

BY-LAW ARTICLE XX

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 all schools must follow the minimum and maximum number of games as stated in By-Law Article XXXIX.

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.

2024-25 Field Hockey Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (900+)		DIV. II (500-899)		DIV. III (1-499)	
18 Schools		17 Schools		16 Schools	
	Pinkerton 3079	Oyster River	844	*Sanborn	524
Man. Memorial-Central	2526	Merrimack Valley	763	Monadnock	499
Nashua South	1704	Pembroke	756	Stevens	499
Nashua North	1626	Hollis/Brookline	750	Gilford	492
Concord	1464	Kingswood	746	Kearsarge	485
Dover	1417	Kennett	707	Winnisquam	403
Bedford	1404	Milford	698	Newfound	394
Exeter	1384	Souhegan	693	St. Thomas Aquinas	354
Keene	1341	Hanover	689	Berlin	348
Londonderry	1291	Con-Val	658	Mascoma	342
Merrimack	1102	Plymouth	651	Hopkinton	300
Salem	1096	John Stark	648	Newport	292
Winnacunnet	1073	Lebanon	618	Franklin	272
Goffstown	1043	Bow	611	Bishop Brady	261
Portsmouth	1024	Laconia	590	Mascenic	260
Windham	995	Pelham	556	Littleton	214
Timberlane	986	*Derryfield	291		
*Bishop Guertin	771				
		*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: To avoid increased injury risk, it is recommended that athletes play no more than six (6) quarters in one (1) day. Administrators and coaches should monitor quarters played per day. Athletes who participate in more than six (6) quarters per day should be closely monitored by coaches, administrators, and/or medical personnel (i.e. Athletic Trainers, etc). (CM 1.2021) CM 11.2023)

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 12 ½ minute quarters unless a shorter time is agreed upon by both schools involved. See Policy and Procedures Manual for further clarification. (CM 1.2021)

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 Policy and Procedures Manual.