



State Field Hockey Tournament Instructions

Congratulations on your Regional Championship!

The Ohio High School Athletic Association and the town of Worthington and the city of Columbus look forward to welcoming you to the 2024 State Tournament at Thomas Worthington High School, Thursday, October 31 and Saturday, November 2.

As we make preparations for the State Tournament, we ask that the Head Coach and Athletic Director reference this document. You will receive more information through an email, State Finalist Manual and an online State Finalists Meeting that you can access by Sunday.

Field Hockey Tournament Information page: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/fh/tournament-info>

Field Hockey Sport Administrator, Emily Mason will all be available for any questions you may have throughout the week (*best reached by email or cell phone—feel free to call or text*), as will our Tournament Manager, Garret Sendelbach.

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IMPORTANT PAPERWORK & LOGO SUBMISSIONS

Please make sure all paperwork, your team photo and school logo have been submitted to Ryan Sauline (rsauline@ohsaa.org) and Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org) prior to your Regional Final on Saturday. You may make changes to those lists if necessary but all players on your roster must be eligible, and you will need to send any updated forms to tstried@ohsaa.org.

NOTE: if you do not send in your paperwork information and your team photo by the Regional Final this will NOT be printed in the program!

Please send Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org) your State Final Information Sheet, found on page 3
Please send Emily Mason any updates to your team roster

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Please review the 2024 Field Hockey Tournament Regulations on the Field Hockey webpage [HERE](#). Regulations that address number in uniform, number of individuals in the bench area, etc., that should have been enforced in previous rounds and will be strictly enforced at the State Tournament level.

SIZE OF SQUAD (25)

Each squad is restricted to **25 players in uniform** and this is strictly enforced. The 25 in uniform may change from game to game, as long as they are eligible. There is a maximum of 35 individuals (includes players, coaches, Athletic Trainers, managers, etc.) permitted in the bench area. Their admission is described below.

ADMISSION FOR TEAM PERSONNEL

Though pass lists were submitted prior to your Regional game, admission for the 35 total individuals at the State Tournament is done entirely through the use of **bag tags**. These bag tags will be included in your packet pick-up as soon as you arrive at Thomas Worthington High School. Each of the 35 individuals provided bag tags will be required to show their bag tag prior to admittance through the pass gate. **There will be no pass list used at State Semifinal or State Final contests.**

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION (8)

Please continue to use the 8 complimentary codes provided from HomeTown Ticketing for school administrators. They are typically intended for the Superintendent (2), Principal (2), Athletic Director (2), Bus Driver (1), Other (1). These 8 individuals will need to

utilize the main entrance for admission, so their ticket may be scanned. There will be no pass list utilized at the State Semifinals or Finals and their admission is only granted via the actual complimentary ticket through HomeTown Ticketing.

GAME ADMISSION

Tickets for admission to State Semi-Final and Final games are \$10.00 and \$15.00 for adults and may be purchased on our Ticketing webpage (<https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>). Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

Should you have any questions regarding State Tournament tickets, please contact Claudia Markoff, Customer Experience Manager.

Claudia Markoff

E: cmarkoff@ohsaa.org

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TEAM & SPECTATOR PARKING

Parking is free and there is plenty of parking available in between the school and the stadium. Parking maps and further information will be addressed in the Finalist Manual.

AWARDS CEREMONY

A very important part of the State Finals is the presentation of awards, both individual and team, to the State Champion and the Runner-Up. Though this will be mentioned in the Finalists Meeting, it is important and required for both teams to participate in this ceremony with the utmost respect it deserves.

After shaking hands, teams will be asked to line up in front of the main bleachers. Names will be called and school administrators from each school will assist our Board of Directors and OHSAA Staff with the presentation of individual awards. Individuals will be expected to wear their medal around their neck and observe the other team receiving their awards. Fans will not be permitted on to the field at any time.

GAME OFFICIALS

Game officials for the State Tournament are selected from procedures adopted by the OHSAA's Board of Directors and are assigned by the Executive Director's office. There are no protests of decisions and interpretations of the rules by officials during contests per *OHSAA Bylaw 8, Section 3*. Decisions and interpretations are final.

LIVE STREAM

All State Semifinal and Final matches will be live streamed through the NFHS Network. Links will be posted to our Field Hockey Tournament Coverage page on our website—these might not be available until the day of the game.

GAME SCHEDULE

Semifinal #1 (<i>Northeast v Southwest</i>)	Thursday, October 31	4:30 PM
Semifinal #2 (<i>Central 2 v Central 1</i>)	Thursday, October 31	7:00 PM
Final	Saturday, November 2	1:00 PM

TEAM EXPENSES

This is a reminder that the OHSAA does not plan to provide team reimbursements for 2024-25 OHSAA Tournament events. Please plan your visit to the State Tournament accordingly.

Ohio High School Athletic Association
State Final Information Sheet



School Name: _____

Head Coach's Name	
Head Coach's Cell Phone	
Athletic Director's Name	
Athletic Director's Cell Phone	

Name of Administrator(s) Helping with Awards Ceremony:

NAME	TITLE

Please send completed form to Emily Mason at emason@ohsaa.org

PLEASE PROVIDE THIS SHEET TO YOUR ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR

Additional Instructions to School Administrators

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FAN BEHAVIOR

As a school administrator, you are aware of the importance of sportsmanship. There can be no better place to exhibit great sportsmanship than in front of the largest crowd our athletes may play in front of, in addition to the fans that view our State Championships through the livestream. Though we express this continually, we appreciate any help you can provide throughout the game.

FIELD ACCESS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

2 field-access passes will be provided to school administrators. These credentials may be used to be on the field during the award ceremony on Saturday. Emily will be in touch with the school Athletic Director to provide them with these passes. She will utilize the cell phone number of the administrator(s) in attendance that is listed on the *State Final Information Sheet* on page 3.

AWARDS CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS

The name(s) provided on the *State Final Information Sheet* (pg. 3) will be announced as assisting with the Awards Presentation at the conclusion of the State Championship game on Saturday. With approximately 5 minutes remaining in the game, please come down to the field level and someone from our staff will assist you onto the field to be present for your school's awards ceremony. We will ask your assistance in lining up your team for the awards. We do require both teams to participate in the ceremony and respect the presentation of awards to the opponent.

Our normal protocol for awards is:

1. Teams will line up in front of the home bleachers
2. School administrators will place the medal around the neck of the individual(s)
3. Announcer will read script congratulating teams and coach will accept the team trophy to the school

Additional medals may be ordered through **Travis Nethers** at **Croton Craft** at 1-800-947-5521