

2026 DISTRICT ONE PLAYOFFS

SPORT:	FIELD HOCKEY
CLASSIFICATIONS:	A, AA & AAA
TOURNAMENT FORMAT:	Single elimination with playbacks for 2A. and 3A.
DATES:	A —First round-Oct. 27 semi-finals on Oct. 29. Final on Nov. 7 at Methacton High School 11:30. Two teams will advance to the PIAA State Tournament. AA -- First round-Oct. 27, second round Oct. 29. Semi-finals Nov. 3. Final on Nov. 7 at Methacton High School at 1:30. First round of Playbacks on Nov. 3. Playbacks for 3, 4, 5 places on Nov. 5. Five teams advance to the PIAA State Tournament. AAA- First round-October 26, second round-Oct. 28, third Round-Oct. 30. Semi-finals Nov. 3. Final Nov.7 at Methacton High School at 3:30. First round of Playbacks on Nov. 3. Playbacks for 3, 4, 5, 6 places on Nov. 5. A game for 7th place between District One and District 12 will take place at a site TBA on Nov. 5. Seven teams advance to the PIAA State Tournament.
SITES/TIMES:	All games, except finals, will be played at the higher seed's field. Starting times will be determined by the higher seed. Rain date will be the next playable date.
SEEDING MEETING:	October 22 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 on 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.

OFFICIALS:

Officials are recommended by coaches and assignors.

TICKET PRICES:

\$7 at all sites where tickets are sold.

UNIFORMS:

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

CONTEST TIMELINE

All teams will have a 30-minute warmup on the field with sticks and balls. Introductions will take place 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the game.

EQUIPMENT:

Each team is required to provide one timing device and 12 balls of the same color (white, orange or neon yellow) with the NFHS Authentication Mark. The officials will decide the color of the ball to be used for the entire game. No rubber balls are permitted. If darkness occurs, white or yellow balls will be required.

Each team is responsible for providing two ball holders who will wear pinnies.

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.

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Additional medals requested will be paid by each school.

NUMBER QUALIFYING

A-- 2

AA - 5

TO STATES:

AAA - 7

DATES OF STATES:

November 10, 14, 17, 21

SUSPENDED GAME:

Any PIAA field hockey championship game interrupted or suspended because of circumstances beyond the control of the game manager (i.e., weather, darkness, natural disaster, etc.) shall resume at the point of interruption if play is stopped prior to the completion of the second quarter. If play is stopped after competition of the second quarter the game is considered a complete game, if one team has scored more goals than the other. Rule 4-1-2

If the game is suspended, the time of the suspension, location of ball and team in possession 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, managers, ball holders and statisticians will be the only people permitted in the team area.

TIMING

Refer to the rule book under Rule 2-2-3-Timers Responsibilities.

At the end of each quarter, the timer shall sound an audible device to indicate that the time in the quarter has expired. The officials whistle shall signal the official end of each quarter. When a visible scoreboard is available, it shall be the official clock and shall remain on until the clock runs down to zero.

CHANGE OF SITE:

If a home site or game time must be changed at 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.