

# NHIAA 2021 Basketball Open Tournament

## COVID – 19 Safety Procedures and Guidelines

- All CDC and New Hampshire Dept. of Health guidelines will be enforced.
- All guidelines set forth in the Governor’s Safer at Home guidance for “Amateur and Youth Sports” must be followed.
- All guidelines set forth in the “NHIAA Reopening Sports Guidance” guidelines must be followed.
- All game modifications approved by the NFHS, NHIAA Basketball Committee, NHIAA Sports Medicine Committee and NHIAA Council will be observed.
- All NHIAA tournaments will require masks for all participants except in the sports of gymnastics, swimming, ski jumping, and spirit as determined by safety reasons by sports specific committees.” This statement is included in the NHIAA reopening guidelines and posted.

## Tournament

- The NHIAA 2020-21 Basketball Tournament is set up as an open tournament by division
- Each school was able to opt in based upon their comfort level of competing in a state wide competition
- Based upon feedback from member schools and the success of regional scheduling during the regular season, the Basketball Committee divided each division into 4 regional groups
- Each of the 4 groups was determined based upon location in the state and proximity to each other.
- Schools will be placed in the tournament bracket to maximize the number of teams competing based upon data collected. Team numbers/positions in the bracket will be randomly generated.
- Team records from the regular season will not be considered when placing teams in the bracket. Rather, proximity to one another within the cluster was the presiding factor utilized to set up the bracket.
- Any team who opts out of the tournament will be withdrawn from the bracket and their next scheduled opponent will automatically advance to the next round.
- **At the Prelim and Quarters it is recommended that each rostered student athlete on the varsity team, both home and away, are provided two tickets per game. Should local school rules mandate a more strict policy regarding visitors and fans to their school campus, such rules will take precedent over the NHIAA’s recommendation.**

Hosting school is determined by their “team number”

Lowest team number will host

(#1 being the lowest number)

### **Boys Basketball – All Divisions**

#### **Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Semifinals**

Region 1 vs Region 2 – TBD will host

Region 3 vs Region 4 – TBD will host

#### **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Finals**

TBD will host

### **Girls Basketball – All Divisions**

#### **Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Semifinals**

Region 1 vs Region 2 – TBD will host

Region 3 vs Region 4 – TBD will host

#### **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Finals**

TBD will host

The Basketball Committee is hopeful to find neutral high school venues for the semi-final and final rounds for both boys and girls.

If a neutral site is unable to be identified the following will determine who will host the game:

- A school that is able to host a minimum of two (2) fans per athlete of both home and away teams.
- If both schools can allow fans, the default will be the lower team number that is assigned.
- If both teams have **same** team numbers, and can host fans a coin flip will determine the host.