

CENTER STATE CONFERENCE
Operating Guidelines for Field Hockey

1. The National Federation Rule Book for high school girls will be used.
2. The starting date for field hockey will be consistent with all fall sports as determined by Section III.
3. There will be two divisions and two champions will be crowned. If possible, each school will play their division schools twice and the other division once. If every team plays every team in the other division the crossover games will count to determine divisional standings.
4. There will be no championship tournament in field hockey.
5. Whether or not a team advances to sectional play is determined by the qualifications set by the Section III committee, not by the CSC.
6. All contests start at 4:30 p.m.
7. The minimum time allowed for warm-ups will be 20 minutes.
8. All-Star teams are selected in the following manner: Each division will have their own first and second teams. The number of selections that each team has will be determined by their finish within their division; 1st place - 4 selections; 2nd place - 3 selections; 3rd place - 2 selections; 4th place - 2 selections; 5th place - 1 selection; 6th place - 1 selection.
9. Games interrupted or suspended because of bad weather conditions shall be replayed if play is stopped prior to the completion of the first half. If play is stopped following completion of the first half, the game is considered a complete game.
10. The coaches' preseason meeting is held immediately following the rules interpretation session. All coaches are expected to attend or to send someone in their place if they cannot attend.
11. The post season meeting will be held as close to the end of the league season as possible. Consideration will be made to schedule a meeting that is convenient for those teams who are involved in sectional play.
12. All coaches are expected to attend the rules interpretation session. If a team does not send a representative to this meeting, they will be penalized according to Section III rules.
13. Specific policies and rules:
 - a) A player may play either JV or Varsity until halfway through the league schedule. After this point in the season once a girl plays varsity level, she will remain at that level.
 - b) Whether or not ties are broken, and the method used to break ties, will be decided upon by the Section III Field Hockey Committee and the schools in Section III who play field hockey.
 - c) When a JV team has to play with less than the required 11 players, the opposing team will play with the same number of players. A varsity team does not play with a reduced number.
14. The chair will be confirmed annually at the post-season meeting.
15. Protests will be handled in the manner that is outlined in the league constitution.

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