

## **PLAYING REGULATION 6.0 - FIELD HOCKEY (GIRLS)**

1. **SAFETY GUIDELINES:** Each HSSAA Member School shall ensure that the Physical Education Safety Guidelines - Secondary Inter School Module 1999, outlined according to the following Critical Components: EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING / FOOTWEAR, FACILITIES, SPECIAL RULES / INSTRUCTION and SUPERVISION be adhered to at all times. Specific details on the Critical Components will be provided at the Pre-Season Coaches Meeting.
2. **AGES:** As per H.S.S.A.A. Constitution Article XI, Section VII.
3. **EVENTS:** There will be competition for a Halton Champion.
4. **ELIGIBILITY:** Field Hockey is open to all club & squad players.
5. **ENTRIES:** Each school may enter a maximum of one team.
6. **RULE BOOK:** The rules of the Field Hockey Canada will govern play unless specified differently in this Playing Regulation. Games during league play shall consist of (2) thirty minute halves. For the tournament, length of games and substitution rules are to be determined by the Field Hockey Convenor.
7. **OFFICIALS:** Only F.H.O. rated officials will umpire league and Championship games or tournaments. Games must be re-scheduled if a rated official is not available for a game.
8. **UNIFORMS:** All teams are required to wear the same coloured socks and the same tops. Each team must have official school uniforms - tops and socks. No sweats are to be worn. Any infraction of the uniform policy will mean that the team will forfeit the game.
9. **STARTING TIME:** As per Constitution.
10. **AWARDS:** There will be:
  - a) A Trophy - for the winning team
  - b) Medallions - for each member of the winning team
  - c) Medallions - for each member of the finalist team
11. **GHAC REPRESENTATION:** The Halton Champions will advance to the GHAC Championship game.
12. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**
  - A) There will be a two Divisional round robin league schedule. Two points will be awarded for a win and one point awarded for a tie.
  - B) **BREAKING TIES:** Ties will be broken using OFSAA tie breaking procedures.
  - C) **PLAYOFF PROCEDURE**

The top six (6) teams in each division will advance to the playoffs (preliminaries; quarters; semis; finals)

D) CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

1. Championship games will be played at home of the highest ranked league survivor if both teams are from the same Division. .... or
2. Championship games will be played in the Volpe Division in even calendar years and in the Richardson Division in odd calendar years if both V1 and R1 teams survive playoffs or if V2 and R2 survive the playoffs.

E) CO-OPERATIVE MALE-FEMALE SCHEDULES

Co-ordinate male-female schedules as much as possible. (e.g. Boys Football and Girls Field Hockey schedules) (e.g. MMR Football teams at LBP on Wed., then LBP Field Hockey teams at MMR on Wed.)

F) GAME TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

1. During regular league play - Ties will stand.
2. Playoffs - A ten minute sudden death overtime period will be played.
  - If tie remains, penalty stroke procedure will be followed.
  - Each team selects five players. The teams alternate ten penalty strokes.
  - If still tied, the same five players alternate penalty strokes until a goal is scored. (Teams must have an equal number of penalty strokes)

G) The host school will be responsible for marking the field correctly, having all necessary equipment available.

H) An unlimited number of players should be allowed on each team.

I) Field Hockey Ontario rule of interchange will apply.

J) Coaches are responsible for ensuring the use of mouth guards and shin guards by players during the game. Any athlete that does not comply with these safety regulations will be removed from the field by the Umpire. If the player can produce properly worn equipment, they may return to play. A player removed from play for the above may be substituted.

K) It is the responsibility of the Home Team to provide on-site care at each league game or tournament. Games must be re-scheduled if a qualified trainer is not available.