

2024 DISTRICT ONE PLAYOFFS

- SPORT:** Field Hockey
- CLASSIFICATION:** **A, AA & AAA.**
- TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Single elimination with playbacks for 2A. and 3A.
- DATES:** **A** —First round—Oct. 22, semi-finals on Oct. 24. Finals on Oct. 29 at site TBD, time to be determined.
- AA** -- First round—Oct. 22, second round Oct. 24. Semi-finals Oct. 29. Finals Nov.2 at Methacton High School at 5:30. Playbacks for third and fourth place on Nov.1. Playbacks for fifth place on Oct. 29. and Nov. 1. Five teams advance to the PIAA State Tournament.
- AAA-** First round—October 21, second round—Oct. 23, third Round—Oct. 25. Semi-finals Oct. 29. Finals Nov.2 at Methacton High School at 3:30. Playbacks for third and fourth place Nov. 1. Playbacks for fifth and sixth place on Oct. 29 and Nov. 1. Loser of playbacks on Oct. 29 will play on Oct. 31. Winner of that game will play the District 12 champion on Nov. 2 for seventh place in the D1/D12 Regional.
- SITES/TIMES:** All games with the exception of the finals will be played at the higher seed's field. Starting times will be determined by the higher seed. Rain date for all games will be the next playable date.
- SEEDING MEETING:** October 17 zoom meeting. Time to be determined.
- METHOD OF SEEDING:** **AAA** - A maximum of 24 teams will receive bids. 16 teams will play on the first date. The top 8 teams will receive a bye and play on the second playing date. Teams will be selected and seeded in the tournament by the Steering Committee using the approved power ranking system.
- AA** – A maximum of 16 teams will receive bids. All teams will

play on the first playing date. Teams will be selected and seeded in the tournament by the Steering Committee using the approved power ranking system.

A —A maximum of 6 teams will receive bids. The top two teams will receive a bye in the first playing date. Teams will be seeded in the tournament by the Steering Committee using the approved power ranking system.

POWER RANKING SYSTEM:

Win points—5 points for each win.

Tie points—2.5 points for each tie.

Schedule points—winning percentage of all opponents on your schedule X 5.

Bonus points—the winning percentage of the team that your team defeated X12 and the winning percentage of the team that your team tied X6.

All of the schools on your schedule are now included in the calculation including not just PIAA schools. The power ranking is determined by dividing the sum of all the win points, tie points, schedule points, and bonus points by the number of games that you played. It is strongly recommended that you play all 18 games. All games should be completed by the day prior to the seeding meeting.

OFFICIAL'S ASSIGNMENTS:

Umpires and timekeepers are recommended by coaches and assignors.

TICKET PRICES:

\$7 at all sites where tickets are sold.

UNIFORMS:

The higher-seeded team will wear white uniforms throughout the tournament and will be considered the home team. The visiting team will wear dark-colored uniforms.

CONTEST TIME LINE

For a 3:30 game the clock starts at 2:35 for a 45 minute warm up-- 15 minutes for stretching and 30 minutes with sticks and balls. At 3:25 the captains will meet. Introductions will then occur. The same time line will be followed for night games.

EQUIPMENT:

Each team is required to provide one timing device and 12 balls of the same color (white, orange or neon yellow) with

National Federation stamp. The officials will decide the color of the ball to be used for the entire game. No rubber balls are permitted. Each team is responsible for providing two ball holders who will be wearing pinnies. For night games white or yellow balls will be required.

MEDICAL COVERAGE:

Schools are urged to bring their own trainer. For neutral site games, the game manager will have an athletic trainer present.

AWARDS:

A----- 1st place trophy and twenty-two team medals.
AA - 1ST place trophy and twenty-two team medals.
AAA - 1st place trophy and twenty-two team medals.

Additional medals requested will be paid by each individual school.

NUMBER QUALIFYING

A-- 2

AA - 5

TO STATES:

AAA - 7

DATES OF STATES:

November 5, 9, 12, 16

SUSPENDED GAME:

Any PIAA field hockey championship game interrupted due to events beyond the control of the site game manager, such as inclement weather, darkness, national disaster, etc. shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time during the day of competition or the next day unless it is declared an official game if the second quarter or more of the game has been completed and only one team has scored the greater number of goals. The time of suspension and the location of the ball should be noted in the scorebook.

BANNERS, SIGNS, NOISE-MAKERS, BENCH DECORUM:

Both the presence and use of balloons, towels, sirens, whistles and portable listening devices (without earphones) are prohibited. The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from the spectators from their school and community. Small portable listening devices with earphones and stationary banners and signs, which are sportsmanlike in their messages, are permitted. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall announce and publicize these regulations. The Principal, Athletic Director, coaches, team physician, team trainer, players in uniform managers, ball holders and

statisticians will be the only persons permitted in the team area.

TIMING

Refer to the rule book under Officials and Duties. At the end of each quarter, the timer shall sound an audible device to indicate that the time in the half has expired. The umpire's whistle shall signal the official end of each half. When a visible scoreboard is available, it shall be the official clock and shall remain on until the clock runs down to zero.

PRE-GAME PRACTICE

Each team will be permitted a forty-five-minute pre-game practice. 15 minutes stretching, 30 minutes (with sticks and balls).

CHANGE OF SITE:

If a home site or game time must be changed any time during the tournament the Athletic Directors must contact Sheila Murphy and Sean Kelly for approval.

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MEETING:

All schools must attend mandatory rules interpretation meeting.