

## BY-LAW ARTICLE XIX

### 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 XXXVII.
- B. Each team must play at least eight (8) games within their own division.

#### **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.

#### 2016-17 Field Hockey Divisional Alignment

<b>DIV. I (1151+)</b>		<b>DIV. II (651-1150)</b>		<b>DIV. III (1-650)</b>	
<b>16 Schools</b>		<b>17 Schools</b>		<b>21 Schools</b>	
Pinkerton	3167	Goffstown	1106	*Pembroke	840
Nashua South	1875	Portsmouth	1098	*John Stark	700
Nashua North	1748	Milford	857	Pelham	628
Exeter	1741	Windham	851	Bow	595
Concord	1714	Souhegan	828	Laconia	590
Man. Central	1688	Merrimack Valley	823	Kearsarge	566
Man. Memorial	1583	Kennett	819	Stevens	545
Londonderry	1579	Hollis/Brookline	815	Monadnock	531
Bedford	1484	Kingswood	814	Gilford	510
Keene	1388	ConVal	794	Winnisquam	492
Dover	1349	Oyster River	715	Berlin	443
Timberlane	1240	Hanover	702	Conant	435
Merrimack	1231	Plymouth	686	White Mountains	402
Salem	1215	Sanborn	686	Franklin	388
*Winnacunnet	1109	*Lebanon	609	Newfound	383
*Bishop Guertin	743	*St. Thomas	527	Bishop Brady	348
		*Derryfield	263	Newport	346
				Mascenic	344
				Mascoma	340
				Hopkinton	269

\*Petition

**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**

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. 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. 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. 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 29 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. See Policy and Procedures Manual for further clarification.

**Sect. 14: Sportsmanship**

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

- A. First Offense: Official suspends game on the first dead ball situation and requests appropriate coach or site management to resolve the situation. Once the coach or site management has been made aware of the situation, play shall resume.
- B. Second Offense: Official suspends game on the first dead ball situation and requests the appropriate coach or site management to remove the offending spectator (s) from the venue. Play shall resume upon removal of offending spectator.
- C. Third Offense: The team of the offending spectator(s) shall forfeit the game.

**Sect. 15: Overtime Procedures for Regular Season Play**

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