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Sect. 1: Spirit shall be administered by the NHIAA Spirit Committee. The rules of the National Federation shall govern the sport when applicable. A limit of four (4) competitions sanctioned by the NHIAA per season (fall, winter) prior to the State Competition and prior to the end of the regular season in your division in that sport will be allowed.

Sect. 2: Divisional Alignment

Fall spirit shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

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

2017-18 Fall Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1200+)	DIV. II (651-1199)	DIV. III (1-650)
16 Schools	16 Schools	11 Schools
Pinkerton 3167	*Keene 1388	Bow 595
Nashua South 1875	Winnacunnet 1109	Kearsarge 566
Nashua North 1748	Goffstown 1106	Stevens 545
Exeter 1741	Man. West 949	Monadnock 531
Concord 1714	Milford 857	Gilford 510
Man. Central 1688	Windham 851	Campbell 509
Man. Memorial 1583	Pembroke 840	Somersworth 482
Londonderry 1579	Souhegan 828	Trinity 398
Bedford 1484	Merrimack Valley 823	Franklin 388
Spaulding 1416	Kennett 819	Newport 346
Dover 1349	Hollis/Brookline 815	Epping 277
Alvirne 1315	Kingswood 814	
Timberlane 1240	Con-Val 794	
Merrimack 1231	Plymouth 686	
Salem 1215	Sanborn 686	
*Bishop Guertin 743	*Pelham 628	

* Petition

2017-18 Winter Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1200+)	DIV. II (651-1199)	DIV. III (400-650)	DIV IV (1-399)
16 Schools	15 Schools	9 Schools	10 Schools
Pinkerton 3167	*Keene 1388	Bow 595	Trinity 398
Nashua South 1875	Winnacunnet 1109	Stevens 545	Hillsboro-Deering 387
Nashua North 1748	Goffstown 1106	Fall Mountain 525	Newfound 383
Exeter 1741	Man. West 949	Campbell 509	Newport 346
Concord 1714	Milford 857	Prospect Mountain 503	Mascenic 344
Man. Central 1688	Windham 851	Winnisquam 492	Farmington 299
Man. Memorial 1583	Pembroke 840	Raymond 447	Epping 277
Londonderry 1579	Souhegan 828	Berlin 443	Hinsdale 255
Bedford 1484	Merrimack Valley 823	White Mountains 402	Littleton 213
Spaulding 1416	Kennett 819		Nute 182
Dover 1349	Hollis/Brookline 815		
Alvirne 1315	Con-Val 794		
Timberlane 1240	John Stark 700		
Merrimack 1231	Sanborn 686		
Salem 1215	*Pelham 628		
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Sect. 3: Competition Rosters

- A. *Competition teams shall be limited to no more than 22 members who have participated in practices and cheered at games throughout the current spirit season. The remainder of the roster may include up to five (5) non-athletes. 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 allowed) must be submitted with a photo lineup. If no photo is received a logo will be supplemented. *NOTE: A maximum of 20 members will be on the competition floor. The additional two are to have the same eligibility as the other members in the event they are needed to replace an injured athlete. (CM 5.2015; 11.2016)
- B. The number of athletes allowed at other sports tournaments shall be governed by those individual sports committees. (See Spirit Policy and Procedures Manual)

Sect. 4: State Tournaments

- A. The State Tournament Competition shall be administered by the NHIAA Spirit Committee.
- B. All member schools will be able, but not required; to enter one (1) varsity team into the State Competition provided they have cheered for a school team, such as football, as a squad. There will be no strictly competition teams allowed.
- C. Tournament rules shall be set by the NHIAA Spirit Committee.
- D. Under no circumstances may a State Championship be held with less than five (5) schools in a division participating.

Sect. 5: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division. Twenty-seven team medals shall be awarded to the team members, managers, and coaches of the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

Sect. 6: Competition Judges

The NHIAA Spirit Committee shall have the responsibility of selecting judges for each tournament event.

Sect. 7: Sanctioning

- A. All competition events outside of the NHIAA State Championship must be sanctioned in accordance with NHIAA By-Law Article VIII, Sanctioning Procedures for Athletic Competition. Only requests from member schools or other State Association member schools shall be considered.
- B. In order for a spirit squad to be eligible to participate in outside competition, that squad must compete in the NHIAA State Tournament competition. (Refer to the Spirit Policy and Procedures Manual for specific requirements when applying for sanction of an event.)