



MPSSAA GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY BULLETIN

State Semifinals - November 5/7 (Central Sites)

State Finals - November 10, 2018

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 in Section I of this publication as well as those appearing within this Field Hockey Bulletin. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Field Hockey Rule Book will be followed.
- 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 (page 72: items A, B, C, and D1; page 74, item #5; and pages 73-74, item #4 a.-b.), with the following modification:

Play two 10-minute Reduced Player “sudden-victory” overtime periods, if necessary. Seven players start in the overtime including the goalkeeper, unless a team was playing short in regulation due to a card, then they shall play short in the overtime until the card time is served.

- 4. If the game is still tied at the end of the second Reduced Player overtime, one set of five one-on-one's will be used. Each coach shall present a list of five eligible players in shooting order to the official. On an alternating basis, an attacker on the 25-yard line will have 10 seconds against the other team's goalkeeper who begins on the goal line, to move the ball into the circle, take a shot, and any follow-up shots as time permits. A foul or violation by the attacker ends the procedure. The procedure also ends when: (1) the 10 seconds has elapsed; (2) a goal is scored; (3) the ball goes out of play over the end line or sideline. An unintentional foul by the goalkeeper shall result in the one-on-one being retaken. For an intentional foul by the goalkeeper, a penalty stroke shall be awarded (Any eligible player on the roster may take the penalty stroke. Players currently serving GC/YC/RC penalties not eligible). If the game is still tied after using one set of one-on-one's, the game will remain a tie.

2018 FIELD HOCKEY TIME LINE

Aug. 8First Practice Date

Aug. 31First play date

Oct. 17Last play date for seeding consideration

Oct. 18.....Tournament seeding meeting

Oct. 22.....Last play date

Oct. 30.....Application deadline for tournament qualifiers

REGION TOURNAMENT

Oct. 23Section Quarterfinals
(Rain date - Oct. 24)

Oct. 25Section Semifinals
(Rain date - Oct. 26)

Oct. 29.....Section Finals (RD-Oct. 30)

Oct. 31.....Region Finals (RD-Nov. 1)

STATE TOURNAMENT

Nov. 5/7Semifinals

Nov. 10.....Finals

Dec. 15Reimbursement request due

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.

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 Final. 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. **Methods of tie-breaking will be the same as for the regular season. However, if a tie still stands after two "sudden-victory" Reduced Player periods and one set of five one-on-one's with follow-up shots, then "sudden victory" one-on-one's with follow-up shots will follow to determine a winner during all region and State Tournament games. (NFHS Rulebook pages 73-74, item #4 a.- c.)**
 - a. Coaches present a list of any five eligible players from the roster to the official for the "sudden victory" one-on-one's with follow-up shots. Players and/or the order of players may be changed.
 - b. The team not having the ball first in the previous set of one-on-one's shall start the set of "sudden victory" one-on-one's.
 - b. The "sudden victory" one-on-one's with follow-up shots will be taken on an alternating basis until one team is ahead after an equal number of one-on-one's have been taken and the tie is broken.

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. 18 in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the State Tournament Director. 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. 17, 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. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, all teams in sectional and regional play will abide by the following guidelines.
- a. All sectional games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.
 - b. All regional championship games will be held at the home site of the school with the higher regular season winning percentage. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
 - c. The MPSSAA Executive Director may grant permission for sectional and region games to be scheduled at a site other than the higher seed. 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 October 1.
 - d. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 - e. The home team will wear white tops and solid white socks.
 - f. 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 that follows. 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 with four chairs and two penalty 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.
 - 6. The use of noisemakers and other distractions that disrupts the orderly progress of the game, (i.e., use of whistles or horns that are similar to those used by officials and the scoring table), are prohibited.

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. 2018-2019 semifinal pairings: **No. 1 South vs. No. 4 North and No. 2 East vs. No. 3 West.**

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

DATE	CLASS	TENTATIVE SITES
Monday, November 5	4A.....	Paint Branch High School
Monday, November 5	3A.....	Broadneck High School
Wednesday, November 7	2A.....	Paint Branch High School
Wednesday, November 7	1A.....	Broadneck High School

4. Postponements for the Semifinal games will be Tuesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 8.
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 Finals (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, one-on-one's 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. The use of noisemakers and other distractions that disrupts the orderly progress of the game, (i.e., use of whistles or horns that are similar to those used by officials and the scoring table), 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. 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		
2019 - November 9	2020 - November 14	2021 - November 13

2018 REGION TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS				
Region	Director	School	Office	Other
4A West	Amy Morse	Sherwood		301-318-0908
4A North	Kellie Fialcowitz	Dulaney	443-809-7633	410-960-6653
4A South	Megan Lusby	Montgomery Blair	301-649-2870	410-598-6438
4A East	Katie Corcoran	South River		443-223-1348
3A West	Phyllis Hemmes	Harford Co. (retired)		410-336-1533
3A North	Ashley Christy	Bohemia Manor	410-885-2075	443-670-2229
3A South	Anne Vallandingham	Chopticon	301-475-0215	240-925-8798
3A East	Ginger Kincaid	Howard Co. (retired)		410-206-9472
2A West	Gina Grubb	Poolesville	240-740-2440	240-994-2871
2A North	Caitlin Duvall	Hereford		734-904-3411
2A South	Gina Dean	Pocomoke Elementary	410-632-5130	410-726-7804
2A East	Ginger Kincaid	Howard Co. (retired)		410-206-9472
1A West	Denean Koontz	Manchester Valley	410-751-3994	410-967-5437
1A North	Ashley Christy	Bohemia Manor	410-885-2075	443-670-2229
1A South	Anne Vallandingham	Chopticon	301-475-0215	240-925-8798
1A East	Gina Dean	Pocomoke Elementary	410-632-5130	410-726-7804

2018-19 FIELD HOCKEY STATE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE				
			Office	Other
DIRECTOR	Phyllis Hemmes	Harford Co. (retired)		410-336-1533
DISTRICT 1	Denean Koontz	Manchester Valley	410-751-3994	410-967-5437
DISTRICT 2	Amy Morse	Sherwood		301-318-0908
DISTRICT 4	Anne Vallandingham	Chopticon	301-475-0215	240-925-8798
DISTRICT 5	Katie Corcoran	South River		443-223-1348
	Ginger Kincaid	Howard Co. (retired)		410-206-9472
DISTRICT 6	Caitlin Duvall	Hereford		734-904-3411
DISTRICT 7	Ashley Christy	Bohemia Manor	410-885-2075	443-670-2229
DISTRICT 8	Gina Dean	Pocomoke Elementary	410-632-5130	410-726-7804
RULES INTERPRETER				
	Lea Kusner		410-323-1782	443-413-7137

Email addresses for committee members can be found on the Field Hockey page of mpssaa.org.

2018 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. Annapolis	AA
2. Gaithersburg	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	2. Arundel	AA
3. Northwest	Mtg	3. Perry Hall	B Co	3. Walt Whitman	Mtg	3. Severna Park	AA
4. Quince Orchard	Mtg	4. Howard	How	4. Walter Johnson	Mtg		
				5. Wheaton	Mtg		
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Northwood	Mtg	1. Glen Burnie	AA	1. Churchill	Mtg	1. Broadneck	AA
2. Paint Branch	Mtg	2. Meade	AA	2. Einstein	Mtg	2. South River	AA
3. Sherwood	Mtg	3. North County	AA	3. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	3. Leonardtown	StM
4. Springbrook	Mtg	4. Old Mill	AA	4. Wootton	Mtg		
CLASS 3A-WEST		CLASS 3A-NORTH		CLASS 3A-SOUTH		CLASS 3A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Westminster	Car	1. Franklin	B Co	1. Blake	Mtg	1. Chesapeake	AA
2. Frederick	Fre	2. Kenwood	B Co	2. Kennedy	Mtg	2. Northeast	AA
3. Gov. Thomas Johnson	Fre	3. Patapsco	B Co	3. Rockville	Mtg	3. James M. Bennett	Wic
4. Tuscarora	Fre	4. Towson	B Co				
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Urbana	Fre	1. Aberdeen	Hfd	1. Huntingtown	Cal	1. Atholton	How
2. Magruder	Mtg	2. Bel Air	Hfd	2. Northern	Cal	2. Centennial	How
3. Watkins Mill	Mtg	3. C. Milton Wright	Hfd	3. North Point	Cha	3. Long Reach	How
		4. Edgewood	Hfd	4. Chopticon	StM	4. Mt. Hebron	How
				5. Great Mills	StM	5. 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. Eastern Technical	B Co	1. Calvert	Cal	1. Glenelg	How
2. Liberty	Car	2. Hereford	B Co	2. St. Charles	Cha	2. Marriotts Ridge	How
3. Manchester Valley	Car	3. Lansdowne	B Co	3. Westlake	Cha	3. Wilde Lake	How
4. Winters Mill	Car						
5. Middletown	Fre						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Linganore	Fre	1. North East	Cec	1. Kent Island	QA	1. Hammond	How
2. Oakdale	Fre	2. Rising Sun	Cec	2. Queen Anne's	QA	2. Oakland Mills	How
3. Damascus	Mtg	3. North Harford	Hfd	3. Easton	Tal	3. River Hill	How
4. Poolesville	Mtg			4. Parkside	Wic		
5. Seneca Valley	Mtg			5. Stephen Decatur	Wor		
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Owings Mills	B Co	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Southern	AA	1. Bohemia Manor	Cec
2. Pikesville	B Co	2. Chesapeake	B Co	2. Patuxent	Cal	2. Elkton	Cec
3. Francis Scott Key	Car	3. Loch Raven	B Co	3. Thomas Stone	Cha	3. Perryville	Cec
4. South Carroll	Car	4. Sparrows Point	B Co			4. Kent County	K
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Brunswick	Fre	1. Fallston	Hfd	1. La Plata	Cha	1. North Carolina	Cln
2. Catoclin	Fre	2. Harford Technical	Hfd	2. Lackey	Cha	2. St. Michaels	Tal
3. Walkersville	Fre	3. Havre de Grace	Hfd	3. McDonough	Cha	3. Crisfield	Som
		4. Joppatowne	Hfd			4. Washington	Som
		5. Patterson Mill	Hfd			5. Pocomoke	Wor