

ECIC FIELD HOCKEY SPORTS STANDARDS

- I. Where possible, a regulation Field Hockey field will be used. Regulation will be according to the specifications set forth in the National Federation of High School (NFHS) field hockey rulebook.
- II. The field marking shall be clearly and correctly defined for each match. Goal cages and nets should be maintained to game standards and safety.
- III. The length of the field playing grass surface should adhere to the rules set forth in the NFHS.
- IV. The umpire shall keep a record of goals scored during a contest. With any discrepancy, the head umpire's score will stand.
- V. Two officials will be assigned to each game, both at the Varsity and JV levels.
- VI. The point system will be used to determine divisional winners: a. 0 = loss b. 1 = tie c. 2 = win
- VII. In the event of a tie for first place within a division by points, co-champions will be named. Head-to-head contests between the two tied divisional leaders will NOT be used as a tiebreaker.
- VIII. Each coach is responsible for the accurate statistics for those players selected to Divisional All-Star teams, and nomination for All-WNY consideration.
- IX. Divisional All-Star teams will be determined by final standings within the division. First, place 4 spots; second place 3 spots; third, fourth 2 spots; each remaining team 1 spot to the Divisional First Team All-Stars. Each team regardless of final standing will receive 2 spots to the Divisional Second Team All-Stars. Coaches will select their own players that will be placed on each divisional all-star team.
- X. The All-WNY team will be selected by a committee of ECIC, NO and Independent reps. Coaches will nominate their own players, but a girl must have been chosen prior as a first team divisional all-star to be nominated to the All-WNY teams.
- XI. All schools will maintain the pre-set schedule unless the conditions of the field or weather conditions are hazardous to the safety of the players. The home school is responsible for checking their field and notifying the visiting school and the ECIC Secretary if the field conditions are unplayable by 1:00pm that day. The game will be rescheduled on the next OPEN day. Division contests take precedence over non-league contests.
- XII. The current National Federation of High School and NYSPHAA field hockey rules and regulations will govern all contests.

XIII. Determining the duration for a legal game:

1. If the first half has been completed and play is stopped, the game is considered a completed game.

2. If a game is interrupted or suspended prior to the completion of the first half, the game shall be resumed from the exact point that it was interrupted. Officials should write the exact time in the score book so both teams know where to start when the game resumes.

3. If a Varsity or JV game ends in a tie score after regulation, the overtime procedure is as follows:

a. One sudden victory 10-minute period of 7 v 7 will be played.

b. If still tied, a 5 v 5 shootout will occur.

c. The sudden victory format will be followed. Both teams will commence with a one vs. one person shootout. Example: Team "A" scores first, then Team "B" must score on the next attempt or the game is concluded.

a. One 10-minute Sudden Victory 7 v 7.

b. If still tied, one 1 v 1 shootout, alternating shots, 5 players.

c. Sudden victory 1 v 1 shootout, alternating shots, 5 players. Example: Team "A" scores first, then Team "B" must score on the next attempt or the game is concluded.

d. If still tied Sudden Victory 1 v 1 shootout, alternating shots, 5 players. Coaches are allowed at this time to change the players and the order of the shootout.

* You can play as many sudden victory 1 v 1 shootouts, but you must list 5 players to participate in the shootout. At the end of 5 players turns you must allow the coaches time to change the order or players before starting the next sudden victory 1 v1 shootout.