

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE XVII**

### **Field Hockey**

#### **Girls**

**Sect. 1:** Field Hockey shall be administered by the NHIAA Field Hockey Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable.

**Sect. 2:** In order to be considered for tournament play each school must meet the following requirements:

- A. All schools must follow the minimum and maximum number of games as stated in By-Law Article XXXV.
- B. All games against NHIAA schools or with schools who are members of neighboring state associations will count.
- C. Each team must play at least 8 games within their own class or higher and two opponents in the same class may play each other three times.

**Sect. 3:** Playing Rules: Official Field Hockey Rules for School Girls National Federation Field Hockey Rules will apply. Tie breaking rules of the National Federation will be used in tournament play only; tie games will be permitted in regular season games.

#### **Sect. 4: Tournament Selection**

Tournament team selection will be determined in accordance with the present classification system. Twelve (12) teams will qualify in Class L and M-S and sixteen (16) teams will qualify in Class I.

#### **Sect. 5: Tournament Rosters**

All tournament teams will be limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) dressed players, two managers, and two coaches.

**Sect. 6:** Tournament Officials will be selected in accordance with Policy By-law Article I, Section 14.

**Sect. 7:** Protests of games must follow By-Law Article VI - Protest Procedure for All Sports.

#### **Sect. 8: Selection of Tournament Sites**

The preliminary and quarterfinal round games will be played at the site of the higher seeded team. The semifinal and Championship games will be played at a site selected by the NHIAA Field Hockey Committee.

#### **Sect. 9: Awards**

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to twenty-seven (27) individual medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each class.

**Sect. 10:** No field hockey player may play more than three halves per day. Entering play in a half constitutes a full half of play.

**Sect. 11:** In order to be considered for post-season tournament play, each school must play at least fifty percent (50%) of its games with New Hampshire schools.

**Sect. 12:** Sub-varsity games will be 25 minute halves unless a shorter time is agreed upon by both schools involved.

**Sect. 13: Sportsmanship**

The National Federation Field Hockey Committee has established the following procedures for dealing with unruly spectators:

1. First Offense: official suspends the game on the first dead ball situation and requests appropriate coach or site management to resolve situation.
2. Second Offense: official suspends the game on the first dead ball situation and awards penalty stroke to opponents of offending spectators' team.
3. Third Offense: The team of the offending spectator(s) shall forfeit the game unless state association rules determine otherwise.

**Sect. 14: Overtime Procedures for Regular Season Play**

The Overtime Procedures are located in the Field Hockey Policies and Procedures Manual.