



2017 FIELD HOCKEY

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION



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2017 FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATE	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
Season Schedule Commitment Due Date:	On or before September 30, 2017	North Ms. Barbara Damon
Tournament Entry Due:	On or before, October 25, 2017	
Cut-Off Date (Matches played after this date will not count for tournament qualification.)	Sun., October 29, 2017 7:00 pm	
LATE SUBMISSIONS	A \$300 per incident payment is required for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required schedule committed late or with incomplete information. • Late submission of tournament entry • Incorrect final regular season record 	South & State Ms. Annette DiMascio
Seeding: North, South	Mon., October 30, 2017 at MIAA office -- 9:00 am	Central Mr. John Doldoorian, Jr.
Central	Monday, October 30, 2017 at the MIAA Office – 10:00 am	
West	Mon., October 30, 2017 at Northampton High School – 10:00 am	
Coach attendance recommended at Seeding meetings		West Ms. Diane Lussier
Sectional Rounds	Begin November 1 and continue through November 12, 2017	
Sectional Finals	North: TBD South @ Taunton High School Central: TBD West: TBD	
State Semi-Finals	West at Central: at TBD Tuesday, November 14 (Rain Date: Nov 15) North at South: at TBA Tuesday, November 14 (Rain Date: Nov 15)	
Breakfast of Champions	Thursday, November 16, 2017 at WPI	
State Finals	Saturday, November 18, 2016 at WPI	
Rain/Snow Date	Sunday, November 19, 2016	

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.

Information Due Dates:

Form	Deadline
Team Roster	September 30, 2017
Season Schedule Committed	September 30, 2017
Tournament Entry Finalized	October 25, 2017
Team Sportsmanship Nomination Form	October 25, 2017

A. 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.

B. SEEDING/ PAIRING ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Seeding is to be done by a committee which is limited to the director who is a non-voting member of the seeding committee, voting members of the MIAA Field Hockey Committee, and may also include as voting members, district athletic committee members from the tournament district(s). At least one coach should be present as an observer.
2. 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 Central and West, a modified version of the Walker System will be used for seeding purposes.
3. Pairings and Tournament Information will be available on MIAA website, <http://www.miaa.net> throughout the tournament.
4. Tournament game results should be called in to the Tournament Director by the winning team, as soon as possible, from the game site.

C. ASSIGNMENT OF TOURNAMENT GAME OFFICIALS

1. **Rated and enrolled** MIAA Field Hockey Officials will be assigned to all tournament games.
2. Umpires must have officiated a minimum of seven (7) MIAA high school games during the regular season.

D. 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.

E. GAME MANAGEMENT

1. a. Team Size – No more than 36 people are allowed on the field. No more than 30 players (as listed on the roster), a scorer, a timer, a coach and assistant coaches. The total number may not be more than 36. 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.**

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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.
 - 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. if there are no lights or no later than 7:00 P.M.
 - b. 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. Game Equipment
 - a. Through the sectional quarter-finals, each tournament team shall provide four (4) new official game balls.

The ball shall be spherical with a plastic seamless outer surface. It may be of any solid color that contrasts with the playing surface. The ball shall be hard, solid or hollow and be smooth or with indentations. The ball shall include the NFHS Authenticating Mark. A current list of NFHS authenticated products can be found on the website: www.nfhs.org.

The MIAA will provide tournament balls from the sectional semi-finals through the state finals.

The officials shall chose which balls should be played.
 - b. Each team will provide a time clock.
 - c. Each team is to ensure their roster is entered into the MIAA members only site to be available to spectators and press.
 - d. Each team is to bring to the tournament site a copy of the tournament format.
 6. Uniforms
 - a. Tops: The home team shall wear single solid white uniform tops. The visiting team shall wear single solid black or dark colored uniform tops.

Socks: Knee length solid color sock / sock guards are required. The home team shall wear white or light colored sock / sock guards and the visiting team shall wear contrasting dark colored sock guards.
 - b. State Tournament - The team with the better record has choice of color. (Ties will be resolved by coin toss by the tournament director.)
 7. Reporting Scores - The **host athletic director** 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 **immediately after the game**.

F. GAME RULES

1. Rules - The 2017-2018 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.

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3. **Experienced timer provided by host school.** Official scoreboard provided by home team or higher seeded team at neutral site.
 4. Coin Toss:
 - a. 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
 - b. 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".
 5. Teams – No more than 36 people are allowed on the field. No more than 30 players (as defined on the official team roster), a scorer, a timer, a coach and assistant coaches. The total number may not be more than 36. If there are more than two assistant coaches then the number of players must be reduced. - Players, coaches, managers, and bench players are restricted at ALL Tournament games to the Team Area defined below:

TEAM AREA: The team area shall extend from each team's own 25-yard line to the substitution line on its side of the scorer's table and 5 yards from the side line.

PENALTY: as per NFHS rule book: Rule 12 on page 54
 6. Each team is to warm up on designated half of field
 7. 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 ONE** allowed behind the **END/GOAL LINE** while the game is in progress. If **ANYONE IS** behind the goal/end line, the officials will stop the game until school authorities clear the end/goal line. If this stoppage occurs after a goal is scored, the game will resume with the appropriate Center Pass.
 8. Unsportsmanlike Behavior - All incidents of unsportsmanlike behavior should be reported to the director immediately.
 9. 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.

 - 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". Scorer's 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 SHOOTOUT:

Any Denial - Opposing Team will be awarded additional an additional shootout for each denial.

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- 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.

10. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENT

a. OT PROTOCOL

- 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.
- 3) Any player still serving a suspension time or disqualification may not be in the shootout, however, the team must have 5 designated attackers for the one-on-one shootout

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 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 team will have no more than 6 field players and one goalkeeper.
 - b) Penalty corners: A maximum of four (4) defenders behind the endline, which includes the goalkeeper.
 - c) Each team is permitted one time out.

c. TIE - END OF FIFTEEN (15) OVERTIME PERIOD

- 1) A three minute intermission.
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 (3) defenders behind the endline, which includes the goalkeeper.
 - 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 two-minute intermission. A coin toss to determine whether a team will attack or defend to begin the series of five 10-second attacks in a one-on-one shoot out. The visiting or lower seeded team captain will make the call.
- 2) At the end of the two-minute intermission, each team will submit a list of five designated attackers, in the order in which they will attack (name and number). Any non-disqualified member of the roster may be a designated attack player. If a goalkeeper is an attacker, the person must be equipped as a field player.
- 3) Procedure for administering the shoot out
 - a) The officials will select the goal to be used

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- b) Coaches and all team members not directly involved with the shootout must be behind the 30-yard line (estimate if not line is on the field), and each team must be outside of the goal mouth.
 - c) Only a player who is authorized to attack or defend may enter the 25-yard area. Goalies may stand behind the end line, outside of the circle, while her team is attacking.
 - d) One official will be near the end line, timing the 10 second shootout.
 - e) One official will be near the 25-yard line, following play and will administer any fouls should one occur
 - f) The first team awarded more goals than its opponent after an equal number of shootout attempts shall be the winner.
- 4) Taking the shoot out
- a) The ball is placed on the nearest 25-yard line opposite the center of the goal line.
 - b) Goalkeeper starts on or behind the goal line, in between the goal posts
 - c) Designated attack player starts behind the 25-yard line, close to the ball.
 - d) The official at the 25-yard line blows the whistle to signal the start of the shootout. The official near the end line starts the clock. The attacker and goalkeeper may move at the sound of the whistle.
 - e) The shootout is complete under the following conditions:
 - i) Ten seconds has elapsed
 - ii) Attack scores a goal
 - iii) The ball goes out of bounds (either sideline or backline). The goalkeeper may intentionally send the ball over the backline. The ball going outside the circle does not end the shootout.
 - iv) The attacker commits an offense
 - v) The goalkeeper commits an unintentional offense (shootout retaken immediately)
 - vi) The goalkeeper commits an intentional offense, award a penalty stroke. (a penalty stroke is immediately taken by any eligible player on the team's official roster)
 - f) Substitution is permitted only in the event of injury of an attacker or goalkeeper.
 - g) No team time-outs will be permitted.
 - h) A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card, but not a green card, during the shoot-out competition.
 - i) If a Goalkeeper is suspended during the shootout, they may not take further part in that competition but can be replaced by any eligible player from the team. The replacement goalkeeper is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment
 - j) If an attacker is suspended during the shootout competition, there is no replacement allowed. Any further shoot-out the player was entitled to take counts as no goal, this includes any sudden victory shoot outs.
- 5) If no decision is reached after the first series of shoot outs:
- a) A "sudden victory" procedure will be used to break the tie. The same five players must be used but the order may be changed.
 - b) The team who defended first in the first set will attack first in this set.
 - c) The first team awarded more goals than its opponent after an equal number of shootout attempts shall be the winner.

G. 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.

H. SAT/SAT Subject Tests:

1. Sectional Tournament events may be scheduled for November 4th, the same date of the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Please tell all coaches & student-athletes now so alternative plans may be made. A listing of all dates and sports that may take place on schedule College Board exam dates can be found on the MIAA website at: http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Test_Dates_MIAA_Tournaments.pdf
2. The **College Board** offers a **SAT® Program Alternate Test Date Policy**. As stated in their published material:

“The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria are met:

a. The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as a prom, are not considered unexpected. **An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event.**

3. **SAT School Day:** Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts. To date, the MA school districts that participate are Plymouth, Springfield, Revere, and most recently Fitchburg. SAT School Day is contracted through the College Board with participating districts. Contact Info: **Alan Bernstein, Senior District Director**, K-12 Services, New England Regional Office, The College Board, 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 12, Waltham, MA 02451;

I. **MIAA Drone Policy** - Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

Unless granted special permission by the MIAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any MIAA tournament event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the MIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.



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. 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 25, 2017