

## BY-LAW ARTICLE XXIII

### Ice Hockey Boys and Girls

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

**Sect. 2:** The NHIAA Ice Hockey Committee shall be responsible for conducting the Annual State Ice Hockey Tournament. The Committee will arrange for the tournament to be played at times and sites to be determined.

**Sect. 3:** All games in NH, regular season and tournament, will be played according to the National Federation Ice Hockey Rules as they apply to high school games.

**Sect. 4:** All schedules are due in the NHIAA office no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Ice Hockey Committee shall meet to approve schedules of the teams for tournament consideration.

**Sect. 5:** All tournaments, jamborees, and similar competition must be sanctioned by the Ice Hockey Committee through the Executive Director. These sanctioned contests shall not count on the regular season's record for tournament consideration. No school may enter more than one approved Christmas tournament.

**Sect. 6:** All schedules for tournament consideration shall be guided by the following:

- A. In order to qualify for tournament consideration, each team must play a minimum of 12 games against NH schools within their own Division. Deviations shall only occur with the approval of the Ice Hockey Committee.
- B. Games can neither be added nor deleted from the schedules after they have been approved by the NHIAA.
- C. Scrimmages against other schools shall not be permitted during the first three (3) days of practice and after the first scheduled game. This regulation also applies to sub-varsity teams.

#### **Sect. 7: Divisional Alignment**

Boys Ice Hockey schools shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee. Girls Ice Hockey schools shall be aligned as one (1) division.

#### **2016-17 Ice Hockey Boys Divisional Alignment**

<b>Division I (1450 +)</b> <b>14 Schools</b>	<b>Division II (1200-1449)</b> <b>15 Schools</b>	<b>Division III (1-1199)</b> <b>12 Schools</b>
Pinkerton 3167	Spaulding 1416	*Pembroke/Campbell 1349
Nashua North/Souhegan 2576	Keene 1388	*Kearsarge/Plymouth 1252
Nashua South/Pelham 2503	Portsmouth/Newmarket 1353	*ConVal/Conant 1229
Exeter 1741	Dover 1349	Somersworth/Coe-Brown 1184
Concord 1714	Alvirne 1315	Laconia/Winnisquam 1082
Man. Central 1688	Timberlane 1240	Hollis/Brookline/Derryfield 1078
Man. Memorial 1583	Merrimack 1231	John Stark/Hopkinton 969
Londonderry 1579	*Lebanon/Stevens 1154	Belmont/Gilford 938
Bedford 1484	*Winnacunnet 1109	Kennett 819
*Salem 1215	*Goffstown 1106	Sanborn 686
*Bishop Guertin 743	*Windham 851	Berlin/Gorham 580
*Hanover 702	*Kingswood 814	Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes 517
*Trinity 398	*Oyster River 715	
*Bishop Brady 348	*Bow 595	
	*St. Thomas 527	

\*Petition

---

#### **2016-17 Girls Ice Hockey Divisional Alignment**

<b>One Division - 14 Schools</b>			
St. Thomas/Dover 1876	Keene 1388	Bishop Guertin 743	
Exeter 1741	ConVal/Conant 1229	Oyster River 715	
Concord 1714	Lebanon/Stevens 1154	Hanover 702	
Bishop Brady/Trinity/West 1695	Souhegan 828	Berlin/Gorham 580	
Man. Central 1688	Kingswood 814		

**Sect. 8: Team Selection and Format for the State Tournament (CM 6.2016):**

- A. 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 in each division.
- B. Tournament team selection will be determined in accordance with the present divisional alignment.
- C. Tournament games will consist of three (3) 15 minute periods. Each game will be played straight through. In the event of a tie the following tournament overtime rule shall apply: For all tournament games there shall be 15 minute "Sudden Victory" overtime period(s). New ice will be made and teams will change ends for every overtime period. This procedure will continue until a winner is determined.
- D. Mercy Rule: In the last period of any NHIAA game, regular season or tournament play, if a team is leading by six (6) or more goals, the clock will continue to run. If the lead is down to only four (4) goals, normal timing procedures will be instituted. The only time the clock will stop is to replace a goalie, when the goalie change rules apply, or to attend to an injured player.

**Sect. 9: Awards**

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 24 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

**Sect. 10: Tournament Rosters**

A TOTAL of 25 individuals to include 20 players (two goalies recommended), four (4) non-player personnel, and one (1) designated medical personnel shall be permitted to occupy the bench area. For those teams that do not have 20 players in uniform or a designated medical person, additional personnel may NOT be substituted. 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.