

MID PENN FIELD HOCKEY GUIDELINES

LENGTH OF CONTEST:

- . Varsity games will consist of two (2) thirty (30) minute halves. If a tie exists at the end of the regulation game, one (1) fifteen- minute reduced player, SUDDEN VICTORY overtime shall be played. If a tie still exists after the overtime, the game will end in a tie. For Tournaments when a winner must be decided for advancement- If tied after regulation, you will play two (2), fifteen (15) minute reduced player SUDDEN VICTORY periods. If still tied, then penalty strokes will be used to determine a winner.
- . If a varsity game goes into overtime, the jv game time may be altered upon agreement of both coaches and officials.
- . Jv games will follow the varsity game and consist of two (2) twenty-five minute halves. If a tie exists at the end of regulation, the game will end in a tie.
- . Junior high/Middle School varsity games will consist of two (2) twenty-five minute halves. If a tie exists at the end of regulation, the game will end in a tie.
- . Junior high/Middle School Jv games will consist of two (2) twenty minute halves. If a tie exists at the end of regulation, the game will end in a tie.
- . Half-time will be five (5) minutes at all levels.

UNIFORMS:

- . The home school will wear white or light colored uniforms and socks. The visitors will wear dark colored uniforms and socks.

PARTICIPATION:

- . All participating schools must abide by the eligibility rules as stated in the PIAA Constitution and the Mid Penn Constitution and By-Laws.

OFFICIALS:

- . Officials shall be PIAA approved.
- . Two (2) PIAA officials shall be assigned for every game. A varsity game may not start without two (2) officials.
- . Jv and/or Junior high/Middle School games may be played with one (1) official.

GAME OPERATIONS:

- . The National Federation Field Hockey rules, as approved by the PIAA shall apply.
- . Recommended starting times- All afternoon games should start no earlier than 4:00p.m.
- . If the jv game is played first, a minimum of 15 minutes is required for warmup between the jv and varsity games. If varsity plays first, the jv game will start as soon as possible.
- . Game balls must have the NFHS seal on them.
- . All goals will count as one point.
- . The home team will provide an official timer that is an adult or faculty member. The visiting team will be the official scorekeeper unless the officials declare otherwise. Each team will furnish its own clock for each game.
- . It is recommended that an adult or faculty member from the home school keep time at Junior high/Middle School games.

GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING CONTESTS DURING LIGHTNING DISTURBANCES- PROACTIVE PLANNING:

- . Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
- . Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
- . Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
- . When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning.
- . Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
- . Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30 minute count, reset.
- . Hold Periodic reviews with appropriate personnel.

POSTPONEMENT OF CONTESTS:

- . The home school shall decide if a game is to be played or postponed. It should be rescheduled on the first available date. Saturdays will be considered an available date.
- . Once a game has started, the game officials will make the decision regarding the termination of play.
- . Thirty minutes of actual playing time will constitute a complete game at the varsity level. If a game is suspended in the first half, you resume the game from the point of the suspension. A varsity game declared a contest will not necessitate rescheduling the jv game.

DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

- . Divisional Champions will be determined by win/loss record. Three points for a win: one point for at tie; and zero point for a loss will be awarded in divisional competition only. If there is a tie, then Co-Champions will be named.
- . In the event of a tie for a division, the following criteria will be followed to determine the Mid Penn Tournament qualifier: Head to Head and power rating. In the event of a 3 way tie, the following criteria will be followed to determine the Mid Penn Tournament qualifier: head to Head, did one team beat another twice, and power rating. To be eligible for a championship, a team must play all division contests.

MID PENN TOURNAMENT:

- . The four divisional champions will play to determine the Mid Penn Champion.
- . The semifinal games will be played on Tuesday, October 15, 2019- at Hershey High School. First semi-final game will be played at 5:00pm and second at 7:00pm.
- . The final game will be played on Thursday, October 17th, 2019 at Hershey High School beginning at 7:00pm.
- . The match-ups for the the 2019 season will be Colonial (H) vs Keystone(A) and Capital (H) vs Commonwealth (A).

DETERMINING ENTRIES INTO THE DISTRICT III TOURNAMENT:

- . District III will use the Power Rating System to determine entries into the tournament.

Reporting Results to the Media:

- . The home team should report results to the news media. It would be helpful if everyone contacted their perspective local Press.
- . Please include scoring information from both teams (Corners included) with player's names, position and goal(s) scored/assists or keeper saves.
- . Have the overall and league record for your team.
- . If you are unable to report the score to the paper, please inform the visiting team so that they can call the score in.

ALL-STAR SELECTION PROCESS:

- . The selections will be made by each coach after each game throughout the season. Final approval of all-stars will be made by each division at the meeting at the end of the season. A most valuable player for each division will be selected by the coaches.
- . Criteria: All-star is a player who best exemplifies all the qualities of an outstanding individual/athletes. Sportsmanship- the player's conduct on and off the field, attitude and behavior toward officials, opposing coaches and players will be considered. Skill level- a top quality athlete who possesses a high level of field hockey skill and plays position very well.

ALL STAR COACHES MEETING:

- . There is a mandatory Head Coaches meeting at the end of the season.
- . If the Head Coach is not present at the meeting, their team players will not be eligible for the All-Star Team. Exceptions will be: Night game being played, playoff game that is a distance to travel, family emergency in which a call was made to the President or Division Representative to inform them of the situation. There are no required dues that schools must be paid for an individual to be selected to the All Star Team. The field hockey coaches association is not tied into the Mid Penn Conference.

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