

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.

2026-27 Field Hockey Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (850+)		DIV. II (550-849)		DIV. III (1-549)	
17 Schools		16 Schools		16 Schools	
Pinkerton	2979	*Man. Memorial-Central	2451	Laconia	543
Nashua South	1697	Oyster River	796	Kearsarge	485
Nashua North	1545	Kingswood	727	Monadnock	475
Dover	1423	Pembroke	718	Pelham	466
Bedford	1367	Merrimack Valley	715	Gilford	442
Concord	1329	Hollis Brookline	713	Sanborn	433
Exeter	1329	Souhegan	709	Stevens	432
Keene	1263	Hanover	693	Winnisquam	372
Londonderry	1219	John Stark	657	Newfound	368
Salem	1069	Plymouth	643	Berlin	324
Goffstown	1032	Lebanon	642	Mascoma	317
Merrimack	1013	Bow	639	Hopkinton	309
Winnacunnet	988	Milford	613	Conant	307
Portsmouth	983	Kennett	612	Derryfield	270
Timberlane	934	ConVal	603	Mascenic	263
Windham	884	*St. Thomas	341	Newport	263
*Bishop Guertin	767				

*Petition

Sect. 4: 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 5.16)

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 1.21) CM 11.23)

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 1.21)

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 official(s) shall declare the game a suspended game and report the sportsmanship incident to the state office.

Sect. 15: Overtime Procedures for Regular Season Play

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