

Field Hockey Post Season Meeting
December 5, 2024 @ 9:30am

1. Welcome and introductions: Sandy Mamary, NJSIAA (chair); Maureen Dzwill (Exec. Committee Rep and State Assignor), Charlotte Heenan (Rules Interpreter), Kim Clark (Ridge), Courtney Stetson (West Deptford), Sarah Pallino (Caldwell), Ali Good (Oak Knoll), Britney Ewan (Clearview), Joe McColgan (AD Moorestown), Michael Jones (AD Warren Hills)
2. Review of previous Post-Season Minutes:
 - Power Points for out of state competition, we did make an adjustment but not enough residual points, so it may hurt higher ranked teams. This rule will remain, the out of state wins will remain as 9 PP.
 - NJ teams can not play 3 consecutive games/days, once again, this hurts the schools that play out of state with good competition in weekend tournaments. **This is a Medical Advisory Board Mandate, a waiver will not be accepted. The rule will continue as is.**
 - Coaches at clubs in off season, can't coach their HS athletes
3. Review of regular season:
 - Clock stoppage during corners at varsity games. **Officials will continue to be reminded to maintain the flow of the game. The officials have discretion to stop the clock on a corner if the team is stalling or disrupting the flow of the game**
 - County tournaments should have an official timer. **This should be taken to the conference/county AD's, this position should not be an athlete**
 - Coaches who want to continue competing with their high school athletes between November 16 and November 23 may, if they don't exceed the maximum number of games per season which is 18. These games must be posted on their schedule and not added to the schedule during the state tournament
4. Review of Post-Season:
 - Power Points, teams need to complete 12 games before cutoff date
 - Jumps in brackets will continue for this sport based on head-to-head play in the rules and regulations of the state tournament
5. Review of dates for next season:

Start Date: August 18, 2025

Competition Starts: August 25, 2025

Entry Forms Open: October 1, 2025

Entry Form Closes: October 15, 2025

Conflict of Interest Form Due: October 15, 2025

Cutoff: October 25, 2025

Power Points Close at Noon: October 26, 2025

Tournament Seeding: October 28, 2025

Tournament Dates: November 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15 (Groups)

Regular Season Competition Ends: November 23, 2025

6. Review current tournament regulations and any proposed changes for next season:
 - Officials may enforce rules/regulations in different leagues/conferences. **The State Assignor and Rules Interpreter will address this with the officials**
7. New Business:
 - A discussion on a Sate Coaches Association was received well and the positive response from the committee has me hopeful that this will take place for the 2025 season
8. Old Business:
 - Residual points for out of sate competition, it is currently at 9 PP and will remain for the following season
9. Correspondence:
 - *The goalies and the five days with no or limited pads are a topic that I believe needs to be addressed. Because of this rule and the five day no scrimmage rule we are putting goalies in a situation where their first day of full pads is*

*often in an interscholastic scrimmage. I believe the heat index should be what drives decisions about their helmets and pads if the goal is to get them acclimated. For example, this Fall, the first week of preseason was very mild with temperatures in the 60's in the morning. The goalies were not allowed in full pads that entire week. The following week it was in the high 80's and this was the first time they were in full pads in a scrimmage. If the goal is safety and heat acclimation the current rule does not achieve this. Additionally, teams are doing preseason trips and on campus team camps where the goalies are in full pads the week or two leading up to that first week of preseason. With the current rule on day three they can be in uppers, which I don't understand. If anything, it should be lowers because then they can get some practice at shooting and footwork. Again, I understand the goal but that is not being achieved under the current rule. I believe it makes more sense to be one day in lowers, one day in uppers and lowers and then on day three add the helmet and that the heat index should always be what dictates amount of time in any pads. There are lots of different ways to make sure we are prioritizing their health and safety but currently we are putting goalies in a situation where their first day in full pads is a game which seems unsafe. **This issue has been addressed with the Medical Advisory Board and the current regulations will remain in place.***

- *A rule for high school but not the rule in college. If you are in serving a penalty in regular time and playing a woman down and go into overtime, the team playing with the person down still gets to put 7 players on the field in overtime. The player who is sitting for the card continues to sit for their penalty time, but that team in overtime does not have to play short while she is serving the penalty. If you are penalized in regular time and playing a player down it should carry over to overtime and the team should have to continue to play a player down. There is nothing to curtail rough or aggressive play late in a game if the penalty doesn't continue into overtime. If you are serving a penalty, the rules should not change because you are in overtime. **This was discussed in length, the committee agreed that the rule should be enforced during 7 vs 7 and therefore a team may start OT down a player. The rules interpreter will be charged to write this rule modification, and it should be adopted. The coaches on the committee voted unanimously for this modification.***
- *There must be something to address the players that are slow playing putting on face shields to defend a corner. The clock is continually running throughout the game, teams/players are intentionally taking long periods of time to get ready to defend a corner. Maybe we should consider stopping the clock on a corner and then once the ball is inbounded the clock starts again.*

*In a game there is probably close to 4-5 minutes of play that is lost due to setting up for corners. Maybe defenders should wear the mask the entire time, but it does seem odd that a penalty is called then everyone stops to get a new piece of equipment while the clock is running. **This will be addressed by the Rules Interpreter, it is up to the officials to maintain the flow of the competition and can stop the clock at any time.***

10. Good of the order:

- Very productive with a solid committee