Milford	857	Stevens	545	Hinsdale	255
Concord	1714	Windham	851	Monadnock	531	Newmarket	255
Man. Central	1688	Pembroke	840	St. Thomas	527	Woodsville	228
Man. Memorial	1583	Souhegan	828	Fall Mountain	525	Littleton	213
Londonderry	1579	Merrimack Valley	823	Gilford	510	Ports. Christian at Dover	204
Bedford	1484	Kennett	819	Campbell	509	Moultonborough	184
Spaulding	1416	Hollis/Brookline	815	Prospect Mountain	503	Nute	182
Keene	1388	Kingswood	814	Winnisquam	492	Profile	181
Dover	1349	ConVal	794	Somersworth	482	Wilton-Lyndeborough	175
Alvirne	1315	Oyster River	715	Raymond	447	Pittsfield	157
Merrimack	1231	Coe-Brown	702	Berlin	443	Groveton	141
Salem	1215	Hanover	702	Conant	435	Sunapee	141
*Winnacunnet	1109	John Stark	700	Belmont	428	Gorham	137
*Portsmouth	1098	Plymouth	686	White Mountains	402	Colebrook	130
*Bishop Guertin	743	Pelham	628	Franklin	388	Canaan/Pittsburg	125
*Trinity	398	Lebanon	609	Hillsboro-Deering	387	Lisbon	119
		Bow	595	Newfound	383	Lin-Wood	112
		*Bishop Brady	348	Newport	346	Concord Christian	83
				Mascenic	344	Mount Royal	56
				Mascoma	340		
				Inter-Lakes	333		
				*Hopkinton	269		

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