

PLAYING REGULATION 6.1 - FIELD HOCKEY (GIRLS JUNIOR)

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 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 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 the 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 is 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 members of the winning team
 - C) Medallions – for members of the finalist team
11. **GHAC REPRESENTATION:** Not applicable.
12. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**
 - A) There will be a two Divisional round robin league schedule that runs congruently with the Senior League
 - B) **BREAKING TIES:** Ties will be broken using OFSAA tie breaking procedures.
 - C) **PLAYOFF PROCEDURE**

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

D) CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

1. Championship games will be played at the home of the highest ranked 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 schedule) (e.g. MMR Football teams at LBP on Wed., then Girls 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 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 stroke)

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 during the game. Any athlete that does not comply with these safety regulations will be ejected from the game and yellow carded by the umpire without warning.

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