

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
1161 Route 130, P.O. Box 487, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

2019 NJSIAA/INVESTORS SAVINGS FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH GAME

To Qualify:

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic level.
2. Teams will be seeded based on power points in their first thirteen (13) games up to and including Monday, **October 14, 2019**. **TIES:** Whenever ties are broken, the win or loss must be reported to njschoolsports.com. In League, Conference or County Tournament games that require a team to advance, it shall be recorded as a tied game if the score remains tied after the completion of the overtime periods. During the **regular season** games tied at the end of regulation play, will play one overtime period. (See 2019 Field Hockey Rules Modifications Document).
3. Teams not wishing to enter the field hockey tournament must notify NJSIAA by utilizing the 2019-2020 Tournament OPT-OUT Procedure (NJSIAA Website) BY OCTOBER 14, 2019.
4. All varsity game scores, rosters and complete varsity schedule must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com. Your team records and power ranking will be drawn from this website after the cutoff date.
5. Sixty percent (60%) of games played before the cutoff date (Oct. 14) must be against New Jersey Schools.
6. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season prior to the start of the NJSIAA Tournament, will be unable to compete in said tournament.
7. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (Found in the *New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2019-2020 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations Sport Specific Regulations (Field Hockey)*)

Section 1. Rules The National Federation Field Hockey Rules shall govern all NJSIAA games.

Section 2. Start of Practice – August 12, 2019

Section 3. Start of Regular Schedule. September 3, 2019

Section 4. End of Season. As provided for in Program Regulations, Section 10.

Section 5. Transfers on or after half of the season, September 24, 2019 not eligible for post season play. (Per Article IV, Section 4.K (2). c.)

Section 6. Scrimmages. Interschool scrimmages are limited to three (3) per week until the first starting date; thereafter, including the week of the first starting date, scrimmage will be subject to the provisions of Program Regulations, Section 7.

Section 7. Games per Week. Not more than a total of three (3) field hockey games may be played per week beginning with the week of the start of the regular season (this includes scrimmages, regular games, postponed games, and tournament games), but games may not be played on three (3) consecutive days. This section does not apply to State Tournament scheduling. Any tournament game, exclusive of NJSIAA Tournament play, scheduled for a Saturday, cancelled and rescheduled for Sunday, shall count as one of the three games in the week in which it was originally scheduled. If three games are previously scheduled for the coming week, the Tournament game will be permitted as a fourth game. **You may play one four-game week.**

Section 8. Maximum Games. A member school has the option of playing one of the following maximum game schedules.

Option 1- Sixteen (16) games (including scrimmages as provided for in Program Regulations, Section 7, Article 2), plus two (2) tournaments, plus the State Tournament.

Option 2- Eighteen (18) games (including scrimmages as provided for in Program Regulations, Section 7, Article 2), plus one tournament, plus the State Tournament.

Option 3- Twenty (20) games (including scrimmages as provided for in Program Regulations, Section 7, Article 2), plus the State Tournament.

A tournament shall be of the single elimination type not to exceed thirty-two (32) teams, limited to a maximum of five (5) games.

Section 9. Halves per Day. A field hockey player shall play in no more than three (3) halves during the same calendar day. This would include freshman, sophomore, junior varsity and varsity competition. NOTE: Overtime periods are a continuation of the second half.

Please note - A student athlete who transfers after October 14, 2017 regardless of whether the transfer was the result of a bona fide change of residence, shall be ineligible to participate in any post season championship competition at the new school.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

1. Enter schedule & rosters at the beginning of the season, and results after each game on www.njschoolsports.com
2. Check results www.njschoolsports.com on Monday, October 14th to insure accuracy. Be sure to update your Rosters for the NJSIAA programs (online)! **REGARDLESS OF THE REASON, GAMES NOT COMPLETED OR ENTERED BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 11:59 pm, WILL NOT COUNT IN SEEDING PROCESS.**
3. Entry Fee: A check for eighty dollars (\$80.00) made payable to the NJSIAA. PLEASE identify your school and field hockey tournament on check or attachment by October 18, 2019.
FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
NJSIAA
1161 ROUTE 130 NORTH
ROBBINSVILLE, NJ 0869
4. PLEASE NOTE: Official's Form (last page) must be scanned to kcole@njsiaa.org or mailed to **Janet Schillig, Tournament Director** received by October 14, 2019.
Mrs. Janet Schillig
18 Essex Court
Marlton, NJ 08053

DATES

Tournament dates are October 21 to November 15, 2019.

Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be noted on the brackets.

Brackets will be posted at www.nj.com with a link on the NJSIAA website at www.njsiaa.org. Please check on October 16th to determine if your school is scheduled to play on October 21/22, 2019. Schools will not be called.

All games must be played on the date indicated for that round on the pairings form.

Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date due to any conflicts with school trips, dances, proms, banquets, graduation, testing programs and the like.

Seeding Meeting: October 16, 2019. Brackets will be final at 10:00 am on October 17, 2019 (Changes only if the Seeding Committee has made an error).

PRELIMINARIES

Dates are staggered due to the availability of tournament officials and will be moved only if deemed necessary by the Sectional Assignor.

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 I & 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:	Bordentown Regional High School
Re:	TURF FIELD – REGULAR Footwear MAY BE WORN

GAME TIMES-Group Finals

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>	

SITES

Any field deemed unplayable for tournament play-schools must notify NJSIAA by 10/14/19. (Field Hockey Tournament Committee will make the final determination). Sites for all games including sectional finals will be the home field of the higher seeded team. When conditions prevent a game from being played at the site of the higher seeded team, the higher-seeded team will select an alternate site. The site may be natural grass or turf. NP Sectional Final-Turf Field. Public Sectional Finals-recommend a Turf Field.

State Semifinals will be played at predetermined designated sites. The Group Finals and the Tournament of Champions will be played as indicated above. **Athletic Trainer coverage is the responsibility of each team, please coordinate with your opponent and site if necessary.** Any issues contact the NJSIAA.

When 2 or more games are played consecutively on the same field, the pregame warm up clock will be set by the tournament committee to indicate a minimum of twenty (20) minutes of on field warm up time. Teams playing the previous game will be given 5 minutes to clear the bench area following the end of postgame activities.

Responsibility for postponing a game shall rest with the person in charge of playing site, and that person must notify both schools and the Assignor at least three (3) hours prior to game time.

Each competing school must assign an administrator or designee to each site.

At all Pre-Determined Sites: Athletic Director or Designee and an additional Staff member must be assigned to provide fan control.

OFFICIALS

Schools may **NOT** contact officials directly for assignment to State Tournament games. All assignments through the State Semi Finals must be made by contacting one of the following assignors:

E-Mail Preferred:

North I & North II, North NP Assignor: Linda Alimi, lindaalimi@aol.com, (973) 227-3960;

Central & South, South NP Assignor: Maureen Dzwil, modzwill@hotmail.com (609) 472-9103.

Officials for the State Finals and Tournament of Champions will be assigned by the Tournament Director and paid by the NJSIAA.

Throughout the tournament when the home field of one of the teams is used, the school on whose field the game is played shall pay both game officials, and the visiting school shall pay for their own transportation costs.

For 2019: Public State Semi-finals: the designated home team will pay the two game officials, alternate field official and booth official. North I and Central will be designated home team.

Non-Public Sectional Finals: higher seed will pay the two game officials, a field official and a booth official.

Schools should not ask to have individual officials assigned to their games. Officials will be assigned based upon the location of the game, and the availability of officials.

Recommended (minimum) fee per official:

- Preliminaries \$80.00
- Sectional Finals \$85.00 (1) at \$65 alternate official-field
- State Semifinals (Home team) \$90.00 (2) at \$65 alternate official-field & clock-booth-*
- Groups (NJSIAA) \$90.00
- Tournament of Champions (NJSIAA) \$100.00

*Non-Public Sectional Finals

SCORER-TIMER: (All Rounds up to Group Finals)

Each school must provide a scorer-timer for all preliminary games; however, by mutual agreement schools may request an official scorer-timer from the assignor and share the cost. The home team shall also request a registered Field Hockey official be assigned as the alternate official (scorer-timer) for the Sectional Final, paid for by the home team (higher seed).

For all Public State Semi-final games & Non-Public Sectional Final games, the pre-determined home team will pay a \$65.00 fee for the alternate official. The alternate official shall be dressed in official attire, ready to assume the duty as a game official. If this becomes necessary, a full official's fee will be paid. The home team will also pay a \$65 fee for the clock official in the booth.

RULES

The 2019 National Federation Field Hockey Rules with NJSIAA 2019 Field Hockey Rules Modifications will govern all tournament games.

NOTE: The Tie-Breaker will be the procedure adopted for tournament play, up to but not including the Tournament of Champions Final. **Refer to the NJSIAA 2019 Field Hockey Rules Modifications Document.**

In the tournament of champions final only, if the regulation game ends in a tie, one fifteen (15) minute “sudden victory” overtime will be played. If a tie still exists, an additional fifteen (15) minute “sudden victory” overtime will be played. If a tie still exists, a co-championship will be declared.

FIELD HOCKEY BALLS

Each school must provide THREE (3) new white multi-turf balls for all games, marked with the NFHS seal. Only white balls may be used for all State Tournament games. An alternate color ball may be utilized at discretion of the officials *and with agreement of both coaches.*

GAME

1. Time of Game – Game Times for the start of the tournament will be designated as 4:00 pm unless otherwise confirmed with the Sectional Assignor. **Once Eastern Standard Time** is in effect, the starting time for all games up to and including the Sectional Finals shall be no later than 2:00 P.M. When lights are available at a site, the starting time shall be 4:00 PM but may be **later by mutual agreement** or may be earlier if the Sectional Assignor is able to accommodate the request (Athletic Directors must secure permission from the Sectional Assignor prior to setting the game time). If agreement cannot be reached, the game must be scheduled for 2:00 PM w/o Lights or 4:00 PM w/ Lights. Any adjustment to the established times must be approved by the sectional assignor. Since some schools must use the field with lights for other sports, time adjustment will be at the discretion of the home team if approved by the Sectional assignor/Tournament Director. Any issues contact the NJSIAA Assistant Director. **Non-School Days:** Times to be established by the home team in consultation with the designated sectional assignor.
2. ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON THE DATE DESIGNATED FOR THAT ROUND WITH THE FOLLOWING DAY AS THE RAIN DATE. If rain delays the completion of that round, teams must adhere to the deadline of the succeeding round, even though games must be played on consecutive days.
3. For the 2019 Group State Finals, Public North teams will wear Home Uniforms, Central/South teams will wear Away Uniforms. Non-Public North will wear Home uniforms and Non-Public South will wear Away Uniforms.
4. The White Team is always the Home Team. (WHITE socks)
5. Schools will be asked to provide their own athletic trainers throughout the tournament.

6. **Ball persons (three [3] from each team) should be assigned for all tournament games. These individuals should wear shirts, jackets or pinnies differing in color from either team. Coaching by ball persons is forbidden.** Please Note: 15 minutes prior to game time the ball persons from each team will meet with the official for instructions.
7. Group Final Games: teams playing in the 10:00 AM game will have access to the field at 9:00 AM. Other teams may access the field following the award ceremony at the end of the preceding game.
8. Group Finals and Tournament of Champions: The designated Official will serve as the Table Umpire- duties available on the website. The NJSIAA will also have an official in the booth as the official timer.
9. If a game interrupted during the first half, the entire game shall be replayed. If a game is interrupted at halftime or after the start of the second half, the game SHALL be resumed at the point of interruption, or by mutual agreement, considered a completed game.

AWARDS

SECTIONAL CHAMPION

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each Group.

STATE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to the State Champion in Each Group.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FINAL

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to the Champion

ADMISSIONS

Admission to State Group Finals and the Tournament of Champions Semifinals and Final will be:

Adults *To be determined*

Students (K-12) and Senior Citizens *To be determined*

All tickets will be sold at the gate. Schools must inform their students and local news media of the admission policy. Administrative/supervisory personnel of competing schools and sectional representatives will be admitted by identifying themselves to the gate persons.

SEEDING PROCEDURE

The Power Ranking system will be the sum total of the first thirteen (13) games played up to and including the cut-off day (Oct. 14). Teams with less than 13 games will be seeded accordingly based on their power points.

- The qualifying schools in each group and each section for the public schools and in each group and section for the non-public schools will be seeded according to the power rankings based on the calculations of the power point system. Public and Non-Public teams will compete in separate brackets according to Field Hockey Classification.
 - Power Point Calculation Procedure:
 1. **Quality Points** - Each school will receive the following "Quality Points" for a win or tie from the first thirteen games:
Win=6 points; Tie=3 points; Lose=0 points
 2. **Group Points** - Each school will receive "Group Points" from a team they defeated or tied from the first 13 games.
 - Group IV = 4 Points
 - Group III = 3 Points
 - Group II = 2 Points
 - Group I = 1 Point
 3. **Residual Pts** - Each team will receive residual pts from one of the categories below based on the result of the game.
 - Each school will receive "Residual Points" from a team they defeated. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first thirteen games, you will receive the following (see examples 1 & 2):
Win = 3 points; Tie = 1.5 points; Lose = 0 points
 - Each school will receive "Residual Points" from a team they tied. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first thirteen games, you will receive the following (see examples 3 & 4):
Win = 1.5 points; Tie = .75 points; (See **Note**); Lose = 0 points
- Note:** No points will be rewarded when calculating "Residual Points" when your game is the opponent's only tie, since you already have been awarded points for that tie.
- Each school will receive "Residual Pts" from a team they lost to. For each win your opponent has that defeated you (not including your game) from the first 13 games, you will receive the following (example 5):
Win = 1 point; Tie = 0 points; Lose = 0 points

EXAMPLE 1 (WIN)

Team A defeated Team B (Group IV)

Team A record 11-2

Team B record 12-1

Team A would earn a total of 46 pts for the Team B win. (6 pts for the win, 4 group pts, 36 residual pts)

EXAMPLE 2 (WIN)

Team A defeated Team B (Group IV)

Team A record 11-2

Team B record 11-1-1

Team A would earn a total of 44.5 points for the Team B win. (6 pts for the win, 4 group pts, 34.5 residual pts)

EXAMPLE 3 (TIE)

Team A ties Team B (Group IV)

Team A record 11-1-1

Team B record 10-2-1

Team A would earn a total of 23.5 pts for the Team B tie. (3 pts for the tie, 4 group pts, 16.5 residual pts)

EXAMPLE 4 (TIE)

Team A ties Team B (Group IV)

Team A record 11-1-1

Team B record 10-1-2

Team A would earn a total of 22.25 pts for the Team B tie. (3 pts for the tie, 4 group pts, 15.25 residual pts)

EXAMPLE 5 (LOSS)

Non-Public (III) Team A defeated Public Team B

Team B record 11-2

Team A record 12-1

Team B would earn a total of 11 pts from the Team A defeat. (11 residual pts)

The Goal differential total will be used to break power point ties. (No more than 5 plus or minus goal differential points will be awarded per game.) The team with the higher total goal differential will receive the higher seed in the event of a power point tie.

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OFFICIALS LIST

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is seeking input from you and your varsity field hockey coach. Please list the names of the top ten (10) active high school field hockey officials who in your judgment are qualified to officiate tournament games. If possible, please include officials from other areas. Do not list officials who have not officiated during the present season. ** NJSIAA 2019-20 Field Hockey Arbiter List.

SCHOOL _____ CITY _____

Scan to kcole@njsiaa.org or mail TO: MRS. JANET SCHILLIG, 18 Essex Court, Marlton, NJ 08053. Due Date: October 14, 2019.

- A. This list will be utilized as a means of identifying the top officials who should be assigned NJSIAA tournament games, not necessarily your games.
- B. This list will be used to honor issues with an official you prefer not to be assigned due to an issue during the 2019 season. Any official appearing the previous 3 years, may be assigned to your games as deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director in consultation with NJSIAA.
- C. This list should identify school or personal affiliations. These officials will not be assigned to your games.

A. PLEASE PRINT (Top Ten Officials List-For Tournament Staff Use Only)

Last Name	First Name	**Chapter Affiliation
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

- B. There may be officials' names submitted for consideration that you do not wish to have assigned to your games; therefore, we request that you list below no more than three (3) active officials you do not wish assigned. ADDITIONAL NAMES WILL INVALIDATE THE ENTIRE LIST.

PLEASE PRINT

Last Name	First Name	**Chapter Affiliation
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

- C. Please list any officials who are affiliated with your school. Affiliation is defined as follows: Employed in the district, close relative employed in the system; child attending junior or secondary school in the district; former student or coach; graduate of the school within the last ten years. If officials are listed who are NOT affiliated with your district, your entire list will be disregarded.

Last Name	First Name	***Chapter Affiliation
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

Athletic Directors Name and Cell Phone # (Please Print) _____

Varsity Coaches Name and Cell Phone # (Please Print) _____