

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXI

Golf

Boys and Girls

Sect. 1: Golf shall be administered by the NHIAA Golf Committee via the Policies and Procedures Manual. In all other instances, play will be governed by the rules of the United States Golf Association (USGA).

Sect. 2: NHIAA Golf Tournament

A. Boys Golf Tournament:

1. An annual golf tournament in each division shall be conducted by the NHIAA Golf Committee.
2. The tournament will be open to all eligible students of NHIAA member schools.
3. Dates and sites for the golf tournaments will be selected by the Golf Committee.

B. Girls Golf Tournament:

1. The NHIAA shall annually sponsor a girls individual tournament.
2. If a girl participates in the team championship representing her school and qualifies for the subsequent individual championship, she may not participate if she has already participated in the NHIAA State Girls Golf Individual Championship.

Sect. 3: Code of Conduct

All competitors at the NHIAA tournaments will conduct themselves in such a manner that respect is shown for the game of golf, for the golf course and facilities which are being used, and for the other participants in the tournaments.

Sect. 4: Divisional Alignment

Golf shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee. Each division shall sponsor its own team and individual tournament.

2016-17 Golf Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1200+)		DIV. II (700-1199)		DIV. III (431-699)		DIV IV (1-430)	
18 Schools		17 Schools		17 Schools		14 Schools	
Pinkerton	3167	Goffstown	1106	Plymouth	686	White Mountains	402
Nashua South	1875	Portsmouth	1098	Sanborn	686	Franklin	388
Nashua North	1748	Milford	857	Pelham	628	Hillsboro-Deering	387
Exeter	1741	Windham	851	Lebanon	609	Newport	346
Concord	1714	Pembroke	840	Bow	595	Mascenic	344
Manchester Central	1688	Souhegan	828	Laconia	590	Inter-Lakes	333
Manchester Memorial	1583	Merrimack Valley	823	Kearsarge	566	Farmington	299
Londonderry	1579	Kennett	819	Stevens	545	Hopkinton	269
Bedford	1484	Hollis/Brookline	815	Monadnock	531	Woodsville	228
Spaulding	1416	Kingswood	814	Fall Mountain	525	Littleton	213
Keene	1388	Oyster River	715	Gilford	510	Moultonborough	184
Dover	1349	Coe-Brown	702	Campbell	509	Profile	181
Alvirne	1315	Hanover	702	Prospect Mountain	503	Sunapee	141
Timberlane	1240	John Stark	700	Winnisquam	492	Gorham	137
Merrimack	1231	*St. Thomas	527	Conant	435		
Salem	1215	*Trinity	398	Belmont	433		
*Winnacunnet	1109	*Bishop Brady	348	*Derryfield	263		
*Bishop Guertin	743						

*Petition

Sect. 5: Tournament Selection

The top ten (10) teams (and ties for tenth place) in Division I and II, and the top seven (7) teams (and ties for seventh place) in Divisions III and IV, based on the win-loss record in their Division, shall qualify for the state tournament. (CM 5.2016)

Sect. 6: Seasonal Play Rules & Regulations

Seven (7) players in Division III, six (6) players in Divisions III and IV and eight (8) players in Divisions I and II will be designated by the coach to compete (medal play) in seasonal matches. The total scores of the lowest four (4) in Divisions III and IV and the lowest five (5) in Divisions I and II will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the lowest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second lowest, second place and two wins - one loss; third lowest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth lowest score, fourth place and no wins - three losses.

Sect. 7: Type of NHIAA Tournament

The first day of the tournament shall consist of 18 holes of stroke play. The combined total of the best four (4) in Divisions III and IV and five (5) in Divisions I and II individual 18 hole scores for each school shall determine the team champion and runner-up in that division.

Sect. 8: Awards

- A. Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to eight (8) team medals for Divisions III and IV and ten (10) in Divisions I and II will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.
- B. Medals will be awarded to the top ten (10) medalists in Divisions I and II based upon their 36 hole scores. Medals will be awarded to the top five (5) medalists in Divisions III and IV based upon their 36 hole scores. In the event of a tie for the individual division champion, the individuals shall play a sudden victory round beginning on the first hole and continuing until a winner is determined. Ties for places two through nine in Divisions I and II, and ties for places two through five in Divisions III and IV shall be the last nine holes. If competitors are still tied after using the last nine holes, then the winner will be determined on the basis of the scores for the last six holes, last three (3) holes, the 18th hole, 17th hole, etc. All players tied for tenth place in Divisions I and II, and all players tied for fifth place in Divisions III and IV will receive a medal.
- C. If a tie exists for the team champion or runner-up the following steps will be taken:
 - Divisions I and II:
 1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the 6th lowest player will count toward the team total.
 2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue through the 7th and 8th players.
 3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
 - Divisions III and IV:
 1. In the event of a tie during a tournament match, the score of the 5th lowest player will count toward the team total.
 2. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue with the 6th player.
 3. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 4. Recording a tie on the website after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
- D. At the NHIAA Girls Tournament medals will be awarded to the top six (6) medalists in the Championship Flight and the top six (6) medalists in the Medal Flight. (See Golf Policies and Procedures Manual)

Section 9: Scheduling Calendar

The NHIAA must be notified in writing on or before May 1st of the calendar year to offer a golf program.