



NJSIAA 2020 Field Hockey Tournament Modifications

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the following modifications will be applied to the 2020 NJSIAA Field Hockey Tournament. The NJSIAA is working with our member schools to offer our student athletes a worthwhile fall sports experience in 2020.

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments.

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Regular Season Information

First Practice: Monday, September 14, 2020

First Scrimmage Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020

- Schools will have the opportunity to participate in one pre-season scrimmage with a neighboring school. The scrimmage may occur any time within seven days of the regular season start date for that sport, Oct. 1

First Game: Thursday, October 1, 2020

End of Regular Season: Thursday, November 12, 2020

Number of Games per week: 2 games. The NJSIAA will allow two 3 game weeks.

The NJSIAA encourages schools to use SUNDAY as a play date. Please be aware that a Sunday play date begins the new week.

Maximum Number of games allowed for the season – 14

Field Hockey

ALL GAME RESULTS MUST BE REPORTED TO www.njhighschoolsports.com . They should be reported by the morning after the game at the latest. Failure to do so may result in penalties for your school. If you have difficulties reporting your scores please contact support@njhighschoolsports.com

Out of State Opponents

- Any out of state competition must be approved by the NJSIAA. Please submit a request to the NJSIAA Assistant Director in charge of the sports at least 2 weeks prior to the competition date. Also, League & Conference approval must be solicited and noted in the request to the NJSIAA.

Medical advisory task force recommendation:

“Every effort should be made to minimize crossover between levels – Varsity, JV and Freshman. Crossover can lead to a greater number of student-athletes being sidelined due to exposure to a student who tests positive for COVID-19.”

NJSIAA Field Hockey Rules Modifications 2020 including overtime procedures: NJSIAA Website- Sport/Fall/Field Hockey

Coaches and athletes confronting officials:

- No Tolerance – no warnings – ejection for the rest of the game. (game ejection no further consequences.) If no other school personnel are at the game site, an ejected coach may remain behind the bench to supervised but not coach the team for the remainder of the game.
- If the coach or athlete persists with their behavior a DQ will be given and the DQ procedure will be used. (2 game suspension)

Student Transfers:

- All Transfers must be entered in home campus, ruling by NJSIAA to be eligible.
- Student’s subject to the Transfer Sit may participate on October 15 (i.e. transfer occurred prior to March 16, 2020)
- Student transfers after September 1, 2020, shall be ineligible for a period of 30 calendar days, or one half of the maximum number of games being played, whichever is less. (NJSIAA max)
- Students who transfer on or after October 22, 2020 will not be able to participate in post season play.

NJSIAA Post Season Tournament-Field Hockey

The post season NJSIAA Field Hockey Tournament will be open to all our member schools that wish to participate.

Important Tournament Dates

Tournament Opt-Out Date: Monday, October 26, 2020

- NJSIAA must be notified via the NJSIAA website opt-out procedure by the above date.

Cutoff Date: November 2, 2020

- **Records will be pulled from njhighschoolsports.com on the morning of November 4, 2020**

November 2, 2020- The NJSIAA will allow a school which did not opt out of the tournament via the website by October 26 to contact the **NJSIAA assistant director** that circumstances have changed, and the school no longer wishes to participate. ******IF A SCHOOL DOES NOT OPT OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT BY THIS DATE THE SCHOOL WILL BE SEEDED IN THE TOURNAMENT******

Seeding Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2020

- **The NJSIAA Field Hockey Seeding Committee will be comprised of administrators from the various leagues and conferences**
- **All factors in relationship to this season will be used by the committee to determine the seeds including but not limited to record, winning percentage, power points and strength of schedule.**
- **Seeding by the Committee is FINAL – No appeals.**

Classifications

- **We will use the 2019-20 Classifications: THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES RECEIVED AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE ENTRIES. A Regional approach will be utilized including geography, county, conference as well as the combining of groups to determine the brackets. The DOH six regions will serve as the basis for groupings along with the number of schools participating.**

Entry Fee

- **\$90 Payable to the NJSIAA**
- **Forward all entry fees to NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691**
- **Please reference “Field Hockey Tournament” with payment**
- **Do Not use certified mail**

Locations

- **Higher seed will be the home team**
- **It is highly recommended that turf fields be used**
- **It is possible that if field conditions prevent play on the date, the game may be moved to the opponent’s field (if playable).**

Field Hockey Tournament Dates

- **DATES ARE PLAY ON DATES- no exceptions-Brackets will determine the play on dates**
- **Round 1 – November 13 (Friday) & November 14 (Saturday)**
- **Round 2 – November 16 (Monday) & November 17 (Tuesday)**
- **Round 3 – November 18 (Wednesday) & November 19 (Thursday)**
- **“Sectional” Final- November 21 (Saturday)**

Use of Sunday as a play date if needed

Any issues because of Sunday play dates must be directed to the NJSIAA Director of Field Hockey for a Final Determination. That determination is final.

Game Times

- **3:00 pm unless otherwise confirmed with the Sectional Assignor.**
- **Eastern Standard Time the game time will be 2:00 pm**
- **When lights are available the game shall be 4:00 pm or later. If the sectional assignor can accommodate an earlier time, you will be notified.**
- **Non-School Days-time will be set by the home team in consultation with the sectional assignor.**

Assigning of Officials

- **NJSIAA State Assignors will assign all state tournament games.**
- **The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting the appropriate assignor.**
- **The sectional assignor must be notified all and any changes.**
- **Please be aware that because of COVID-19 there may be a shortage of qualified officials for the games. Cadet and/or less experienced officials may be paired with experienced officials to cover all assignments.**
- **It is the school’s responsibility to confirm the assignment with the officials and provide any special procedures required by your school.**

Officials Fees (Recommended Minimum Fee)

- **Preliminary Rounds: \$80 (Home school)**
- **“Sectional Final”: \$85 and 1 alternate official on the field or in the booth at \$65**

Coaches and athletes confronting officials – regular season penalties will be utilized. No Tolerance.

Site Management

- **Site Managers – supplied by the home school.**
- **Athletic Trainers – supplied by the home school.**

Balls

- **Any NFHS approved field hockey ball may be used.**
- **Each school shall provide three new white multi-turf balls with the NFHS seal. An alternate color may be used at the discretion of the officials and with agreement of both coaches.**

Field Hockey

Trophy Presentation

- Because the Sections may be modified based on the entries received all trophies and awards will be mailed directly to the schools after the tournament is completed.

Spectators- NJSIAA Tournament-TBA

Bench Protocols

- Home site is responsible for setting up the sideline areas to ensure that social distancing and CDC protocols are enforced.
- Maximum number of participants/team is 22 for the NJSIAA post season tournament.
- It is recommended but not mandated that participants/team is be set at 22 during the regular season.
- Home site should set up the scorer's table (s) following correct social distancing protocols.

Police Coverage

- Home school is responsible for police coverage if needed.

Common Safety Factors

- NJSIAA COVID-19 and NFHS Modifications will be used
- Sport specific considerations/guidelines will be placed on the NJSIAA website – www.njsiaa.org – click on Sports- Fall – Field Hockey.
- NJSIAA/NFHS 2020-21 Field Hockey Considerations