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

2019-20 Fall Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1000+)	DIV. II (651-999)	DIV. III (1-650)
20 Schools	11 Schools	10 Schools
Pinkerton 3449	*Keene 1420	Sanborn 646
Nashua South 1862	Milford 855	Stevens 548
Nashua North 1744	Merrimack Valley 819	Kearsarge 541
Exeter 1705	Man. West 816	Monadnock 502
Concord 1661	Hollis/Brookline 806	Campbell 466
Man. Central 1510	Pembroke 799	Somersworth 438
Bedford 1498	Souhegan 789	Newport 356
Londonderry 1496	Con-Val 733	Trinity 314
Man. Memorial 1455	Plymouth 677	Franklin 309
Spaulding 1391	Bow 661	Epping 280
Dover 1336	Pelham 656	
Merrimack 1219		
Alvirne 1200		
Timberlane 1173		
Salem 1170		
Goffstown 1114		
Winnacunnet 1078		
Portsmouth 1078		
*Windham 925		* Petition
*Bishop Guertin 789		

2019-20 Winter Spirit Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1000+)	DIV. II (651-999)	DIV. III (1-650)
20 Schools	9 Schools	19 Schools
Pinkerton 3449	*Keene 1420	Sanborn 646
Nashua South 1862	Milford 855	Lebanon 75
Nashua North 1744	Merrimack Valley 819	Stevens 548
Exeter 1705	Man. West 816	Laconia 547
Concord 1661	Hollis/Brookline 806	Prospect Mountain 479
Man. Central 1510	Pembroke 799	Campbell 466
Bedford 1498	ConVal 733	Winnisquam 448
Londonderry 1496	Bow 661	Berlin 399
Man. Memorial 1455	Pelham 656	Raymond 384
Spaulding 1391		Newfound 373
Dover 1336		White Mountains 373
Merrimack 1219		Newport 356
Alvirne 1200		Hillsboro-Deering 345
Timberlane 1173		Trinity 314
Salem 1170		Mascenic 312
Goffstown 1114	*Petition	Epping 280
Winnacunnet 1078		Littleton 259
Portsmouth 1078		Farmington 258
*Windham 925		Hinsdale 153
*Bishop Guertin 789		

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.)