

BY-LAW ARTICLE XVIII

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 XXXVI.
- 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 eight (8) games within their own division or higher and two opponents in the same division may play each other three times.

Sect. 3: Divisional Alignment

Field Hockey shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

2011-12 Field Hockey Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1251+)		DIV. II (651-1250)		DIV. III (1-650)	
15 Schools		23 Schools		18 Schools	
Pinkerton	3325	Goffstown	1235	*Sanborn	755
Nashua - South	2226	Bedford	1223	Monadnock	649
Man. Central	2220	Portsmouth	1048	Stevens	635
Man. Memorial	2092	Con-Val	1011	Somersworth	588
Nashua - North	2003	Milford	959	Gilford	571
Concord	1878	Pembroke	946	Winnisquam	538
Salem	1850	Merr. Valley	910	Conant	538
Londonderry	1765	Hollis/Brookline	903	Berlin	517
Exeter	1701	Souhegan	894	Newfound	464
Keene	1654	Kingswood	872	Franklin	437
Dover	1563	Kennett	853	Mascoma	436
Merrimack	1514	John Stark	838	Mascenic	425
Timberlane	1477	Laconia	782	White Mt.	424
Winnacunnet	1265	Plymouth	748	Newport	409
*Bishop Guertin	886	Hanover	740	Hopkinton	338
		Windham	734	Littleton	269
		Lebanon	698	Derryfield	248
		Oyster River	698	Profile	188
		Pelham	690		
		St. Thomas	676		
		*Kearsarge	640		
		*Bow	613		
*Petitions		*Bishop Brady	369		

Sect. 4: Playing Rules: 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. 5: Tournament Selection

Tournament team selection will be determined in accordance with the present alignment. Twelve teams will qualify in Divisions I and III and 16 teams will qualify in Division II.

Sect. 6: Tournament Rosters

All tournament teams will be limited to a maximum of 25 players, two (2) managers, and two (2) coaches. This information is also for the tournament programs.

If a team is going to make the tournament, a team photo (in uniform, no mascots allowed) **MUST** be submitted.

Sect. 7: Tournament officials will be selected in accordance with By-Law Article I, Sect. 15.

Sect. 8: Protests of games must follow By-Law Article VII - Protest Procedure for All Sports.

Sect. 9: 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. 10: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 27 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

Sect. 11: No field hockey player may play more than three (3) halves per day. Entering play in a half constitutes a full half of play.

Sect. 12: 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. 13: Sub-varsity games will be 25 minute halves unless a shorter time is agreed upon by both schools involved.

Sect. 14: Sportsmanship

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

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

Sect. 15: Overtime Procedures for Regular Season Play

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