

2008 FIELD HOCKEY



SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION



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2008 FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATE	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
Season Schedule & Commitment Form Due:	Received on or before Friday, September 30, 2008	<u>North</u> Ms. June Murphy
Tournament Entry Form Due:	Received on or before Friday, October 24, 2008	
Cut-Off Date (Matches played after this date will not count for tournament qualification.)	Sun., October 26, 2008 9:00 pm	<u>South & State</u> Ms. Annette DiMascio
Seeding: North, South & Central West	Mon., October 27, 2008 at MIAA office -- 9:00 am October 27, 2008 10:00 am at Mahar Coaches attendance recommended.	<u>Central</u> Mr. John Doldoorian, Jr. <u>West</u> Ms. Diane Lussier
Sectional Rounds	Start October 29, 2008	
State Finals	November 15, 2008 at Worcester State College	
Rain/Snow Date	November 16, 2008	

WEATHER CONDITIONS COULD CAUSE THE ABOVE PLAYING DATES TO BE CHANGED.

Tournament cut-off dates cannot be changed. These published dates place all schools on the same standard. To alter dates is to disadvantage some schools in order to provide special opportunity to other members.

The following forms must be submitted:

Form	Deadline
Season Schedule & Commitment Form	Saturday, September 30, 2008
Tournament Entry Form	Friday, October 24, 2008
Official Tournament Roster	Friday, October 24, 2008
Recommendation of Tournament Sites	Friday, October 24, 2008
Sectional Referees Recommending Form	Friday, October 24, 2008
Tournament Code of Conduct Form	Friday, October 24, 2008
Team Sportsmanship Nomination Form	Friday, October 24, 2008

A. SITE INFORMATION

1. All games prior to the Sectional **Semi-Final** Round will be played on the home field of the higher seeded team, ***unless the Tournament Director/Committee determines the field is unsuitable for tournament play.***
2. **Sectional Semi-Final, Sectional Final and State Semi-Final sites will be pre-determined** by the Tournament Director / Committee. A tournament site may be the home site or in the home town of a participating team.
3. State Final games will be played on neutral sites.
4. It is recommended that all tournament teams will hold their field available for tournament use at least one round after their elimination.
5. Artificial turf will be the playing surface, if it can be obtained for the state semi-finals and finals because it is the safest and most reliable surface for play in November.

B. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1. A school must schedule and compete in a minimum of nine (9) games to be eligible for tournament play.
2. As many as three games with a single opponent may be played and will count toward tournament qualification.
3. Teams playing in a league using a tiebreaker will report their results as a win or loss determined by the tiebreaker.
4. The league/division champion and runner-up must notify their tournament director prior to the time of seeding regarding final league standings.

C. SEEDING

The position of teams is determined by the percentage method, i.e. points earned (2 pts. for a win, 1 pt. for a tie) divided by the number of games time two, give the percentage rating. ***Ties will be broken by lottery or coin flip.*** In the West, a modified version of the Walker System will be used for seeding purposes.

D. PAIRING ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The Principal/Athletic Director will be contacted by the Tournament Director on Monday, October 27. Please try to be available.
2. Principal/Athletic Director will continue to be contacted throughout the tournament to provide information on next game and site.

E. ASSIGNMENT OF TOURNAMENT GAME OFFICIALS

The following recommendations are based on a policy acknowledging that the selection of officials is critical to providing the best game environment for the participating teams. Please note that no official would be eliminated from assignment unless an official was NOT recommended either by a coach or league assigner or did not work a sufficient number of high school games.

1. All teams will be required to list (5) five recommended officials. See Sectional Referees Recommendation Form. Incomplete lists will not be utilized. Completing the Referees Recommendation Form does not guarantee the assignment of these officials to your games.
2. Additional officials may be added by league assigners and tournament assigners.
3. Officials with an apprentice rating will not be assigned except on an emergency basis during preliminary or first round.
4. During state semi-finals and finals, the third officials assigned will be considered capable of assuming on field duties.
5. Sectional, state semi-final, and final games:
 - a. Preference shall be given to officials who have worked a minimum of 7 high school varsity games.
 - b. Consideration will be noted for officials' rating and recommendations of qualifying coaches.
6. Actual assignment for state games will be made by the state director upon review with the recommendation of sectional directors.
7. The utilization of the sectional assigner for sectional semi-finals and final game assignments will be considered on the basis of team recommendations and availability of other recommended officials. The director shall review said assignment. The assigner will NOT be compensated for this assignment.

F. GAME MANAGEMENT

1.
 - a. Team Size – 35 people are allowed on the field. No more than 30 players, a scorer, a timer, a coach and assistant coaches. The total number may not be more than 35. If there are more than two assistant coaches then the number of players must be reduced
 - b. Participating teams shall have two (2) adults responsible for crowd control at each tournament game and **identify them to the site director before starting game.**
2. Field & Goals
 - a. Goals shall have the **required white facing** and be safely and securely anchored.
 - b. Provision shall be made at the field site for maintenance of a five (5) yard apron around the playing field with a restraining rope.

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- c. Minimizing risk for all participants, and to ensure a more consistent and uniform playing surface, it is strongly recommended that the grass be cut to a maximum height not to exceed 1½ inches.
 - d. Fields shall be properly lined for contests.
3. Start Time
- a. Tournament games on school days shall be scheduled to start no later than 2:30 P.M. or 7:00 P.M.
 - b. Teams should arrive at the field of play fifteen (15) minutes before game time or sooner.
 - c. **Teams will be provided a minimum of 30 minutes of field time. No team may enter the field of play more than 45 minutes before game time at neutral field sites.**
4. Adverse Conditions or Postponements
- a. The decision to postpone a game due to weather shall be made by the tournament director at least three hours prior to the start of the game on the day of the game. Teams should check with the tournament site administration if the weather is questionable.
 - b. In case of postponement due to weather or poor field conditions, the tournament director will determine a new game date which will be the next day if possible.
 - c. A game in progress that is terminated by the decision of the game officials shall be replayed in its entirety on the next day as designated by the tournament director.
5. ***Through the sectional quarter-finals, each tournament team shall provide four (4) new official game balls in white or orange and in accordance with NFHS Rule 1, Section 3, Article 4.***
- The ball shall be spherical with a seamless or sewn outer surface of leather or plastic. The ball shall be hard, solid or hollow and be smooth or without indentations. The inner portion of a solid ball may consist of any natural or artificial material in any composition or mixture. The weight of the ball shall be 5 ½ - 5 ¾ ounces. The circumference must be 8 ¾ - 9 ¼ inches. The ball shall include the NFHS Authenticating Mark in either format. A current list of NFHS authenticated products can be found on the web site: www.nfhs.org.*
- The MIAA will provide tournament balls from the sectional semi-finals through the state finals.***
- a. **The officials shall chose which balls should be played.**
 - b. A time clock.
 - c. Each team is to bring to the tournament site one hundred (100) team rosters for distribution to spectators and press.
6. Uniforms
- a. Teams should check with each other prior to the game to resolve team color conflicts. Shirts and socks (i.e. light for home team - dark for away team).
 - b. State Tournament - The team with the better record has choice of color.
7. Reporting Scores - The **winning coach** of the tournament game will be responsible for calling in the score the day of the game **from the game site** to the sectional tournament director before 7:00 P.M.

G. GAME RULES

1. Rules - The 2008 - 2009 National Federation Field Hockey Rules as modified in the MIAA Hand Book or this format will be used.
2. Regulation Playing Time - Thirty (30) minute halves shall be played with five (5) minutes between halves.
3. Coin Tosses
 - a. Coaches: before the game to determine which team will provide the experienced scorer or experienced timer. The coach of the higher seeded team will make the call.
 - b. The captains' toss;
 - 1) Home site - the visiting captain will call the toss
 - 2) Neutral site - the captain of the team with the higher winning percentage will call the toss
 - c. Choice of bench belongs to the higher seeded team. Note: For the state tournament, "the higher seeded team" means "the team with the better record".
4. Teams – 35 people are allowed on the field. No more than 30 players, a scorer, a timer, a coach and assistant coaches. The total number may not be more than 35. If there are more than two assistant coaches then the number of players must be reduced. - Coaches, managers, and bench players are restricted at all Tournament games to the areas defined below:
 - a. Players: to team bench area. The bench area is defined to be five yards from the fifty yard line, five yards from the sideline, and five yards in length.
 - b. The Coach: to the sideline five yards from the edge of the playing field and running from the 25 yard line closest to their bench.
 - c. PENALTY - a yellow card shall be issued to the offender and a free hit awarded the opposing team for violation of the above restrictions after a green card has been given.
5. Spectators - All spectators must be behind the five (5) yard restraining line/rope.
 - a. PENALTY - Violation of the five (5) yard apron will be penalized as follows:
First offense warning
Second offense..... penalty corner awarded to opposing team
Third offense penalty stroke awarded to opposing team
Fourth offense..... penalty goal awarded to opposing team
 - b. There shall be no spectators allowed on the goal line while the game is in progress. If spectators are on the goal line, the officials will stop the game until school authorities clear the goal line. If this stoppage occurs after a goal is scored, the game will resume with the appropriate Center Pass.
6. Unsportsmanlike Behavior - All incidents of unsportsmanlike behavior should be reported to the director immediately.
7. Tournament Protest Procedure
National Federation Rule 4, Section 3 (Review of official's decision) is waived during tournament play.
A coach may protest in the following manner mindful that misapplication of a rule, not officials' judgment, is grounds for protest.

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- a. Notify the official on their side of the field that she/he is protesting when her/his team is in possession of the ball or the first stoppage in play by saying "protest". Scorers table shall sound timer's horn.
 - b. Time out shall be called.
 - c. A protest conference shall be held (both coaches and both officials).
 - d. If protest is accepted - the appropriate correction shall be made.
 - e. Protest Denials will be treated as follows:
 - 1) DURING REGULATION PLAYING TIME AND OVERTIME PERIODS:
First Denial - Charged a time-out if one remains or/if the allotted time-outs have been taken a penalty corner is awarded.
Second Denial - Opposing Team will be awarded a penalty corner.
Third Denial or More - Opposing Team will be awarded a penalty stroke.
 - 2) DURING STROKE-OFF:
Any Denial - Opposing Team will be awarded additional penalty strokes.
 - f. To re-start the game:
 - 1) If the protest is accepted, with the appropriate penalty or a bully on a spot chosen by the officials.
 - 2) If a time-out is charged, the award of a pending penalty, a bully on the spot, or a center pass if a goal was scored.
 - 3) If a penalty corner, the official's whistle to start the penalty corner.

8. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENT

- a. PRE-GAME
 - 1) A player serving a five-minute suspension when the regulation game ends must serve the remainder of the five minutes of playing time during the overtime period. The suspended player shall NOT enter the first overtime period until her suspension time has expired. The team will play short.
 - 2) A player receiving a yellow card during an overtime period may not be replaced. The suspended player may NOT return during that overtime period or any subsequent overtime periods until the suspension period has expired.
- b. TIE - END OF REGULATION PLAY - If a game is tied at the end of regulation time, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used. Please note that throughout overtime substitution may be made.
 - 1) A five minute intermission.
 - a) A coin toss to determine possession or direction for the overtime period will be held with the visiting or lower seeded team captain making the call.
 - 2) **One fifteen (15) minute overtime "sudden victory" period of 7v7** will be played. All game rules shall apply except as modified:
 - a) **Each coach will submit a 7 player starting line-up to the official scorer.**
 - b) **Each team will have no more than 6 field players and one goalkeeper.**
 - c) Penalty corners: A maximum of (4) defenders behind the endline.
 - d) Each team is permitted one time out.

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- c. TIE - END OF FIFTEEN (15) OVERTIME PERIOD
- 1) A **three** minute intermission.
 - a) Each coach will submit his or her (7) player starting line-up to the official scorer.
 - b) A coin toss to determine possession or direction for the second overtime will be held with the home or higher seeded team captain making the call.
 - 2) A **second** (15) minute "sudden victory" periods of 7 v. 7 will be played. All game rules will apply except:
 - a) Each team will have no more than six field players and one goalkeeper.
 - b) Penalty Corners: A maximum of three defenders behind the endline.
 - c) Team time-outs will be permitted, if a time-out is available (not used during 1st overtime).
- d. TIE AT THE END OF 2ND OVERTIME PERIOD
- 1)
 - a) A two minute intermission by the end of which each team will submit a list of FIVE designated **STROKERS** for participation in a stroke-off during the tie breaking procedure. The strokers will be listed by name and number **IN THE ORDER** each will stroke. Any member of the roster may be a designated stroker. (If goalkeeper is a stroker, helmet and gloves maybe removed.)
 - b) A coin toss to determine whether a team will stroke or defend to begin the series of penalty strokes. The visiting or lower seeded team captain will make the call.
 - c) The officials will select the goal to be used.
 - d) Coaches and all team members may be on the field behind the twenty-five yard line.
 - 2) A series of penalty strokes will be held.
 - a) Five players from each team will attempt the shots on goal on an alternate basis and the team scoring the most goals is declared the winner.
 - b) If the game is still tied at the end of the first series of strokes, the same strokers (order may be changed) will continue to stroke until a winner is determined. A sudden victory series of penalty strokes will be held. The first team awarded more goals than its opponent after an equal number of strokes shall be the winner. A total of one goal shall be awarded the winning team.
 - c) Substitution is permitted only in the event of injury or disqualification of a stroker or goalkeeper.
 - d) No team time-outs will be permitted.

H. MEDICAL COVERAGE

A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all contests. This coverage will be provided/compensated by the Host School in tournament rounds at the site of the higher seeded team. The MIAA will compensate for this coverage at MIAA designated neutral sites.



Field Hockey Team Sportsmanship Award



The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has approved an Annual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to a school in every sport at the MIAA State Championship.

We would like to encourage you to nominate a field hockey team for consideration by the MIAA Field Hockey Committee for recognition at the MIAA Field Hockey Championships on November 15, 2008 at Worcester State College. Nominated teams do not have to be tournament teams but should exemplify the tenets of good sportsmanship to the highest degree. Self nominations are acceptable.

I would like to nominate the following team for consideration of the MIAA Field Hockey Sportsmanship Award:

School: _____ Division: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____ School Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Coach: _____ Home Phone: _____

Captain(s) names: _____

of Games Played _____ # of Game Red Cards _____ # of Game Yellow Cards _____

Please provide a brief statement with regard to the reasons for this nomination below!

Your Name _____ Signature _____

Position _____ School _____

Date _____ Phone _____

Send to: MIAA, Attn: Field Hockey Committee
33 Forge Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038

Fax: 508-541-9888

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 24, 2008