



MPSSAA GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY BULLETIN

State Semifinals - November 3/5 (Central Sites)

State Finals - November 8, 2014

Washington College

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Field Hockey tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Field Hockey Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated on page 1 (Section I) of this publication as well as those appearing within this Field Hockey Bulletin.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in Section I of this publication.
- E. Regular season policies and procedures
 - 1. Games postponed during the regular season shall be made up on the first available date and in the order originally scheduled. Subsequent games shall not be moved. Local supervisor(s) of athletics shall be consulted and will make final decisions on postponed games.
 - 2. By state association adoption, the clock will continue to run after goals when one team is ahead by five goals.
 - 3. In order to break regular season ties, follow the National Federation rulebook tie-breaker procedures (A; B 1, 2; C; D; and E 5), with the following modifications:

 Play two 10-minute, sudden-victory overtime periods, if necessary. Seven players must start in the overtime, including the goalkeeper. There will be substitution allowed during overtime.
 - 4. If the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime, one set of five penalty strokes will be used. If the game is still tied after using one set of penalty strokes, the game will remain a tie.
 - 5. **Timer and Scorer:** If there is a visible working scoreboard, it shall be used as the official clock. **At the end of each half, the timer shall sound an audible device to indicate that time has expired. The umpire's whistle will then signal the official end of the half. The timer or scorer must have a stop watch or clock available to keep penalty time on the sideline.**
 - 6. During the regular season, the home team shall supply a minimum of five game balls for each contest. It is highly recommended the home team supply two ball retrievers. If no ball retrievers are available, schools shall place two balls behind each goal.

2014 FIELD HOCKEY TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Aug. 13First Practice Date		
Sep. 5First play date	Oct. 21Sectional Quarterfinals(Rain date - Oct. 22)	Nov. 3/5.....Semifinals
Oct. 16.....Seeding Meeting for state tournament brackets.	Oct. 23Sectional Semifinals(RD-24)	Nov. 8.....Finals
Oct. 20.....Last play date	Oct. 27Sectional Finals (RD-28)	Dec 15Reimbursement request due
Oct. 24.....Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	Oct. 29Regional Finals (RD-30)	

II. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

A. Tournament Organization

1. Every school is automatically entered in the region tournament unless the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal.
2. A TEAM ENTRY FORM utilized for State Semifinals and Finals must be filled out by teams winning their Sectional Semifinal. Instructions on filling out the TEAM ENTRY FORM will be available on mpssaa.org.
3. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.

B. Playing Rules

1. All rules not modified here shall be in accordance with the current National Federation rules.
2. Team uniforms
 - a. Teams are expected to dress each individual in a regulation uniform, which includes a numbered top, and kilts or shorts. A top may be either a numbered blouse, shirt, or pinnie.
 - b. The 'home team' will wear *white* tops and *solid white* socks. The 'away team' will wear black or dark-colored tops and solid *dark* socks. *Bring both home and away uniforms.*
 - c. Long-sleeved shirts worn under the uniform by a team must be a *solid* color and all must be of the *same* color as the uniform top.
 - d. Players not in proper attire will not be permitted to enter the contest.
3. Methods of tie-breaking will be the same as for the regular season except that penalty strokes will be used if needed to determine a winner during all region and state tournament games.
 - a. If penalty strokes are needed, one (1) set of five penalty strokes (for each team) will be played.
 - b. If a tie still stands, sudden-victory penalty strokes will follow the set of five.
 - c. Teams may use the same set of stokers as for the first set. Teams may change the order of stokers after the first set.
 - d. Stokers and the goalkeeper must have been listed in the scorebook.

III. REGION TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The region director (listing found on page 21 of this bulletin) is responsible for the assignment of officials and the notification of schools as to the tournament bracket, site, and starting times.
 - a. The region director shall employ local officials to the game site, plus qualified adults as scorers and timers.
 - b. The region director shall inform the state committee director and the MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition.

2. The **seeding meeting** for bracket positions will take place Thursday, Oct. 16 in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the state tournament chair. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> later that day.
 - a. Region directors will verify and submit to the state tournament chair by 9 p.m., Oct. 15, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through that day.
 - b. **All teams in each section will be seeded as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship.**
 - c. **Teams with less than nine varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of nine games.**
 - d. **Ties among teams in a section will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.**
 - e. The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered line position, (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
3. **All sectional games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, all regional championship games will be held at the home site of the school representing the designated host section. Section II will host in 2014, Section I will host in 2015. The option to conduct region and sectional contests at neutral or central sites remains.**
 - a. **The MPSSAA executive director may grant permission for region games to be scheduled at a site other than the higher seed in sectional play or the school representing the designated host section in the regional finals. This may be done upon a written request of the region director, with approval by a two-thirds representative vote of athletic supervisors of schools in that region. Each athletic supervisor's vote will be weighed proportionally to the number of schools he or she represents in that region/section. The request must be received prior to Oct. 1.**
 - b. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 - c. The home team will wear **white** tops and solid **white** socks.
 - d. During regional tournament games, the designated home team shall supply four ball retrievers.
4. The home school will determine the game time.
 - a. During Daylight Savings Time, day games will begin no later than 3:30 p.m.
 - b. During Eastern Standard Time, day games will be played no later than 3:00 p.m.
 - c. Night games will begin no later than 7:00 p.m.
5. Traveling teams should contact the director of the region where the game is to be played for information regarding field conditions, etc. which pertain to their game status.
6. Rained-out contests must be played on the dates indicated in the Time Line on page 16.
7. The Field Hockey Committee will approve for use only those sites that meet the criteria below. When a school cannot meet the game site criteria, the region director shall designate an alternate site after consultation with the local supervisor(s) of athletics.
 - a. Play must be on a regulation field, sized and marked as specified by NFHS Rules including marks for a team line. A crowned field is NOT recommended (the ball should be visible).

- b. The playing surface should be of grass and cut to the appropriate height (ball visible) and/or a turf field.
 - c. There shall be a clearly defined spectator area. Spectators may not stand behind team benches.
 - d. Provisions should be made for adequate supervision and crowd control.
 - e. There should be the capability to control the gate.
 - f. A scorer's table and four chairs should be provided.
 - g. Team benches should be provided.
 - h. For region finals, the use of a public address system is recommended.
 - i. If at a neutral site, the school must be willing to host.
- 8. The designated home team will provide a minimum of five game balls, clock, and stopwatch.
 - 9. Local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.
- B. General Policies
- 1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$6.
 - 2. Multi-turf balls are recommended for use.
 - 3. Game scores should be called in to the region director immediately following the contest. Region directors should report the results to the state director.
 - 4. Region champions will receive a team trophy and individual certificates.
 - 5. Region champions will complete the two-page media information form (found on the field hockey page of mpssaa.org) and bring the requested copies to the state tournament.

IV. STATE TOURNAMENTS

A. Tournament Organization

- 1. The finals will be played at Washington College in Chestertown, Md.
 - a. **From Bay Bridge:** Follow Rt. 50/Rt. 301 East past Kent Island, then take Rt. 301 North toward Wilmington at Rt. 50/Rt. 301 split. After about 7 miles, take Rt. 213 North exit toward Centreville and Chestertown. In Chestertown, Rt. 213 becomes Washington Avenue. Turn left at the Greenwood Avenue traffic signal and enter campus through College's North Gate.
 - b. **From Points Due North:** Follow Rt. 213 South to Chestertown. In Chestertown, turn right at the Greenwood Avenue traffic signal and enter campus through the College's North Gate.
 - c. **From Eastern Shore:** Follow Rt. 50 West to Rt. 213 North. Take Rt. 213 North toward Centreville and Chestertown. In Chestertown, Rt. 213 becomes Washington Avenue. Turn left at the Greenwood Avenue traffic signal and enter campus through College's North Gate.
- 2. 2014–2015 semifinal pairings: **No. 1 North vs. No. 4 East, No. 2 South vs. No. 3 West**

3. The semifinal games will be played at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the following sites:

DATE	CLASS	TENTATIVE SITES
Monday, November 3	1A.....	Broadneck High School
Monday, November 3	2A.....	Paint Branch High School
Wednesday, November 5	3A.....	Broadneck High School
Wednesday, November 5	4A.....	Paint Branch High School

4. Postponements for the semifinal games will be Tuesday, Nov. 4, and Thursday, Nov. 6. Only rained-out games will be moved.

5. Each school participating in the state semifinals shall supply two ball retrievers.

6. Teams shall arrive at the game site dressed for participation.

7. The home team will sit on the left bench, when facing the scorer’s table.

8. Finals will be played at **Washington College** as follows:

Class 3A	11:00 a.m.
Class 4A.....	1:30 p.m.
Class 1A.....	4:00 p.m.
Class 2A.....	6:30 p.m.

9. In case of postponement, the matches which must be rescheduled will be played at **Washington College** on dates to be announced.

10. Dressing facilities will not be available.

11. Schools advancing to the finals may not practice on the **Washington College** field at any time prior to the game.

12. There will be a formal introduction of teams prior to the start of each game. Check with the tournament director upon arrival to determine the procedure. Teams will also line up following the game. Coaches should keep their teams together and make their spectators aware of the ceremony. Spectators should remain off the field where the ceremony will take place.

13. Teams should bring their own practice balls.

B. General Policies

1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged admission.

- a. State semifinals (central sites — \$8)
- b. State contests (Washington College — \$10)

2. A total of 30 members of the official field hockey party will be admitted free.

3. A maximum of 20 cheerleaders from each of the participating schools will be admitted free of charge only if they are in complete uniform and *accompanied by a coach*.

4. Should the final championship game be tied after two sudden-victory overtime periods, penalty strokes will be used to determine a champion.

5. The championship team and the finalist team will each be presented with a team plaque and 25 individual awards.

6. Bands and noisemakers are prohibited.

7. **Signs will be permitted for display on the sidelines only.** Those signs must be stationary, self-supporting and should display a positive support of the school. Signs may not be carried through the spectator area as a means of taunting others. Faculty members of participating schools are expected to enforce this regulation. Derogatory or obscene signs will be confiscated.
8. Coaches must remind their teams, parents, and spectators that no alcoholic beverages (or non-alcoholic substitute) are permitted on the college property.
9. Championship programs, tournament T-shirts, and concessions will be on sale.

C. Officials

1. Two officials and a **bench** official will be reimbursed for each game.
2. Each team will provide a scorer and timer to assist the **state scorekeeper**.

PROJECTED MPSSAA FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT DATES		
2015 - November 14	2016 - November 12	2017 - November 11

Region	Director	School	Office	Other
4A West	Sissy Natoli	Clarksburg	301-444-3524	
4A North	Kendra Zeller	Dulaney	410-887-7633	
4A South	Kathleen Mullholland	Magruder		
4A East	Katie Corcoran	South River		
3A West	Phyllis Hemmes	Bel Air	410-638-4600 x429	
3A North	Barb Waite	North Harford Middle	410-638-3658	
3A South	Anne Vallandingham	Chopticon	301-475-0215	
3A East	Ginger Kincaid	Glenelg	410-313-5528	
2A West	Regina Grubb	Poolesville	240-994-2871	
2A North	Phyllis Hemmes	Bel Air	410-638-4600 x429	
2A South	Anne Vallandingham	Chopticon	301-475-0215	
2A East	Ginger Kincaid	Glenelg	410-313-5528	
1A West	Denean Koontz	North Carroll	410-751-3450	
1A North	Barb Waite	North Harford Middle	410-638-3658	
1A South	Kendra Zeller	Dulaney	410-887-7633	
1A East	Gina Dean	Pocomoke Elementary	410-632-5130	

2014-2015 FIELD HOCKEY STATE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Office

DIRECTOR	Phyllis Hemmes	Bel Air	410-638-4600 x429
DISTRICT 1	Denean Koontz	North Carroll	410-751-3450
DISTRICT 2	Sissy Natoli	Clarksburg	301-444-3524
DISTRICT 4	Anne Vallandingham	Chopticon	301-475-0215
DISTRICT 5	Katie Corcoran	South River	
	Ginger Kincaid	Glenelg	410-313-5528
DISTRICT 6	Kendra Zeller	Dulaney	410-887-7633
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RULES INTERPRETER

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Email addresses for committee members can be found on the field hockey page of mpssaa.org.

2014 ALIGNMENT FOR GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

CLASS 4A-WEST		CLASS 4A-NORTH		CLASS 4A-SOUTH		CLASS 4A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Clarksburg	Mtg	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1. Arundel	AA
2. Gaithersburg	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	2. Meade	AA
3. Magruder	Mtg	3. Kenwood	B Co	3. Walt Whitman	Mtg	3. Severna Park	AA
4. Northwest	Mtg	4. Perry Hall	B Co	4. Walter Johnson	Mtg		
5. Quince Orchard	Mtg						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Blake	Mtg	1. Glen Burnie	AA	1. Churchill	Mtg	1. Broadneck	AA
2. Paint Branch	Mtg	2. North County	AA	2. Kennedy	Mtg	2. South River	AA
3. Sherwood	Mtg	3. Old Mill	AA	3. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	3. North Point	Cha
4. Springbrook	Mtg	4. Howard	How	4. Wootton	Mtg	4. Leonardtown	StM
CLASS 3A-WEST		CLASS 3A-NORTH		CLASS 3A-SOUTH		CLASS 3A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. Franklin	B Co	1. Huntingtown	Cal	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Parkville	B Co	2. Chopticon	StM	2. Chesapeake	AA
3. Thomas Johnson	Fre	3. Patapsco	B Co	3. Great Mills	StM	3. Northeast (AA)	AA
4. Tuscarora	Fre	4. Towson	B Co			4. J. M. Bennett	Wic
5. Urbana	Fre	5. Woodlawn	B Co				
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Einstein	Mtg	1. Aberdeen	Hfd	1. Northern (Cal.)	Cal	1. Westminster	Car
2. Northwood	Mtg	2. Bel Air	Hfd	2. La Plata	Cha	2. Atholton	How
3. Seneca Valley	Mtg	3. C. Milton Wright	Hfd	3. Westlake	Cha	3. Mt. Hebron	How
4. Watkins Mill	Mtg	4. North Harford	Hfd			4. Reservoir	How
CLASS 2A-WEST		CLASS 2A-NORTH		CLASS 2A-SOUTH		CLASS 2A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Century	Car	1. Dundalk	B Co	1. Calvert	Cal	1. Centennial	How
2. Winters Mill	Car	2. Eastern Technical	B Co	2. Patuxent	Cal	2. Glenelg	How
3. Middletown	Fre	3. Hereford	B Co	3. Lackey	Cha	3. Marriotts Ridge	How
4. Oakdale	Fre	4. Lansdowne	B Co	4. St. Charles	Cha	4. River Hill	How
				5. Thomas Stone	Cha		
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Damascus	Mtg	1. Elkton	Cec	1. Kent Island	Qa	1. Hammond	How
2. Poolesville	Mtg	2. Rising Sun	Cec	2. Queen Anne's	Qa	2. Long Reach	How
3. Rockville	Mtg	3. Edgewood	Hfd	3. Parkside	Wic	3. Oakland Mills	How
4. Wheaton	Mtg			4. Stephen Decatur	Wor	4. Wilde Lake	How
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Liberty	Car	1. Bohemia Manor	Cec	1. Southern (AA)	AA	1. North Carolina	Cin
2. Manchester Valley	Car	2. North East (Cecil)	Cec	2. Chesapeake	B Co	2. Kent County	K
3. North Carroll	Car	3. Perryville	Cec	3. Sparrows Point	B Co	3. Easton	Tal
4. South Carroll	Car	4. Havre de Grace	Hfd	4. McDonough	Cha	4. St. Michaels	Tal
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Francis Scott Key	Car	1. Fallston	Hfd	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. North Dorchester	Dor
2. Brunswick	Fre	2. Harford Tech	Hfd	2. Loch Raven	B Co	2. Crisfield	Som
3. Catocin	Fre	3. Joppatowne	Hfd	3. Owings Mills	B Co	3. Washington	Som
4. Walkersville	Fre	4. Patterson Mill	Hfd	4. Pikesville	B Co	4. Pocomoke	Wor