



2021 NJSIAA Field Hockey Tournament

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments. Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SAT's, graduation, and the like.

Member schools not willing or able to comply with all tournament regulations should not enter the tournament. Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures.

In all tournaments conducted by the NJSIAA, each member school must compete in its own group and section classification, unless fewer than eight (8) schools qualify. In that case, the Executive Committee may combine one or more groups. When the committee eliminates sectional championships because of an insufficient number of schools qualifying, the State Group Championships will be conducted on a statewide quartile basis or State Championships may be conducted without regard to Groups or Division.

Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all contests. Copies of these documents are also available on the NJSIAA website.

The NFHS Field Hockey Rules along with any NJSIAA field hockey rule modifications will govern this tournament.

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Field Hockey Tournament Dates

Event	Dates	
Intent Form Period:	October 1 thru October 15, 2021	
Cutoff:	October 16, 2021	
Entries Close (by noon):	October 17, 2021	
Officials Conflict of Interest Form:	October 17, 2021	
Tournament Seeding:	October 20, 2021	
Public Tournament	Dates	Location
Round 1 – Group 1:	October 25, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 1 – Group 2:	October 26, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 1 – Group 3:	October 27, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 1 – Group 4:	October 28, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 2 – (Groups 1 & 2):	November 1, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 2 – (Groups 3 & 4):	November 2, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 3 – (Groups 1 & 2):	November 4, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 3 – (Groups 3 & 4):	November 5, 2021	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	November 9, 2021	Higher Seed (Turf Field)
State Finals:	November 13, 2021	Bordentown Regional HS

Non-Public Tournament	Dates	Location
Round 1:	October 30, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 2:	November 3, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 3:	November 8, 2021	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	November 10, 2021	Higher Seed (Turf Field)
State Finals:	November 13, 2021	Bordentown Regional HS
Tournament of Champions	Dates	Location
Play-in Game:	November 15, 2021	Higher Seed
Semifinals:	November 17, 2021	Higher Seed
Finals:	November 19, 2021	Kean University (TBD)

New for This Year's State Tournament

1. The higher seeded teams will get the officials for the first three rounds from their local assignor.
2. The higher seeded teams will host the games up to and including the Sectional Finals.
3. The NJSIAA will assign the officials from the sectional finals to the end of the tournament
4. Public School Classifications changed to a North & South format.
5. Tournament of Champions Play In game & Semifinals will be hosted at the higher seed school.
6. All games from the sectional finals to the completion of the tournament must be played on turf fields.
7. Online "Intent to enter."

To Qualify for the Team Tournament

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and sixty percent (60%) of the games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
2. The NJSIAA power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament.
3. The 16 highest power point totals from each section and each group will qualify into the tournament.
4. Power Point calculation for field Hockey will be using the **first 13** power pointed games regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff.
5. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's **first 13** games played.
6. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie breaking procedure will break all ties.
7. Teams that play less than 13 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
8. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the power point calculation.
9. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.
10. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the start of the tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

Entry Procedure

1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in njschoolsports.com by the start of the season.
2. All varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com.
3. 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.
4. Power Points will be downloaded from the njschoolsports.com website on the date listed above at noon. The seeding committee will use this information to seed the tournament. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
5. The intent to enter form must be completed online during the intent form period listed above.
6. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA power point system. If there is a tie in power points for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie breaking procedure.
2. Teams will be seeded based on their power point totals.
3. **The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting, however seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.**

Entry Fee

- \$90.00 Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Field Hockey Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
- DO NOT use certified mail

Tournament Rules & Information

1. Game times for the first three (3) rounds will be designated by the higher seeded team. The recommended start times are:
 - a. No lights: 3:00pm up to the eastern standard time change, then it is 2:00pm.
 - b. With lights: 4:00pm.
 - c. Non School Days: Times to be established by the home team
2. All game times are pending official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through the first three (3) rounds of the tournament regarding start times.
3. The NJSIAA and the tournament director will determine the start times for the first three (3) rounds if there is any disagreement with start times between schools.
4. For the State Finals and the TOC, one 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.
5. Game times for the state finals and the tournament of champions will be established by the NJSIAA and the Tournament Director. Any adjustment to the established times must be approved by the Tournament Director.
6. Since some schools must use a field with lights for other sports, time adjustment will be at the discretion of the home team pending official's availability.
7. 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 may be played on consecutive days.
8. All games from the sectional finals to the completion of the tournament must be played on turf fields.
9. 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 Field Hockey Rules Modifications Document.
10. 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.
11. If a game is 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Schools will be asked to provide their own athletic trainers throughout the tournament.
15. For the state finals, all Public and Non-Public **South** teams will wear Home Uniforms (white jersey & white socks) for this year's tournament. This will rotate every year.
16. For the TOC, the higher seeded teams will wear their home uniforms (White Jersey & White Socks) for all rounds of the TOC.

Power Point Tie Breaking Procedure

1. Head-to-Head Competition (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
2. Common Opponent(s) (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
 - a. CL: Team A is 3-0 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, go to #3
 - b. CL: Team A is 3-1 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, tie is broken
3. Winning % (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
4. Total number of residual points earned from the first 13 games.
5. Coin Toss

Awards

Sectional Champions:

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

State Champions:

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

Tournament of Championships:

A team trophy.

Assignors

The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting their local assignor to obtain officials for tournament rounds one (1), two (2), and three (3). The NJSIAA will assign the officials from the sectional finals to the end of the tournament

Officials Fees

Rounds 1, 2 & 3

- 2 officials assigned by local assignor.
- Higher seeded school pays both officials at the area agreed upon rate.

Sectional Finals

- 2 officials assigned by the NJSIAA.
- 1 table official assigned by the NJSIAA
- Higher seeded school pays all 3 officials (\$85 for the two officials and \$65 for table official).

State Finals

- All officials are assigned and paid by the NJSIAA
- 2 officials assigned by the NJSIAA @ \$90 each.
- 1 table official assigned by the NJSIAA @ \$65.
- 1 booth official assigned by the NJSIAA @ \$65.

TOC Preliminary Rounds

- All officials are assigned and paid by the NJSIAA
- 2 officials assigned by the NJSIAA @ \$100 each.
- 1 table official assigned by the NJSIAA @ \$65.

TOC Finals

- All officials are assigned and paid by the NJSIAA
- 2 officials assigned by the NJSIAA @ \$100 each.
- 1 table official assigned by the NJSIAA @ \$65.
- 1 booth official assigned by the NJSIAA @ \$65.

Tournament Schedule

State Finals	
Bordentown High School 318 Ward Ave, Bordentown, NJ 08505	
November 13, 2021	
Non-Public	10:00am
Group 2	12:00pm
Group 3	2:00pm
Group 4	4:00pm
Group 1	6:00pm

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.

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Tournament of Champions			
Round	Date	Location	Time
Quarterfinals	November 15	High Seed	TBA
Semifinals	November 17	High Seed	TBA
Finals	November 19	Kean University	7:00pm

The higher seeded teams will wear their home uniforms (White Jersey & White Socks) for all rounds of the TOC.