

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association
Route 130, P.O. Box 487 Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691

FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE

November 28, 2018

AGENDA

MEMBERS

Present:

Tournament Staff: Janet Schillig, Linda Alimi, Maureen Dzwil, Charlotte Heenan

Executive Committee: Suzanne Cooley, Hunterdon Central

Coaches: Lindsay Kocher, Haddonfield

Athletic Directors: Jennifer Badami, Sayreville, Harry Chebookjian, Shore Regional, Tom Kaechele, NV Old Tappan

Non-Voting: Jill Cosse, West Essex, Ali Good, Oak Knoll, David Hughen, Boonton, Kim DeGraw-Cole, NJSIAA Staff

Unable to attend: Jen Schwarzenbek, Summit, Rebecca Fantry, Ramsey, Danielle Senior, Bishop Eustace

CORRESPONDENCE

Pitman HS, Grant Shivers/Tracey Pinque: NJSIAA follows NFHS Rules relative to googles. Discussion of overtime will remain as indicated for the 2019 season and will be evaluated after the two-year trial.

Rancocas Valley HS, Jean Marie Seal: The committee voted on a change for 2019 and 2020 relative to the public Sectional Finals and playing on turf as identified in the letter.

Oak Knoll HS, Kelly Childs: Weather Contingency T of C addressed in the regulations. Non-Public seeding winning %, the committee voted a change. All other points discussed.

DISCUSSION:

Tournament Details & Regulations:

2019 Field Hockey Tournament Regulations (See attached for next year's dates, subject to change)

Maureen Dzwil motion, second by Harry Chebookjian.

It is highly recommended that all Public Sectional Finals be played on a turf field in 2019. This will be a mandate in 2020. The intent is to provide schools a year, if necessary, to implement and secure a turf field for Sectional Final play.

Review of 2018:

For the most part, the tournament ran smoothly, with the tremendous efforts of Janet Schillig, Linda Alimi, Maureen Dzwil

State Semi-Final Sites: Boonton HS; AL Johnson HS; Hightstown HS; Egg Harbor Twp. HS

A huge thanks to the athletic directors and school staffs who hosted the state semi-finals. Due to a conflict AL Johnson was unable to host so West Essex stepped up at the last minute to host the double header games. This created additional travel for some of the teams. Our appreciation for their cooperation and understanding. Thanks to Dave at Boonton, who also attended the meeting.

Due to the severe weather on November 6th all sites hosted on November 7th in much better conditions.

Group Finals at Bordentown:

Ernie Covington and staff did a tremendous job once again. The site set up provides adequate parking, seating, warm up field space and a willing staff to assist with conducting a State Group Final Day. The NFHS Network was on site, live streaming the games. Northwest Designs was on site with NJSIAA Championship Apparel. The concession stand was a hit with the Chick Filet sandwiches and the efforts of the Bordentown Field Hockey players and parents.

Group Champions: Shore, West Essex, Moorestown, Eastern, Oak Knoll

Tournament of Champions:

After much discussion, Seeding will remain Winning % after the group finals. Motion by Jennifer Badami, second by Linda Alimi: The Non-Public champion will receive one additional victory added to the calculation (one less round of state play). Some discussion about the play in game and alternate site, the tournament staff will review for next year.

There was considerable discussion as to the need for the Tournament of Champions. The committee has mixed views on this point and would like further comments from the administrators, coaches and players. The NJSIAA will solicit input.

Sites: Rancocas Valley and Kean University

A huge thanks to Jean Marie Seal and the Rancocas Valley HS staff for hosting the Tournament of Champions entire week of play. Due to the snow storm on 11/15, Kean University stadium was unavailable and RVHS stepped in and did a tremendous job. NFHS Network and Northwest Designs in attendance. Oak Knoll and Eastern adjusted and their cooperation was appreciated.

Sites: Discussion of possible alternate sites for 2019, Sayreville and Hunterdon Central.

Review: Athletic Trainer provision. Continues to work with the excellent cooperation of the athletic trainers.

Northwest Designs: Championship Apparel-well received.

NFHS Network: great coverage.

NJSIAA Field Hockey Modifications: Field Hockey State Rules Interpreter Charlotte Heenan will do some edits for 2019. A special thanks to Char for efforts, communication, in addition to answering questions of all officials relative to the NFHS Field Hockey Rules.

Other:

Additional Timer (\$65): One on the Field and One in the booth, both officials. A real plus throughout the tournament.

Overtime: Much discussion, we will keep the 2018 format for one more year and review in 2019. No change to the format for 2019.

Motion by Linda Alimi, second by Suzanne Cooley to adjourn, 1:30 pm.

Kim DeGraw-Cole, NJSIAA Comment: The tournament runs well due to the teamwork and passionate efforts of Janet, Linda, and Maureen. They put in considerable hours and communication to make the tournament the best it can be for the students.

Next Meeting: December 4, 2019

2019 Field Hockey Tournament Dates: below.

2019 Field Hockey Tournament Dates

PRELIMINARIES

Dates are staggered because of the unavailability of officials and will be moved ahead if necessary.

PUBLIC DATES

1 st Round	October 21	Rain Date – October 22	Groups 1 & 4
1 st Round	October 22	Rain Date – October 23	Groups 2 & 3
2 nd Round	October 23	Rain Date – October 24	Group 4
2 nd Round	October 24	Rain Date – October 25	Group 1
2 nd Round	October 25	Rain Date – October 26	Group 2
2 nd Round	October 26	Rain Date – October 27	Group 3
3 rd Round	October 28	Rain Date – October 29	Groups 1 & 4
3 rd Round	October 29	Rain Date – October 30	Groups 2 & 3

**SECTIONAL FINALS -Highly Recommend a Turf Field, Mandated in 2020

Thursday, October 31	Rain Date – November 1	Groups 1 & 4
Friday, November 1	Rain Date – November 2	Groups 2 & 3

STATE SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, November 5	Rain Date – November 6	All Groups: North II& Central: <i>Home Uniforms</i>			
Sites: TBA	AL Johnson HS	Boonton HS	Hightstown HS	Egg Harbor Twp. HS	4pm/6pm

NON-PUBLIC DATES

Please Note "By or On" – see below (Rain Date Next Day if "ON" or Last Day of "BY")

1 st Round	By Saturday, October 26
2 nd Round	On Wednesday, October 30
3 rd Round	By Saturday, November 2
Sectional Final	On Wednesday, November 6 (NP Sectional Final must be on a TURF FIELD!)
Group Final	Saturday, November 9

GROUP FINALS – Public & Non-Public

Date:	Saturday, November 9 (All games will be played, Rain or Shine)
Site:	TBA, Bordentown Regional High School
Re:	TURF FIELD – REGULAR Footwear MAY BE WORN

GAME TIMES

Non-Public	10:00AM	North I & North II Teams	Home <i>White</i> Uniforms
Group 2	Noon	Central & South Teams	Away <i>Dark</i> Uniforms
Group 3	2:00PM	Non-Public North Team	Home <i>White</i> Uniforms
Group 4	4:00PM		
Group 1	6:00PM		

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

PLAY-IN	Monday, November 11 th	Rancocas Valley HS	6:30PM
SEMIFINALS	Wednesday, November 13 th	Rancocas Valley HS	5:45 PM/7:30PM
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FINALS		November 15 th	
Kean University		alternate site possible at the discretion of NJSIAA	
Game Time		Championship – 6:30PM, site or date change 11/16/19	
Higher Seed Wears Home <i>White</i>		Lower Seed Wears Away <i>Dark</i>	