

2024 GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

for Regional Tournaments and State Tournament

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. These regulations have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on August 29, 2024.

The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. The State will be divided into areas with each area qualifying one team to the State Tournament.

The 2024 Regional Girls Field Hockey Tournament seeding and drawing will take place virtually on Sunday, October 6, 2024, by the Regional Tournament manager. Teams are required to be in attendance. All Regional games shall be played on a home-visitor basis with the better seeded team designated as the home team.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES

October 14 – 26, 2024

Tournament Seed and Draw Meeting shall take place on Sunday, October 6, 2024

**unless scheduled otherwise by your tournament manager*

CENTRAL 1 & 2 DISTRICT

Central Schools: Bexley, Bishop Hartley, Bishop Watterson, Columbus Academy, Columbus School for Girls, Dublin Coffman, Dublin Jerome, Dublin Scioto, Granville, Lancaster, New Albany, Olentangy, Olentangy Berlin, Olentangy Liberty, Olentangy Orange, Thomas Worthington, Upper Arlington, Worthington Kilbourne. (18)

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Schools: Hathaway Brown, Hawken, Hudson, Laurel, Magnificat, Orange, Roosevelt, Shaker Heights, Stow-Munroe Falls, Walsh Jesuit. (10)

Northwest Schools: Maumee Valley Country Day, Ottawa Hills. (2)

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Schools: Indian Hill, Kettering Fairmont, Mount Notre Dame, Oakwood, St. Ursula Academy (Cincinnati), Summit Country Day, Ursuline Academy. (7)

REGIONAL FINALISTS

MUST BE DETERMINED BY: October 26, 2024

The Executive Director is authorized to move individual games in order to minimize travel when appropriate.

1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

The Board of Directors of the OHSAA will manage and administer the Field Hockey tournaments through the Executive Director's office.

The OHSAA maintains the authority to change the site, date or time of any Regional or State Tournament assignment.

2. DIVISION

There will be one tournament involving all divisions.

3. FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Only recognized school teams sponsored by member schools are eligible to participate.

4. ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the OHSAA.

A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.

Only girls shall be eligible to participate in any of the OHSAA sponsored Field Hockey Tournaments.

5. HOME-VISITOR

The better seeded team on each bracket shall be the home team. The home team shall be responsible for all game arrangements along with the tournament manager, with the exception of the selection of game officials. All games shall be played on an artificial turf field. If the home team does not have an artificial turf field, it is the responsibility of the home game manager to find a suitable host site. Should this occur, the home team will remain the home team.

6. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Tournament Entry/Withdraw

Member schools wanting to participate in the 2024 OHSAA Field Hockey Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their 2024-25 OHSAA Sports Participation Form in *myOHSAA*. Tournament entry confirmation begins August 1, 2024 and ends September 23, 2024. Schools that change their tournament participation after September 23, 2024 will be subject to a \$150 penalty.

6.2 Tournament Paperwork Requirements

Participating schools must download, complete and return via email electronic copies of the required tournament paperwork. These tournament forms are available on the Field Hockey Tournament Information page of the OHSAA web site (<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/fh/tournament-info>) and include the varsity roster, varsity schedule with results, school information form, varsity team photo identification form. These forms must be emailed to Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org) by Wednesday, October 16 at 9:00 AM.

In addition, the varsity team photo must be e-mailed to Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org) by Wednesday, October 23. If a digital photo is not available, you may mail a print photograph to the OHSAA. It must be received by October 23 (use overnight mail if necessary). The digital team photo must be no smaller than 5X7 in size and the resolution must be no less than 300 dpi or ppi.

7. RULES

2024-25 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Field Hockey Rules.

8. OVERTIME PROCEDURES

NOTE: The Board of Directors has approved the following overtime procedures to break ties for high school post season play in OHSAA tournaments.

Overtime: National Federation Field Hockey

The following complete overtime procedures shall be followed in OHSAA tournament competition only. These procedures have been approved by the Board of Directors and are not optional. These procedures shall be used to break all ties in OHSAA tournament play and should be thoroughly reviewed by all tournament officials and varsity coaches prior to all contests played in the OHSAA tournament.

During all overtime play:

- A. All NFHS game rules apply except as specified below.
- B. Unlimited substitution shall be permitted.
- C. There shall be one team time-out per team permitted during each 10-minute SV overtime period.
- D. There shall be a five-minute intermission between the end of the regular game and the start of the overtime period. At this time, the contest officials shall insure that the tie-break procedures are available at the scorer's table and shall review them thoroughly prior to the initiation of the overtime.
- E. There shall be a two-minute intermission between each subsequent overtime period. (Not applicable for regular season tie-break procedures). During these intermissions, players may confer with their coaches, and substitutions may be made.
- F. Prior to each overtime procedure, officials shall review with the head coaches the procedures for that session. This shall take place prior to the initiation of each overtime procedure until the game is decided.
- G. Prior to beginning overtime, during the intermission between the end of the regular game and the start of overtime, the officials shall meet with the team captains for a coin toss, the visiting team captain calling the coin in the air. Winner shall have choice of possession.

REDUCED PLAYER 10SV-10SV - PS – SVPS

1. Play a 10-minute “Sudden Victory” (SV) overtime period, with teams not changing goals at the end of the regular game. Teams shall play with 6 field players and a goalkeeper. The first team to score a goal shall be the winner.
2. If a tie still exists, there shall be a second 10-minute “Sudden Victory” (SV) overtime period utilizing the reduced player procedure described in "1" above. Teams shall change goals to begin the second overtime period following the two-minute intermission. Players may confer with their coaches and substitutions may be made. The first team to score a goal shall be the winner. The team not having possession of the ball to start the first overtime period shall have possession to start the second overtime period.
3. If a tie still exists after the second 10-minute “Sudden Victory” overtime period, one series of penalty strokes shall be taken alternating the attackers and goalkeepers at the same goal chosen by the officials. Five different strokers from each team shall be selected from any eligible player on the team roster.

NOTE: A player taking a penalty stroke within a series of five strokes may not repeat within that set of strokes.

Only the coaches and remaining team members may be on the field and behind the 25-yard line. Prior to the first PS set, the officials shall meet with the team captains for a coin toss. The winner of the coin toss which shall be called by the visiting team captain may choose to stroke or defend the goal first. Penalty strokes shall be terminated and a game winner declared as soon as one team has more goals than the opponent does after the set of five strokes for each side has been taken or the difference is unable to be overcome by completing the series. Officials should insure that there are no spectators behind the end line behind the goal where the strokes are being taken.

NOTE: This first set of Penalty Strokes is NOT a sudden victory set.

4. If a tie still exists after the first set of penalty strokes, there shall be Sudden Victory (SVPS) penalty strokes taken. The team not stroking first in the first set shall start the Sudden Victory Penalty Stroke procedure. The strokers and/or order of the strokers may be changed for the Sudden Victory Penalty Stroke procedure. Penalty strokes shall be terminated as soon as one team has more goals than the opponent does after an equal number of strokes have been taken up to a maximum of five for each team. If a tie still exists, after a total of five strokes for each team, another Sudden Victory Penalty Stroke procedure shall be commenced.
5. This Sudden Victory Penalty Stroke procedure shall continue until the tie is broken. The strokers and/or order of the strokers may be changed. The order of teams stroking or defending first shall alternate from the previous SVPS procedure.
6. Please note: On all penalty corners during the reduced play overtime, a maximum of four defenders shall be back completely behind the end line. This number includes the goalkeeper. The other three defenders shall be beyond the centerline.
7. If a player is disqualified during the regulation game, the team shall play short into the overtime procedure. The player is not eligible for return to the contest.

If a player is suspended during the regulation game (yellow card), the suspension carries over into the overtime period until served completely, and the team shall play short. If the suspension occurs in the overtime period immediately preceding the Penalty Stroke procedure and the player is unable to serve the complete time of the suspension, she is no longer eligible to participate in the remainder of the overtime procedure.

9. ADMISSION PRICES

SPECTATORS

The admission fee for Regional Tournament games shall be \$5.00 for students and \$11.00 for adults.

NOTE: Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

By Board of Directors adoption, **admission shall be charged at all OHSAA tournament games.**

TEAM

35 persons, including a maximum of 25 players in uniform, shall be admitted at the pass gate by the OHSAA travel party list, which is to be certified by the principal or principal's designee.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 8 school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 8 tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized as a school advances in the tournament.

CHEERLEADERS

Six cheerleaders, or five cheerleaders and a mascot, and sponsor shall be admitted to the session in which their team plays by a pass list certified by the principal or designee.

10. OFFICIALS

Game officials will be assigned by the OHSAA office from guidelines established by the Board of Directors. Officials are required to be thoroughly familiar with all contest rules and shall review the overtime procedures with each other and with the head coaches prior to any overtime period.

Protests arising from the decisions and interpretations of the rules by officials during the game will not be considered. Their decisions and interpretations are final (*Bylaw 8-3-1*).

11. SIZE OF SQUADS

Schools may dress no more than 25 eligible players for any one game. Players may be changed for subsequent games provided all athletes have OHSAA eligibility.

It is the responsibility of the coaches and the tournament manager to insure that the number of players in uniform does not exceed 25 for each game. If either team is over the limit, it must be corrected at once. Failure to comply with the regulation after the notification by the tournament manager shall result in the forfeiture of the game.

12. WARM-UP PERIOD

A 45-minute warm-up period shall be provided for all tournament games.

13. PRACTICE SESSIONS

There will be no practice sessions permitted at any game site other than pre-game practice.

14. COIN TOSS

At 15 minutes prior to the game time the officials will call team captains together for the coin toss. Visiting team will call the toss.

15. GAME BALL

The ball shall be spherical with a seamless or sewn outer casing of leather or plastic. The ball may be of any color which contrasts with the playing surface, and may be solid or hollow. Each team shall supply three new game balls of the same type (smooth or with indentations).

16. EXTRA EQUIPMENT

Schools shall be responsible for bringing extra equipment in case of emergencies.

17. INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS

11 players from each school may be introduced.

18. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team entry will be permitted to compete in a tournament unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representatives shall be disqualified. The school representative should be present throughout the tournament.

19. INTERRUPTED GAMES

Tournament games interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption.

20. VIDEOTAPE REGULATIONS & TELEVISION

Regular Season Contests:

- a) It is permissible for a school or a school representative to videotape or film regular season contests in which the school team is participating but may not be used for coaching purposes until after the contest is completed.

- b) It is not permissible for a school or a school representative to videotape or film regular season or tournament contests of other school teams without the written consent of all schools participating in the contests.

OHSAA Tournament Contests:

a) *Videotaping or filming by participating schools:*

Videotaping or filming of tournament contests by one or more schools participating in the contest is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager and it is done at the expense of the school involved and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted.

b) *Videotaping or filming by spectators:*

1. Shall be for personal use;
2. Shall not be used for the purpose of scouting or coaching;
3. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators;
4. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans;
5. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator's equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment;
6. Equipment will not be permitted in any playing area – only in the spectator seating area;
7. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment;
8. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises;
9. Managers shall post signage regarding this regulation using materials provided by the OHSAA and shall insure that regular public address announcements are made.

- c) *Television:* Tape-delayed broadcast requests shall be made to the tournament manager. Live broadcast requests shall be directed to the Executive Director's office.

21. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

All requests for space shall be directed to the game manager. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at pass gate.

22. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY

During participation in OHSAA Tournaments, any student or coach ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day, as well as for all contests in field hockey until two regular season/tournament contests have been played. Any student or coach ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for contests the remainder of that day, as well as for all contests in field hockey until the next four regular season/tournament contests have been played.

Individuals ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct, flagrant foul or fighting shall be reported to the OHSAA Senior Sport Administrator by the tournament manager. The Executive Director's office will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.

Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

23. PROPERTY

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the District Board of Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.

24. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Regional and State Field Hockey Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the OHSAA Executive Director.

25. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

26. 50/50 RAFFLES PERMITTED

50/50 raffles are permitted if approved by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office and follow the IRS guidelines. There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of field hockey tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending at the conclusion of the tournament(s) if approval is not received by the Executive Director's Office.

27. PROHIBITED SALES

The sale of, distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

28. SEEDING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

- Field hockey schools are in one division – Division I.
- Coaches shall seed on-line using the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) and the procedure that has been developed by the OHSAA.
- Within the OHSAA seeding procedures, schools will submit their season-to-date record for all games played through October 3, 2024. These records are due by 9:00 AM on October 4.
- Tournament seed balloting begins at 3:00 PM on October 4 and ends at 10:00 AM on October 5. All coaches are required to participate in the seed balloting. Balloting includes the season-to-date records of all teams within a qualifying tournament.
- The drawing meeting shall be **Sunday, October 6** at a time and place subject to the discretion of the tournament manager in each Regional area. Schools shall be required to complete their voting for seeding no later than **10:00 AM on October 5, 2024**. All schools shall be seeded.
- If a school does not participate in the online seeding procedure prior to the draw, that school shall receive the last seed and go on the bracket last. If a school does not participate in the meeting to set the bracket, that school shall be placed on the bracket last by the manager.
- If more than one school does not participate in the seeding or does not have a representative at the meeting, the schools will be placed on the bracket last in alphabetical order by school name – **Z – A in 2024**.
- Schools that fail to send a coach or administrator to a mandatory draw/seed meeting or fail to seed as instructed will be fined **\$150**.
- Coaches of field hockey schools shall be advised that when it is their turn to place their school on the bracket, they should do so swiftly and without delay. Prior preparation is imperative in order that the bracket meeting shall be completed in a timely manner. No school shall be permitted to pass.
- Schools shall be placed on the online seed sheet in alphabetical order.
- Once the drawing is concluded, seed positions shall be included on the brackets for all schools.

29. LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Recognition:

Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators and contest officials shall be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightning flashes is approximately two to three miles, anytime that lightning can be seen or heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

- **Monitor Weather Patterns** – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity
- **National Weather Service** – Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings. A watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20 percent change), event organizers should be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightning.
- **Management**
 - **Evacuation** – If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.

- **Thirty-minute rule*** – Competition or practice shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is required to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. **Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.**
***NOTE:** At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

30. FAILURE TO APPEAR

If a field hockey team fails to appear or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of the tournament game, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A “no contest” shall be declared, and the opposing team shall advance into the next round of competition. See “No Contest” under General Sports Regulation 21. All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by the OHSAA Executive Director’s office.

The OHSAA, in collaboration with the administrative staff, and/or Board of Directors, and the tournament manager, may delay or reschedule a field hockey tournament contest provided it is **practical** to delay or reschedule such a contest.

Please be advised that since your contest is being played on a turf field, we expect you to play the game as scheduled rather than postpone.

**44th ANNUAL GIRLS STATE
FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
Thursday, October 31 and Saturday, November 2, 2024
Thomas Worthington High School, Columbus**

1. REGULATIONS

The same regulations and administration for Regional Field Hockey games shall apply to the State Field Hockey Tournament in addition to those listed below.

2. MANAGER

The State Field Hockey Tournament is under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAA with Worthington City Schools. The State Tournament Site Manager will be Molly Feesler, Thomas Worthington High School, 300 W. Dublin Granville Rd., Columbus, OH 43085. P: (614) 450-6289; E: mfeesler@wscloud.org

3. TOURNAMENT DRAW

A tournament draw was conducted by Field Hockey Sport Administrator, Emily Mason, for the State Field Hockey Tournament.

4. INFORMATION FOR STATE FINALISTS

There will be an online meeting available on Sunday, October 27 for all State Finalists. Field Hockey administrator, Emily Mason, will be available for questions any time prior to the State Tournament.

5. TOURNAMENT FORMS AND TEAM PHOTO

See section 6.2 above.

6. ADMISSION PRICES

SPECTATORS

The admission fee for the State Tournament Semi-Finals and Finals shall be **\$10.00** for students and **\$15.00** for adults.
NOTE: Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

TEAM

35 persons, including a maximum of **25** players in uniform, shall be admitted at the pass gate by complimentary bag tags, which will be distributed upon arrival at Thomas Worthington High School.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 8 school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 8 tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized as a school advances in the tournament.

CHEERLEADERS

Six cheerleaders, or five cheerleaders and a mascot, and sponsor shall be admitted to the session in which their team plays by a pass list certified by the principal or designee.

7. OFFICIALS

Game officials for the State Tournament will be selected from guidelines established by the Board of Directors and assigned by the Executive Director's office. Protests arising from the decisions and interpretations of the rules by officials during the game will not be considered. Their decisions and interpretations are final (*Bylaw 8-3-1*).

8. PLAYERS IN UNIFORM

20 minutes prior to the game, the coach of each team shall submit the game roster, with a maximum of 22 players who are designated as eligible to play, to the scorer. It is the responsibility of the coaches and the tournament manager to insure that the number of players in uniform does not exceed 22 for each game. If either team is over the limit, it must be corrected at once. Failure to comply with the regulation at any time after notification by the tournament manager shall result in the forfeiture of the game.

9. TEAM BENCH

Only players in uniform and team personnel, to a maximum of 35, shall be permitted on the team bench and sideline.

10. WARM-UP PERIOD

Prior to the start of the game, a 45-minute warm-up period shall be provided on the end of the field which that team will defend in the first quarter.

11. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

No advance requests needed. Media members must show company identification (company ID card or letter from superior on company letterhead) for admittance. No credentials will be issued to freelance photographers who is not assigned to the field hockey state tournament by a media outlet. One student photographer per school is permitted.

12. OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

The OHSAA will provide the photographer all official photographs of this tournament. Therefore, no one, except photographers from official media outlets and one school photographer per team approved by the OHSAA shall be able to shoot photos of this tournament from the side of the field.

13. STATE AWARDS

Only awards furnished by the OHSAA may be presented at the State Tournament. Team trophies will be presented to the State Champion and Runner-Up. Individual members, coaches and managers of both teams will be presented with gold or silver awards.