



MPSSAA FIELD HOCKEY BULLETIN

State Semifinals - November 8/10 (Central Sites)

State Finals - November 13, 2010

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. If there is a visible working scoreboard, it shall be used as the official clock.

2010 FIELD HOCKEY TIME LINE

Aug. 14....First Practice Date

Sept. 3First play date

**Oct. 21....Draw for tournament
 bracket positions**

Oct. 25....Last play date

**Oct. 29....Application deadline for
 tournament qualifiers**

REGION TOURNAMENT

**Oct. 26First Round
 (Rain date - Oct. 27)**

Oct. 28Quarterfinals (RD-29)

Nov. 1Semifinals (RD-3)

Nov. 3Finals (RD-4)

STATE TOURNAMENT

Nov. 8/10Semifinals

Nov. 13Finals

**Dec 15.....Reimbursement
 request due**

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. NO ENTRIES ARE TO BE SENT UNTIL THE QUARTERFINALS ARE OVER.
 - a. ONLY TEAMS THAT WIN REGION QUARTERFINALS ARE TO SUBMIT ONLINE ENTRIES. The entries must be received in the MPSSAA office by 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 (day following the quarterfinals).
 - b. The mailed photo must be postmarked no later than Oct. 29.
 - c. The online entry method must be used. The complete directions for submitting rosters and photos will be found on pages 6-7 in Section I of this publication.
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 *light* tops and *solid light* socks. The 'away team' will wear dark 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 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 draw for bracket positions will take place Thursday, Oct. 21 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. A team must have played a minimum of nine games to be eligible for the region tournament.
 - b. Region directors will verify and submit to the state tournament chair by 9 p.m., Oct. 20, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through that day.
 - c. The top four teams in each region will be seeded 1-4 as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship. Ties among the top four teams in a region 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.
 - d. The remaining teams in each region will be placed on the bracket by a blind draw.
 - 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 region games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament. The option to conduct region contests at neutral or central sites remain.
 - a. The MPSSAA executive director may grant permission for region games to be scheduled at a site other than that of the higher-placed team. This may be done upon the written request of the region director, with the approval by a two-thirds representative vote of the 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. 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 the light tops and solid light socks.
 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 20.
 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 the National Federation, 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).
 - 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. Each school will provide a game ball, 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.

Region	Director	School	Office	Home
4A WestBrook FranceschiniQuince Orchard301-840-4581609-820-1852
4A NorthPhyllis HemmesBel Air410-638-4154410-569-3989
4A SouthKathleen Mullholland	..Magruder301-840-4630301-929-2698
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3A WestSissy NatoliClarksburg301-444-3524301-922-6845
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3A SouthAnne VallandinghamChopticon301-475-0215301-373-6456
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Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the field hockey page of mpssaa.org.

B. General Policies

- 1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$5.
- 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 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. 2010–2011 semifinal pairings: West (#1) vs. East (#4); South (#2) vs. North (#3).

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 8	1A.....	Broadneck High School
Monday, November 8	2A.....	Franklin High School
Wednesday, November 10	3A.....	Broadneck High School
Wednesday, November 10	4A.....	Franklin High School

4. Postponements for the semifinal games will be Tuesday, Nov. 9, and Thursday, Nov. 11. Only rained-out games will be moved.

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

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

7. 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.

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

9. Dressing facilities will not be available.

10. Schools involved in the finals may not practice on the **Washington College** field at any time prior to the game.

11. 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.

12. 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 — \$6)
 - b. State contests (Washington College — \$8)
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 table official will be reimbursed for each game.
2. Each team will provide a scorer and timer to assist the table official.
3. If there is a visible working scoreboard, it shall be used as the official clock.

PROJECTED MPSSAA FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT DATES
 2011 - November 12 2012 - November 10
 2013 - November 9

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SPECIAL 2010 ALIGNMENT FOR FIELD HOCKEY

4A WEST	4A NORTH	4A SOUTH	4A EAST
1. Westminster - Car 2. Thomas Johnson -Fre 3. Urbana - Fre 4. Bethesda-CC - Mtg 5. Churchill - Mtg 6. Gaithersburg - Mtg 7. Northwest - Mtg 8. Walter Johnson - Mtg	1. Chesapeake-AA 2. Glen Burnie-AA 3. Meade-AA 4. North County-AA 5. Old Mill-AA 6. Dulaney-B Co 7. Kenwood-B Co 8. Perry Hall-B Co 9. Woodlawn-B Co	1. Blair - Mtg 2. Magruder - Mtg 3. Paint Branch - Mtg 4. R. Montgomery - Mtg 5. Sherwood - Mtg 6. Springbrook - Mtg 7. Whitman - Mtg 8. Wootton - Mtg	1. Annapolis - AA 2. Arundel - AA 3. Broadneck - AA 4. Severna Park - AA 5. South River - AA 6. North Point - Cha 7. Great Mills - StM 8. Leonardtown - StM

3A WEST	3A NORTH	3A SOUTH	3A EAST
1. Frederick -Fre 2. Linganore - Fre 3. Tuscarora - Fre 4. Blake - Mtg 5. Clarksburg - Mtg 6. Damascus - Mtg 7. Einstein - Mtg 8. Kennedy - Mtg 9. Northwood - Mtg 10. Quince Orchard - Mtg 11. Seneca Valley - Mtg 12. Watkins Mill - Mtg	1. Catonsville - B Co 2. Franklin - B Co 3. Hereford - B Co 4. Parkville - B Co 5. Patapsco - B Co 6. Towson - B Co 7. Aberdeen - Hfd 8. C.M. Wright - Hfd 9. North Harford - Hfd	1. Huntingtown - Cal 2. Northern - Cal 3. La Plata - Cha 4. Henry E. Lackey - Cha 5. Thomas Stone - Cha 6. Westlake - Cha 7. Chopticon - Stm 8. J.M. Bennett - Wic 9. Stephen Decatur - Wor	1. Northeast - AA 2. Atholton - How 3. Centennial - How 4. Howard - How 5. Mt. Hebron - How 6. Reservoir - How 7. River Hill - How 8. Wilde Lake - How

2A WEST	2A NORTH	2A SOUTH	2A EAST
1. Century - Car 2. Francis Scott Key - Car 3. Liberty - Car 4. North Carroll - Car 5. South Carroll - Car 6. Winters Mill - Car 7. Middletown - Fre 8. Walkersville - Fre 9. Poolesville - Mtg 10. Rockville - Mtg 11. Wheaton - Mtg	1. Dundalk - B Co 2. Eastern Tech - B Co 3. Lansdowne - B Co 4. Overlea - B Co 5. Elkton - Cec 6. North East - Cec 7. Rising Sun - Cec 8. Bel Air - Hfd 9. Edgewood - Hfd 10. Fallston - Hfd	1. Southern - AA 2. Calvert - Cal 3. Patuxent - Cal 4. McDonough - Cha 5. Glenelg - How 6. Hammond - How 7. Long Reach - How 8. Marriotts Ridge - How 9. Oakland Mills - How	1. North Caroline - Cin 2. Kent Island - QA 3. Queen Anne's - QA 4. Easton - Tal 5. Parkside - Wic 6. Wicomico - Wic

1A WEST	1A NORTH	1A SOUTH	1A EAST
1. Carver A&T - B Co 2. Owings Mills - B Co 3. Pikesville - B Co 4. Manchester Valley - Car 5. Catocin - Fre	1. Loch Raven - B Co 2. Sparrows Point - B Co 3. Harford Tech - Hfd 4. Joppatowne - Hfd 5. Patterson Mill - Hfd	1. Bohemia Manor - Cec 2. Perryville - Cec 3. Havre de Grace - Hfd 4. Kent County - K 5. St. Michaels - Tal	1. North Dorchester - Dor 2. Crisfield - Som 3. Washington - Som 4. Pocomoke - Wor