

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXXII

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 March 6th 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.

2024-25 Softball Divisional Alignment			
DIV. I (900+)	DIV. II (501-899)	DIV. III (281-500)	DIV. IV (1-280)
20 Schools	19 Schools	21 Schools	21 Schools
Pinkerton 3079	Oyster River 844	Monadnock 499	Newmarket 280
Man Central-Memorial 2526	Merrimack Valley 763	Stevens 499	Franklin 272
Nashua South 1704	Pembroke 756	Gilford 492	Mascenic 260
Nashua North 1626	Hollis/Brookline 750	Fall Mountain 490	Farmington 233
Concord 1464	Kingswood 746	Kearsarge 485	Epping 221
Dover 1417	Kennett 707	Prospect Mountain 410	Profile 221
Bedford 1404	Milford 698	Somersworth 406	Littleton 214
Spaulding 1390	Souhegan 693	Winnisquam 403	Woodsville 212
Exeter 1384	Hanover 689	Newfound 394	Portsmouth Christian 178
Keene 1341	Coe-Brown 662	Hillsboro-Deering 382	Hinsdale 164
Londonderry 1291	Con-Val 658	White Mountains 375	Nute 161
Merrimack 1102	Plymouth 651	Conant 373	Pittsfield 161
Salem 1096	John Stark 648	Belmont 360	Gorham 141
Winnacunnet 1073	Lebanon 618	St. Thomas Aquinas 354	Moultonborough 141
Goffstown 1043	Bow 611	Berlin 348	Sunapee 132
Alvirne 1025	Laconia 590	Raymond 343	Wilton-Lyndeborough 131
Portsmouth 1024	Pelham 556	Mascoma 342	Pittsburg-Canaan 129
Windham 995	Sanborn 524	Trinity 327	Groveton 119
Timberlane 986	*Campbell 356	Hopkinton 300	Colebrook 112
*Bishop Guertin 771		Newport 292	Lisbon 81
		*Bishop Brady 261	Lin-Wood 77

* Petition