

## BY-LAW ARTICLE XXXI

### Softball

#### Girls

**Sect. 1:** Softball shall be administered by the NHIAA Softball Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable. The Softball Rules of the National Federation will be used to govern all interscholastic softball games.

**Sect. 2:** Results of games played in all divisions must be posted on the NHIAA website immediately following the game. Failure to do so may result in teams being eliminated from tournament consideration.

#### **Sect. 3: Schedule Requirements**

All schedules must be submitted to the Executive Director on or before the deadline date of February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. It is strongly recommended that in drawing up interschool schedules, Thursday of each week be left open for the purposes of rescheduling due to postponements, etc.

**Sect. 4:** NOCSAE approved equipment must be used in all NHIAA contests.

#### **Sect. 5: Tournament Rosters**

All tournament teams will be limited to a maximum of 23 individuals, with no more than 18 of them being players in uniform. The remainder of the roster will include one (1) head coach, two (2) 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. 6: Suspended Games**

If weather or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game if: a) five (5) innings have been played, or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four (4), or four (4) and a fraction terms at bat than the visiting team has scored in five (5) terms at bat; or b) play has gone beyond five full innings.

In "b", if the game is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed terms at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the uncompleted inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be completed from the point of suspension, with the line-up and batting order of each team the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game.

#### **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 tournament in each division. (CM 5.2016)

#### **Sect. 8: Selection of Tournament Sites**

Preliminary and quarterfinal round games will be played at the site of the highest seeded team. The semifinal, and final rounds will be played at sites selected by the Committee. Final games and times at neutral sites will be rotated on a yearly basis.

#### **Sect. 9: Awards**

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 23 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

**Sect. 10: Divisional Alignment**

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

<b>2016-17 Softball Divisional Alignment</b>				
<b>DIV. I (1151+)</b>		<b>DIV. II (551-1150)</b>	<b>DIV. III (301-550)</b>	<b>DIV IV (1-300)</b>
<b>18 Schools</b>		<b>22 Schools</b>	<b>24 Schools</b>	<b>21 Schools</b>
Pinkerton 3167		Goffstown 1106	*Hanover 702	Farmington 299
Nashua South 1875		Portsmouth 1098	*Laconia 590	Epping 277
Nashua North 1748		Man. West 949	*Kearsarge 566	Hopkinton 269
Exeter 1741		Milford 857	Stevens 545	Derryfield 263
Concord 1714		Windham 851	Monadnock 531	Hinsdale 255
Man. Central 1688		Pembroke 840	Fall Mountain 525	Newmarket 255
Man. Memorial 1583		Souhegan 828	Gilford 510	Woodsville 228
Londonderry 1579	Merrimack Valley 823	Kennett 819	Campbell 509	Littleton 213
Bedford 1484	Hollis/Brookline 815	Winnisquam 492	Prospect Mountain 503	Ports. Christian at Dover 204
Spaulding 1416	Kingswood 814	Somersworth 482	Raymond 447	Moultonborough 184
Keene 1388	ConVal 794	Berlin 443	Wilton-Lyndeborough 175	Nute 182
Dover 1349	Oyster River 715	Conant 435	Pittsfield 157	Profile 181
Alvirne 1315	Coe-Brown 702	Belmont 428	Groveton 141	Wilton-Lyndeborough 175
Timberlane 1240	John Stark 700	White Mountains 402	Sunapee 141	Pittsfield 157
Merrimack 1231	Plymouth 686	Franklin 388	Gorham 137	Groveton 141
Salem 1215	Sanborn 686	Hillsboro-Deering 387	Colebrook 130	Sunapee 141
*Winnacunnet 1109	Pelham 628	Newfound 383	Lisbon 119	Gorham 137
*Bishop Guertin 743	Lebanon 609	Bishop Brady 348	Lin-Wood 112	Colebrook 130
	Bow 595	Newport 346	Canaan/Pittsburg 125	Lisbon 119
	*St. Thomas 527	Mascenic 344		Lin-Wood 112
	*Trinity 398	Mascoma 340		Canaan/Pittsburg 125
		Inter-Lakes 333		
* Petition				