

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

#### **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.

#### **2023-24 Field Hockey Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (1046+)</b>		<b>DIV. II (551-1049)</b>		<b>DIV. III (1-550)</b>	
<b>17 Schools</b>		<b>20 Schools</b>		<b>17 Schools</b>	
Pinkerton	3117	Portsmouth	1040	Stevens	546
Man. Central-West	2119	Goffstown	1006	Kearsarge	515
Nashua South	1875	Oyster River	863	Gilford	494
Nashua North	1690	Hollis/Brookline	833	Winnisquam	456
Dover	1548	Merrimack Valley	794	Monadnock	444
Concord	1515	Milford	780	Newfound	419
Exeter	1513	Pembroke	752	St. Thomas	416
Man. Memorial	1483	Kingswood	735	Conant	386
Bedford	1454	Kennett	730	Berlin	360
Londonderry	1363	Con-Val	711	White Mountains	352
Keene	1358	Souhegan	709	Hopkinton	322
Merrimack	1158	Hanover	690	Mascoma	319
Salem	1158	Bow	630	Newport	300
Winnacunnet	1139	Plymouth	626	Franklin	275
Windham	1062	Lebanon	614	Mascenic	270
Timberlane	1048	Laconia	589	Bishop Brady	242
*Bishop Guertin	803	John Stark	587	Littleton	226
		Pelham	580		
		Sanborn	565		
*Petition		*Derryfield	281		

**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 six (6) quarters per day. Entering play in a half constitutes a full half of play. (CM 1.2021)

**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 Policies and Procedures Manual.