

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.

2020-21 Golf Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1150+)		DIV. II (700-1149)		DIV. III (400-699)		DIV IV (1-399)	
17 Schools		14 Schools		22 Schools		10 Schools	
Pinkerton	3283	Portsmouth	1119	*Con-Val	718	Hillsboro	367
Nashua South	1901	Alvirne	1115	Coe-Brown	691	White Mountains	348
Nashua North	1735	Winnacunnet	1087	Sanborn	651	Newport	316
Exeter	1649	Goffstown	1071	Plymouth	644	Inter-Lakes	305
Concord	1530	Windham	997	Bow	638	Mascenic	293
Bedford	1505	Hollis/Brookline	857	John Stark	618	Farmington	253
Dover	1474	Oyster River	839	Lebanon	606	Woodsville	218
Londonderry	1458	Milford	833	Pelham	605	Littleton	217
Man. Memorial	1430	Kingswood	794	Stevens	555	Moultonborough	168
Keene	1382	Pembroke	763	Laconia	542	Sunapee	155
Man. Central	1331	Souhegan	751	Kearsarge	508		
Spaulding	1308	Kennett	739	Gilford	489		
Merrimack	1226	*St. Thomas	402	Monadnock	479		
Salem	1175	*Trinity	324	Fall Mountain	465		
*Timberlane	1100			Prospect Mnt.	454		
*Bishop Guertin	793			Campbell	439		
*Hanover	743			Somersworth	433	*Petition	
				*Conant	373		
				*Belmont	358		
				*Hopkinton	320		
				*Bishop Brady	304		
				*Derryfield	269		

Sect. 5: Tournament Selection

The top ten (10) teams (and ties for tenth place) in Division I and III, and the top seven (7) teams (and ties for seventh place) in Division II and IV, based on their win-loss record in their Division, shall qualify for the state tournament. (CM 1.2018)

Sect. 6: Seasonal Play Rules & Regulations

A maximum of eight (8) and no fewer than five (5) players in Division II, a maximum of seven (7) and no fewer than four (4) players in Division III, and a maximum of six (6) and no fewer than four (4) players in Division IV will be designated by the coach to compete (Stableford Scoring Format) in seasonal matches. The total points of the highest five (5) in Division II and the highest four (4) in Divisions III and IV will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the highest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second highest, second place and two wins - one loss; third highest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth highest score, fourth place and no wins – three losses. (CM 5. 2018; CM 11.2019)

Eight (8) players in Division I will be designated by the coach to compete (Stroke Play) in seasonal matches. The lowest five (5) in Division I 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. (CM 11.2019)

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 III based upon their 36 hole scores. Medals will be awarded to the top five (5) medalists in Divisions II 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. (CM 5.2018)
- 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.