

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

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1.0 DATE

The WOSSAA Field Hockey Championship shall be held at least one week prior to the OFSAA Championship.

2.0 LOCATION

The location of the Championship shall be arranged by the WOSSAA Convenor. The location shall have at least two suitable playing surfaces. The Convenorship shall follow a rotation as indicated in the calendar of rotating Convenorships (see Appendix 3).

3.0 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

The Championship will follow Appendix 9.

4.0 ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

4.1 It is the responsibility of Conference Convenor to communicate the WOSSAA representatives to the WOSSAA Convenor after the Conference Championship, no later than the next school day.

4.2 All schools will pay an entry fee. The amount of the entry fee will be set by the Convenor and will be sufficient to cover the fixed costs of the Championship.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY

Each player must be eligible for competition under the WOSSAA Constitution, ByLaw 2.

6.0 RULES AND OFFICIALS

6.1 All WOSSAA games shall be governed by the rules of the FHC except as noted below.

6.2 Length of games is two (2) thirty minute halves with a five (5) minute intermission.

6.3 Tied Games

i) Tied games in pool play shall stand.

ii) In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time in any playoff game ...

a) A ten (10) minute sudden victory overtime period shall be played after a five (5) minute rest. Teams will toss for choice of ends prior to the start of the overtime period

b) If still tied, each team will select any five (5) players from those listed on the match sheet except a player who has received a red card or temporary suspension at the end of the game. These five (5) players shall take penalty strokes alternately, the first team to shoot being decided by a coin toss. The winner shall be the team scoring the most goals

c) If the score is still tied a "sudden victory" system will be used. Each team will alternately send one player to take a penalty stroke until the tie is broken. The order of stroking will change with each pair of penalty strokes. No player may take a second stroke in this series until any five (5) players listed on the match sheet (except any under permanent suspension or temporary suspension at the end of overtime) have taken one stroke.

6.4 Tie Breaking Procedures for Playoff Position

If in the teams have the same number of points, their ranking shall be decided as follows.

- i) Two (2) teams with the same number of points:
 - a) The winner of the pool match between the two (2) teams shall be awarded the higher position
 - b) If the result of this match was a draw, the team having the better goal difference shall be placed higher.
 - c) In the event of an equal goal difference, the team having the higher goal average shall be placed higher. Goal average shall be determined by dividing (the number of "goals for") by (the number of "goals against" plus one).
 - d) In the event of an equal goal average, the team having the higher number of "goals for" shall be placed higher.
 - e) In the event of an equal number of "goals for", a series of penalty strokes under the same conditions as the playoffs shall be conducted until a winner is determined.
- ii) Three (3) or more teams with the same number of points: Apply procedure 6.4i(b to e).

6.5 Substitution

The FHC substitution rule shall be used with the following provision - Players must enter and leave the field near the center on the same side as the team benches and scoring table.

6.6 The WOSSAA Convenor shall be responsible for making all decisions not specifically covered in these guidelines or the rules of the FHC (sideline coaching is not permitted according to FHC rules).

6.7 Two referees should officiate each WOSSAA game. All attempts should be made to appoint certified referees.

6.8 Any coach or player dismissed from a WOSSAA game shall automatically receive an additional one game suspension.

7.0 UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

7.1 All players must wear shin pads and mouth guards. Goalkeepers must wear CSA approved helmet with face protection.

7.2 The goalkeeper shall wear protective equipment under her sweater. The sweater must be of a different colour to her own or the opposing team.

7.3 If the weather is really cold, sweat pants can be worn, but the skirt and socks must be worn on top. Every effort should be made to have all team members wear the same colour of sweat pants.

8.0 AWARDS

The championship team shall receive a WOSSAA plaque and each member of the team shall receive a gold medal to a maximum of 24 including coach and manager. The runner-up team shall each receive a silver medal to a maximum of 24 including coach and manager. The bronze medal game winner shall each receive a bronze medal to a maximum of 24 including coach and manager.

9.0 OFSAA ENTRY

9.1 The WOSSAA Champion will advance to OFSAA.

9.2 The WOSSAA Championship team will be responsible for paying their own OFSAA entry fee.