



MPSSAA GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY BULLETIN

State Semifinals - November 9/11 (Central Sites)

State Finals - November 13, 2021

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 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 re-taken. 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.

2021 FIELD HOCKEY TIME LINE

	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Aug. 11.....First practice date		
Sept. 3First play date		
Oct. 23.....Last play date for seeding consideration	Oct. 28.....Region Quarterfinals	Nov. 5/6.....Quarterfinals
Oct. 25.....Tournament seeding	Nov. 1.....Region Semifinals	Nov. 9/11 Semifinals
Oct. 28Last play date	Nov. 3.....Region Finals	Nov. 13.....Finals
Nov. 4Application deadline for tournament qualifiers		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 quarter, 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 quarter. 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 the State Semifinals, and Finals must be filled out by teams winning their **Region** 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.
 - 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.
 - c. 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 **Monday, October 25th** 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 **12 p.m., October 24th**, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through that day.

- b. All teams in each **region** 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 **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 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 regional play will abide by the following guidelines.
 - a. All **regional** games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.
 - 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 14.
 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 plaque and individual certificates.
5. 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. State Quarterfinals

1. The region champions from each classification shall advance to a State Quarterfinal round.
2. The eight region champions will be seeded 1-8 based on their regular season winning percentage used to seed each region. Ties among teams in the State Quarterfinals 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.
3. Unless a specific alternate plan has been approved, all State Quarterfinal games will be played at the site of the higher seed.
4. Schools hosting a State Quarterfinal game may schedule the contest on Friday, November 5 or Saturday, November 6. When setting game times hosting sites must be mindful of other school activities and provide appropriate travel time for any schools with students taking the SAT on Saturday, November 6. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be contacted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.
5. A two-person officiating crew and table official from the association local to the higher seeded team will be assigned to the State Quarterfinal contest.
6. 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. State Semifinals

1. The winners of the State Quarterfinal round shall advance to the State Semifinals.
 - a. The winner in each classification of the No. 1 versus No. 8 seeded game will play the winner of the No. 4 versus No. 5 seeded game.
 - b. The winner in each classification of the No. 2 versus No. 7 seeded game will play the winner of the No. 3 versus No. 6 seeded game.

2. The State Semifinal games will be played at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the following sites:

DATE	CLASS	TENTATIVE SITES
Tuesday, November 9	4A.....	TBA High School
Tuesday, November 9	3A.....	TBA High School
Thursday, November 11	2A.....	TBA High School
Thursday, November 11	1A.....	TBA High School

3. Postponements for the State Semifinal games will be played on the first available day.
4. Each school participating in the State Semifinals shall supply two ball retrievers.
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. **A two-person officiating crew and table official will be assigned to the State Semifinal contest.**

C. State Finals

1. The winners of the State Semifinal round shall advance to the State Finals.
2. 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.
3. Game times for the Finals at Washington College on Saturday, November 15, are as follows:

Class 1A	11:00 a.m.
Class 2A.....	1:30 p.m.
Class 3A.....	4:00 p.m.
Class 4A.....	6:30 p.m.
4. Two officials and a bench official will be assigned for each game.
5. Each team will provide a scorer and timer to assist the state scorekeeper.
6. Dressing facilities will not be available.
7. Schools advancing to the Finals may not practice on the Washington College field at any time prior to the game.
8. 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.
9. Teams should bring their own practice balls.

D. General Policies

1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged admission.
 - a. **State Quarterfinals - \$6.**
 - b. State Semifinals (central sites – \$8)
 - c. State Finals (Washington College – \$10)
2. **State Quarterfinal winners will complete the Media Information Form (found on the Field Hockey page of mpssaa.org) and bring the requested copies to the State Semifinals. This form shall be revised following the State Semifinals and new requested copies brought to the State Final game.**
3. A total of 30 members of the official field hockey party will be admitted free.
4. 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*.
5. Should the final championship game be tied after two sudden-victory overtime periods, one-on-one's will be used to determine a champion.
6. The championship team and the finalist team will each be presented with a team plaque and 25 individual awards.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Coaches must remind their teams, parents, and spectators that no alcoholic beverages (or nonalcoholic substitute) are permitted on the college property.

PROJECTED MPSSAA FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT DATES		
2022 - November 12	2023 - November 11	2024 - November 9

2021 REGION TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Region	Director	School	Office	Other
4A West	Sissy Natoli	Clarksburg	240-740-6000	301-922-6845
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	Heather Arnold	Old Mill	410-969-9010	410-596-6225
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	Ginger Kincaid	Howard Co. (retired)		410-206-9472
2A East	Gina Dean	Pocomoke Elementary	410-632-5130	410-726-7804
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

2021-22 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
DISTRICT 2	Megan Lusby	Montgomery Blair	301-649-2870
DISTRICT 4	Anne Vallandingham	Chopticon	301-475-0215
DISTRICT 5	Heather Arnold	Old Mill	410-969-9010
	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
DISTRICT 8	Gina Dean	Pocomoke Elementary	410-632-5130
		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.

2021 ALIGNMENT FOR GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

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