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Introduction

During the 2009-10 academic year, the Association will sponsor 88 national championships, of which 41 are for men, 44 are for women, and three are for both men and women. Among the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 13 are Division III championships. Among the women's championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

A championships handbook is produced for each NCAA championship and posted on the NCAA Online Web site (www.ncaa.org).

How to Use This Publication. The handbook is divided into four sections: (1) General Administration; (2) Determination of Competing Institutions; (3) Instructions to Participants; and (4) General Championship Information. The first three sections pertain only to the respective sport, while the fourth deals with NCAA policies applicable to all 88 championships. [Note: Some policies listed in the general section have been revised by individual sports committees. The revision(s) will appear in the sport-specific section of the handbook.]

Each topic included in the handbook is referenced to other applicable areas in the handbook or in the NCAA Manuals, where appropriate. For example, if you wish to know about regional advisory committees, the basic information for that particular sport would be included in the Appendix. However, as referenced under the heading "Regional Advisory Committees," more information concerning general NCAA policy governing regional advisory committees can be found later in the handbook and in the NCAA Manuals.

Field Hockey Championship Information

Important Dates

- Tuesday, September 22*—First release of Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).
- Thursday, October 1*—The NCAA national office will send proposed budget information to the directors of athletics of institutions being considered for selection to the championship.
- Tuesday, October 6*—Second release of Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).
- Tuesday, October 20*—Third release of Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).
- Friday, October 16*—Deadline for institutions to submit proposed budgets to host first- and second-round games of the championship.
- Monday, October 19*—Memo to conferences regarding Automatic Qualification forms available online.
- Tuesday, November 3*—Fourth release of Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).
- Monday, November 9*—Fifth release of Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).
- Monday, November 9*—Deadline for notifying the NCAA championships liaison of any student-athlete(s) who may be ineligible or unavailable for championship play.
- Tuesday, November 10*—Selection and notification of teams that will be participating in the championship.
- Saturday-Sunday, November 14-15*—First and second rounds.
- Monday, November 16*—Coaches and administrators of semifinal teams will meet via conference call at 11 a.m. Eastern time.
- Friday and Sunday, November 20 and 22*—Semifinals and finals, Kentner Stadium, Wake Forest University (host).
- Tuesday, December 1*—Deadline for Automatic Qualification forms to be submitted online.

General Administration

Dates and Sites

[Reference: Site Selection in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

First and Second Rounds—Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, on the campus of one of the competing institutions (four sites)

Semifinals and Championship—Friday and Sunday, November 20 and 22, at Wake Forest University.

Future Dates.

2010

First and Second Rounds—Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14, on the campus of one of the competing institutions (four sites)

Semifinals and Championship—Friday and Sunday, November 19 and 21, at the University of Maryland, College Park.

2011

First and Second Rounds—Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, on the campus of one of the competing institutions (four sites)

Semifinals and Championship—Friday and Sunday, November 18 and 20, at the University of Louisville.

Championships Policy Related to Sports Wagering

No predetermined or non-predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship.

Sports Committees

[Reference: Administration and Management in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.1.1 and 31.1.2 in the NCAA Manual.]

The Division I Field Hockey Championship is under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Committee.

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Determination of Competing Institutions

Championship Structure

The NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship provides for a 16-team tournament. There will be five regions: Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Mideast, South and West. A listing of the regions appear in Appendix B.

Inclement Weather. If a game is suspended or postponed, it will be the decision of the games committee and the game officials to determine if the game can be continued that day. If conditions dictate that the game cannot be completed, the NCAA site representative and tournament manager shall contact Mary Berdo (office: 317/917-6555; cellular: 317/966-6472). Only after contacting Ms. Berdo may a game be suspended until the next day or moved to an alternate site. Teams should be prepared with footwear for any playing surface.

Once all efforts have been exhausted and the game cannot be completed, the field hockey committee shall determine the advancing team as follows: If less than 35 minutes have been played, the team that advances is determined based on the selection process currently in place which states that the game must be completed within a reasonable time period, within 24 hours. If more than 35 minutes have been played, the leading team shall advance. If at least 35 minutes have been completed when play is suspended, and the score is tied, the team that advances is determined based on the selection process currently in place. The above policy shall be applied to play-in games that cannot be completed before the selection of teams to the championship.

Championship Selection and Regular-Season Tiebreakers

[Reference: Selection of Participants in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

Selection Requirements

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall won-lost-record of .500 or better.

Bylaw 31.3.3.1 – Countable Competition.

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institution. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

Selection Criteria

For additional information about the championship, contact:

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Annual Forms

Expense Reimbursement. Expense Reimbursement with instructions will be available on the NCAA Web site in the championships section (www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=227). Once the championship is completed, participating institutions should submit the forms online to the NCAA travel department, at the national office within 30 days of the championship.

[Reference: Official Traveling Party in this handbook, Per Diem and Expense Forms in the Division I General Section, and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Manual.]

Proposed Budget/Financial Form. The NCAA has implemented an online proposed budget and financial report process. We request that prospective hosts no longer complete hard copies of the proposed budget for this championship. The online version of the proposed budget and financial report form may be accessed on the NCAA Web site at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=228>. Please note that the online form is password protected. Your institution's athletics director should have the necessary membership database username and password on file. Written instruction on how to complete the automated forms are located at the site referenced above and on each sport specific website in the documents and forms section. If you have any questions regarding the process please contact Mary Berdo. Institutions being considered for selection to the field hockey championship will be sent proposed budget information in late September. Institutions interested in bidding for first- and second-round competition should complete the online forms by October 17.

Attendance

Please note that in determining the attendance figures to announce for each session of the championship, this number should be derived based on paid attendance. The paid attendance figures are also what should be listed on the online proposed budget and the online final financial report. If no paid attendance is collected, the host institution/conference should provide an estimated attendance figure. The host institution/conference has the option to provide a "turnstile" count [e.g., 34,575 paid attendance (12,456 turnstile attendance)].

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships;

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Division I Field Hockey Committee has received approval from the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the field hockey championship (not necessarily in priority order):

Primary Criteria

- Rating Percentage Index (RPI). The RPI includes a teams Division I winning percentage (25%), opponents average winning percentage (50%) and the opponents' opponents average winning percentage (25%).
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results against common opponents.

Secondary Criteria

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. The criteria listed will be evaluated.

- Late season performance in last seven games, including conference tournament play (strength and results.)

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division I Field Hockey committee. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a selection criterion by the Division I Field Hockey Committee for selection purposes.

A selection announcement will be broadcast Tuesday night, November 10. All 16 teams will be announced with pairings. More information will be sent prior to selections.

Countable Games. For selection and/or ranking purposes, the field hockey committee will only consider games that include two periods of 35 minutes each, with ties played off by using the entire championships tiebreaker procedure, including penalty strokes. Games terminated because of the misconduct provision also are countable games (see rules modifications in Appendix G of this handbook). Refer to the rules section of this handbook for the tiebreaker procedure. Games played against mixed teams and club teams will not be counted for rankings and selections. Non-Division I games will not be counted.

Automatic-Qualifying Conferences

[Reference: Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the NCAA Manual.]

Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Colonial Athletic Association and the Ivy Group have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2009 championship.

Play-Ins

A play-in process for nonautomatic-qualifying conferences has been implemented to provide more access to the championship. At least 50 percent of a championship bracket shall be allocated for automatic-qualifying or play-in conferences, based on the number of eligible conferences and the size of the bracket.

Play-in conferences are determined by the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Committee using the rating percentage index from the most recent season. Conferences are notified of the status (i.e., automatic qualifier or play-in team) approximately nine months before the championship. Play-in pairings are based on the conference's respective rank.

The following play-in conferences and pairings have been determined for the 2009 championship:

Northeast Conference at Patriot League

Northern Pacific Field Hockey Conference at America East Conference

Atlantic 10 Conference at Mid-American Conference

The NCAA will oversee the conduct of the play-in game competition. The games will be funded by the NCAA. Institutions will receive reimbursement of transportation and per diem costs. Host institutions will need to submit a proposed budget for these games to the NCAA national office.

In addition to the above-mentioned policies, the following provisions apply to the play-ins:

1. The respective host institution/conference will be responsible for the conduct of the play-in game and it must be completed before the selection date for the championship (Tuesday, November 10, 2009). The NCAA will fund the play-in games (i.e., game expenses; transportation costs; and per diem). The host institution or conference will need to submit a proposed budget (no later than the Monday after the conference tournament) for game expenses to the NCAA national office. Institutions must use Short's Travel Management (866/655-9215) to book reservations. Expense forms with instructions are available at <https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login?s=true> on the NCAA Web site.
2. The play-in game(s) will be conducted at the site of the higher-seeded conference's representative, unless the conferences agree to conduct the competition at another site. An all-weather site should be available. Play in games must begin Tuesday, November 10 by 1 p.m. Eastern time, unless extenuating circumstances warrant a time change. In that case, prior approval must be received from the field hockey committee.
3. If a conference declines to participate in a play-in game, the opposing conference's team will be granted a berth, and all other teams in both conferences may be considered for at-large selection.
4. If a play-in game cannot be completed before the selection of teams for some reason beyond the conferences' control (e.g., inclement weather), the committee will select one of the two teams that would have participated in the play-in game, based on the selection criteria.
5. If the conference's representative is defeated in a play-in game, the committee still may select either that team or any other team from that conference on an at-large basis.
6. There will be a pregame teleconference two weeks prior to the play-in game involving

representatives from the host conferences, the NCAA championship manager and the field hockey committee chair. The purpose of the call is to discuss expectations for hosting the play in game and answer any questions.

7. The host institution/conference should conduct two on-site meetings: one with the umpires and one with the coaches and team personnel. There will not be an NCAA site representative in attendance. A participant manual shall also be created and provided to the visiting team.
8. The game should be administered according to the guidelines for NCAA preliminary-round competition as possible [e.g., neutral music; neutral public address announcer; minimum ticket prices (admission must be charged); etc.].
9. Umpires for all play-in games will be assigned by the NCAA Umpire Manager. The host institution/conference should pay all officials according to the fees established for NCAA championship competition and include the expense as an unbudgeted item in the games budget.
10. NCAA signage is not provided for play-in games. Hosts are encouraged to use the Kookaburra Standard Dimple (white) field hockey ball on “non-filled” watered artificial surfaces. It is the official ball of NCAA field hockey. The cost of purchasing the balls may be included as a championship expense.

Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.2.1.7 and 3.2.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Bylaw 3.2.4, member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition. Member institutions are reminded to notify the national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championships competition.

For the field hockey championship, the championships liaison must be notified before November 10.

Pairings

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

In those Division I team championships that do not generate net revenues, pairings shall be based primarily on the teams’ geographical proximity to one another, regardless of their region, in order to avoid air travel in preliminary rounds whenever possible. The Division I Field Hockey Committee is able to seed the top four teams. The top four seeded teams will be separated in the bracket. The other 12 teams will be placed in the bracket based on geography and using the minimum number of flights. The committee will use the distance of 400 miles to determine when a flight would be necessary. The NCAA will use <https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles> for the official mileage. Teams from the same conference will be separated during first-round play.

Instructions to Participants

All-Tournament Team

An all-tournament team will be selected by the national committee from among the participants at the site of the finals. Eleven players will be selected—10 field players and a goalkeeper.

Audio Coverage (Radio and Internet)

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines which can be found on www.NCAA.com/broadcast.

Awards

[Reference: Awards in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.12 in the NCAA Manual.]

Official NCAA awards will be presented to the official traveling party for each championship. Trophies will be presented to the teams that participate at the final site, and members of those teams will receive individual awards. Participation awards will be presented to a maximum of 22 student-athletes competing or in uniform in the championship. These awards will be sent to the competition for distribution to those teams that do not advance.

The following will be presented at the championship:

Four trophies, 28 individual mini-trophies to the two semifinalists and second-place team and 22 watches to the first-place team. The additional six watches will be sent after the championship to the head coach.

The official team uniform or warm-up must be worn during the awards ceremony. Please refer to the Division I General Section for information regarding purchasing additional awards.

Banners

The display of banners is subject to the approval of the games committee before display.

Cheerleaders, Mascots and Bands

[Reference: Uniforms in this handbook and Bylaw 31.1.8 in the NCAA Manual.]

Cheerleaders and/or dance team members, not to exceed 12 in number, plus the mascot shall be admitted, if in uniform, via the gate list furnished to the host institution by the competing institutions’ director of athletics; all other institutional representatives will be admitted only upon presentation of a ticket. A maximum of 12 cheerleaders and/or dance team members shall be allowed on the field during the progress of the game. The cheerleaders shall be seated on the apron of the playing area designated by the tournament manager.

All cheerleading squads must conform to the guidelines set by the American

Association of Cheerleader Coaches and Advisors (AACCA). This includes all guidelines and prohibitions pertaining to partner stunts in indoor facilities. Neither the NCAA nor the host institution shall be responsible for supervising or monitoring routines performed by cheerleaders at championship events. Except as noted in this section, supervision of cheerleading squads, their activities, yells and stunts is solely the participating institution's responsibility. The participating institution shall ensure that the squad has sufficient training, supervision and equipment for any and all routines its squad may choose to perform. Tournament managers must inform participating institutions if the host facility has more stringent requirements. If so, the director of athletics at each institution must apprise his or her cheerleading squad of such requirements and ensure compliance. The cheerleading squad is allowed to carry an institutional flag, but it may only be displayed during the respective team's timeout or between games. It cannot be used to taunt or block spectator's view.

Band members, not to exceed 25 in number, who are in uniform and performing at the championship, will not be charged admission to the competition. Bands, or any component thereof, are allowed to play during timeouts, halftime, after goals, during their team's allotted music time and immediately after competition.

The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaw 12.5.4 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during NCAA Division I championship events.

Conference Calls

Conference call with head coaches and administrators of teams advancing to the semifinals will be held. A representative of the host institution, the games committee chair and the NCAA staff liaison also will participate on the calls. The information that will be reviewed is listed in Appendix E.

The call has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Eastern time Monday, November 16.

The NCAA will notify the appropriate personnel with the conference telephone number after selections.

Drug Testing

[Reference: Drug Testing in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in these championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3, and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Field Specifications

The preferred playing surface for the championship is a "non-filled" watered artificial surface which meets Level I (global) (Global – FIH Competition) FIH performance requirements for synthetic pitches. However, if the site chosen for any round of the tournament does not water the field during the regular season, the field will not be

watered for championship play. If a field is watered for the game, it should be watered for all practices (weather permitting). In selecting sites for the semifinals and final, the Division I Field Hockey Committee will give strong consideration to sites that water the field during the regular season.

For competition on grass fields, the length of the grass should be maintained at 1-1/4 inches or less.

Game Ball

The Kookaburra Standard Dimple (white) field hockey ball is the official ball on "non-filled" watered artificial surfaces for the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship. The orange ball will be used at the discretion of the games committee.

Host institutions will receive a minimum of 18 balls (12 white/6 orange) per game. First- and second-round host institutions must provide at least 100 practice balls for use by competing teams. Additionally, Penn Monto will provide eight (8) dozen practice balls to the final site host institution for use by competing teams.

Lineup

A lineup for each team must be submitted to the scorer's table 30 minutes before the start of each game.

Lodging

The host institution will make local reservations for the competing teams and advise them of the arrangements. Failure of an institution to make arrangements could damage the institution's chance to host. Each competing institution is obligated to confirm or cancel the accommodations.

Hotel information will be provided in the advance mailing sent to participants. Institutions must confirm or cancel reservations by 4 p.m. local time of the host the Wednesday before the first and second rounds, and the Monday before the championship. Institutions cannot secure lodging at a hotel that has been assigned to another team.

Participating institutions are responsible for the rooms reserved by the NCAA and host institution. If it prefers to stay in another hotel, the institution must (1) obtain a release of the rooms in writing from the hotel's general manager or (2) utilize the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. In either case, the institution is responsible for securing arrangements at another property. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements at the assigned hotel, it will be charged for those rooms.

Media Arrangements

All requests from the media for working press credentials for the Division I Field Hockey Championship semifinal and final games shall be made in writing to: Katy Hamlett, Assistant Director Media Relations, Wake Forest University, 310 Miller Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27109. Requests for working press credentials at first- and second-round games should be directed to the host media coordinator. Working credentials shall not be mailed.

Media Credentials. The NCAA shall control the issuance of media credentials,

with assistance from the host institution sports information director, for each of its championships. Subject to limitations of space, media credentials shall be assigned in accordance with the following priorities: (1) campus media certified by the director of athletics and/or sports information director of each participating and host institution, (2) certified media from the immediate locale of the championship or the immediate locale of the competing teams, and (3) other certified media.

Credentials will not be issued to representatives of any organization that regularly publishes, broadcasts or otherwise promotes the advertising of “tout sheets” or “tip sheets” or other advertising designed to encourage gambling on college sports events. In addition, credentials will not be issued to representatives of telephone reporting services and professional sports organizations.

Other conditions for obtaining media credentials may be implemented, based on the circumstances at the championship site. These conditions must be approved before the competition by Mary Berdo, NCAA, P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222 (317/917-6222).

Microphones. The placement of microphones on a team coach or in team huddles and bench areas is prohibited.

Postcompetition Interviews. Immediately after a 10-minute cooling-off period (i.e., 10 minutes after a competing team breaks its postgame huddle), an interview area will open to all certified members of the news media; any coach and student-athletes requested by the media must be available for interviews. If a team or individual is participating in an awards ceremony, the cooling-off period will begin immediately after the presentation.

Regardless of any regular-season radio or television contract(s), the coach is obligated to the entire covering media during the championship and must report to the interview area immediately after the 10-minute cooling-off period. The coach cannot delay a postcompetition interview with the covering media to conduct an interview for a single newspaper, radio or television reporter unless requested to remain for a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by the television entity that has been granted television rights by the NCAA.

Coaches cannot make themselves available to selected media representatives before the conclusion of the 10-minute cooling-off period. They may, however, report to the interview area before the cooling-off period ends, and make themselves available to all media representatives staffing the championship. The NCAA championships have an “open locker room policy,” which is administered by the on-site media coordinator.

Meetings

[Reference: Misconduct in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.02.3 and 31.1.10 in the NCAA Manual.]

A meeting of the coaches of the competing teams and the games committee will be held before the competition to review any administrative matters that may be necessary. The head coach and an administrator must attend. It is recommended that the individuals from the host institution who are in charge of facilities, media and medical staff attend the pregame meeting. A meeting of the officials and the games committee

will be conducted before the competition.

At the pregame meeting, the chair of the games committee will acquaint the coaches of the competing teams with the provisions of Bylaw 31.1.10, which prescribes conditions under which a student-athlete or representative of an institution may be disqualified from further participation in the competition for reasons of misconduct.

Merchandise

Teams selected to participate in the NCAA championships will have the opportunity to preorder preliminary-round event merchandise online through the official NCAA souvenir merchandiser, Event 1, Inc. After selection, teams will receive instructions for placing orders. All orders will be shipped directly to the institution the week after preliminary-round competition. Questions regarding the online team ordering process may be directed to Matt Cunningham at Event 1 at 888/745-3058.

News, Media, Press Conferences and Satellite Feeds

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at www.NCAA.com/broadcast.

Official Traveling Party

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section.]

The official travel party is 28. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=227.

Player Introductions

It is required that the following format be used in NCAA tournament games: The teams are led onto the field in two lines by the three officials. The officials are the first to be introduced. The captain of each team heads the line of players (both starters and nonstarters.) The officials will stop at midfield. At midfield, the teams, in single file, will turn 90 degrees and move toward their respective goals, ultimately forming a single line at center field facing the direction as determined by the venue. The announcer then introduces the visiting team’s nonstarters, followed by the starters, assistant coach(es), and head coach. The announcer then introduces the “home” team using the same format. After both teams have been introduced and the national anthem has been played, the players should return to their respective benches to prepare for the start of the game.

Practice

Each team should be allowed to practice on the field on which its game will be played for one hour and 15 minutes on the day before the game. If this is not possible for all teams, a practice field will be available to all teams. Practice time will be assigned by the NCAA representative. Teams are limited to the times to which they are scheduled. Teams will not be allowed to practice on the competitive field earlier than the day before the first day of competition. Teams may make arrangements to practice at an alternate facility two days before the competition, but the host institution is not

obligated to assist with these arrangements. Practices will be closed and supervised by a member of the games committee.

On competition days, teams will have the opportunity to practice on the game field for 30 minutes (times will be assigned by the NCAA Committee), except there will be no game-day practices (or walk-through) for first-round games.

Pregame

All teams are guaranteed 45 minutes of warm-up on the game field, with all pregame warm-up activities confined to the half of the field that is assigned by the team's game bench. The music will begin when the clock is started for warmup. Host institutions will provide all music for the championship. Interaction with the umpires can only occur at the scorer's table with an NCAA representative and both coaches present.

Programs

[Reference: Advertising in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.14.1 in the NCAA Manual.]

IMG College will be responsible for all program production including layout and design, advertising, printing, vending and distribution to the championship sites. No competing publications, whether sold or free of charge, are permitted at NCAA events without prior permission of the NCAA and IMG College. The championship host should not include expenses or revenues for programs in the championship budget and/or financial report. All program contents are subject to NCAA approval.

Advertising

Each program will include NCAA corporate champion and partner advertising. Additionally, programs may include non-competing national ads as well as local ads. All ads must follow NCAA advertising guidelines and are subject to NCAA approval. If your school would like to sell advertising into the official program or you know of an individual who would like to serve as a local advertising representative, please contact Doug Iler (502/459-4346; doug.iler@imgworld.com) for information regarding rates, availability and deadlines.

Editorial

If you are interested in the specific content of the program you will receive, please contact Marianne Stoess (859/226-4549; marianne.stoess@imgworld.com).

Generally, programs include the following:

1. Participant information - IMG College will request information, including rosters, schedule/results, photos, school quick facts and logos. If your team is eligible for postseason selection, please send all materials that are requested by the date requested. Programs print on the day selections for the championship are announced. If materials are not on file, your school's information will not be included. IMG will attempt to provide proofs for SID approval when time permits. If you are not sure what/when materials are needed, please contact Ms. Stoess at IMG College.
2. Programs for predetermined sites will include information on the host institution, host city and/or host facility. In addition, some programs provide complimentary advertising space. IMG College will contact via e-mail the tournament manager and sports

information contacts, as listed on the key contact sheets submitted to the NCAA, with the specifics of what items are needed and when those items are due. Host institution pages are subject to NCAA approval.

3. Event-specific historical information, including past champions, records, all-tournament teams and/or the previous year's recap.
4. Information on the NCAA, including the sport committee.
5. Feature stories - Not all programs include event/sport-specific features. However, if you have an idea for a feature story, please submit it to Ms. Stoess at IMG College.

Program Supplements and Update Sheets

Host institutions for single-day/session championship rounds may choose to supplement the program with additional information (e.g., updated statistics or updated game notes) pertaining to the event at its site that day. The cost of producing these supplements will be covered by the host institution and will not be expensed to the NCAA or IMG College, the content must be approved by IMG College prior to the event and the supplements must be distributed inside and as a part of the program. The cost of the program cannot be raised as a result of the supplement. Once all programs have been sold, these supplements may be given away or sold at the discretion of the host institution, with all potential revenue for such remaining with the host institution. No advertising of any kind may be sold or placed on the supplements. If supplements are distributed, following the conclusion of the championship event please mail two samples of each supplement to Marianne Stoess (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40505, ATTN: Marianne Stoess).

For championships that have multiple sessions, matches, events or days, host institutions may choose or be required by the NCAA to produce update sheets (e.g., heat sheets, lane assignments, pairings). IMG College will contact hosts of those championships in advance of their events to discuss projected quantities and the paper on which update sheets should be printed. The cost of producing the update sheets will be covered by the host institution and not be expensed to the NCAA or IMG College. The first update sheet of the event should be distributed inside and as a part of the program. Subsequent update sheets complement the program and are to be redeemed only with a coupon from the program. The cost of the program cannot be raised as a result of the update sheet. Once all programs have been sold, update sheets may be given away or sold at the discretion of the host institution, with all potential revenue for such remaining with the host institution. No advertising of any kind may be sold or placed on the update sheets. If update sheets are distributed, following the conclusion of the championship event please mail two samples of each update sheet to Ms. Stoess (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40505, ATTN: Marianne Stoess).

If a host institution would like to supplement the program with additional information, or has a question about the update sheets, please contact Matt Briggs at IMG College (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com).

Program Sales

1. Predetermined sites: Will be contacted at least two weeks prior to the event. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of your championship, please contact Matt Briggs (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com). You will receive your vending agreement (contract) and settlement statement prior to the championship.

2. Non-predetermined sites: Once sites are announced, IMG College determines how many programs will be sent to each site and will contact the site. Your vending agreement (contract) and settlement statement will be e-mailed within one day of your site being selected.
3. Distribution of programs: Programs will be shipped to the host institution at least one day prior to the event when possible. If your shipping information is different than that on the contract please contact Mr. Briggs at IMG College immediately.
4. Display of programs: Any posters/banners included with the programs should be hung in a visible location to promote awareness for the programs without obstructing other championship signage.
5. Collections
 - a. Contracts
 - i. Upon site selections, all contracts are e-mailed to each site representative
 - ii. A dedicated fax number will be assigned for receiving all signed contracts back to IMG College (859/226-4575)
 - iii. An IMG College representative will track the return of all signed vending contracts to IMG
 - b. Settlement Reports
 - i. Three days after the conclusion of the event, all settlement reports must be faxed to IMG College (859/226-4575)
 - ii. The vendor will have two weeks to submit payment to IMG College
 - iii. An IMG College representative will be assigned to track the receipt of all vending settlement reports and payments
 - iv. If payment and/or settlement have not been received within the two-week period, IMG College will include the site/ championship on its "No Pay" list sent to the NCAA
 - v. Do not combine settlement statements for separate rounds/events or combine program settlements with Event 1 merchandise
 - vi. Please include the event number on the check that is sent

Please contact Matt Briggs (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com) at IMG College with any vending-related questions.

Radio

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at www.NCAA.com/broadcast.

Rules

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]

Refer to Appendix G for the NCAA Rule Modifications.

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.32, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA Division I, II and III Field Hockey Championships will be conducted according to International Field Hockey rules and the NCAA rules modifications.

Squad Size and Team Benches

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Manual.]

Teams participating in the championship are limited to a maximum of 22 players in uniform. Players must be designated before the game. Players must be designated at the coaches meeting through the official travel party list. After the game starts, no replacements will be permitted for any reason. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it shall automatically forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

During the championship, 28 people (per team) are allowed in the bench area. The games committee may issue credentials (a maximum of three per team) to additional institutional personnel who are identified at the coaches meeting. These individuals may not be added to the bench party. The institution's mascot may not be counted nor included in the bench party. In addition, the tournament doctor and a security representative designated by the event manager may be in the bench area.

For all rounds of competition, teams will be designated as home or visitor by the sport committee. The home team will wear the light uniform and be seated on the right when facing the scorers' table from the field.

Starting Times

Starting times will be established by the field hockey committee after consultation with the host institution. Whenever possible, teams should be given 24 hours of recovery time between games. For first and second rounds, first-round games should begin at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and the second-round game should begin at 2 p.m. For the semifinals and finals, times will be established by the field hockey committee.

Television Rights and Footage Licensing

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at www.NCAA.com/broadcast.

Tickets

[Reference: Tickets in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.13 in the NCAA Manual.]

Minimum ticket prices for first- and second-round games will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with ID cards from the host institution or participating institutions. The ticket prices will be \$7 and \$5, respectively, for the championship semifinals and final. A two-day package may be purchased for a minimum of \$15 for adults and \$7 for students with appropriate ID cards.

Umpires

A sports committee or games committee may not require membership in any specific

officials association as a prerequisite for selection to officiate in an NCAA meet or tournament. Umpires shall be selected and assigned by the sports committee or games committee, which shall ensure that umpires adhere to the Association's policies relating to gambling activities and drug and alcohol use. Furthermore, umpires must conduct themselves in a manner befitting intercollegiate athletics. Failure to do so may result in termination of the officiating assignment.

Selection/Assignments. All umpires for all tournament games will be selected and assigned by the field hockey committee in coordination with the NCAA Umpire Manager. The umpires must be certified.

Two umpires shall be assigned to each game; in addition, a table umpire will be assigned to each game and shall have supervision over the timer's and scorer's table, and ball persons. In all divisions, a minimum of six ball persons shall be assigned to all championship games.

The NCAA Umpires Manager will notify the Tournament Director of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the assigned umpires.

Fees and Expenses. Field-umpire fees shall be \$200 per game. The fee for the table umpire will be \$150 per game. As much as possible, umpires must live within driving distance (same mileage as utilized for team travel) of the competition site. However, the field hockey committee has approval to reimburse a maximum of 11 total flights throughout all rounds of competition, if necessary.

Uniforms. Umpires may wear identical colored shirts that are approved by the games committee. They are required to wear a black skirt, black shorts or black slacks for championship games.

Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

Participants in the championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition and during related ceremonies.

Each team must have two sets of shirts and socks, one light set and one dark set.

Logos. The home team will wear light uniforms and the away team will wear dark. An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats) worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2¼ square inches in area (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram), including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo.

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restriction.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2¼ square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies any other entity, other than the student-athlete's institution.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of competition, which includes any pregame or postgame activities. The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in 12.5.4 shall apply during NCAA championships to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench or in the competition area for practices and games or who participate in news conferences. Please note that those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored, provided such contracts were in effect before August 11, 1998. Also, the logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel as set forth in 12.5.4 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during NCAA championship events.

The names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.

Videotapes, Films and Still Photographs

[Reference: Bylaw 31.6.4.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

Institutions are permitted to duplicate championship competition by their teams or their individual student-athletes for archival, coaching or instructional purposes. Each institution is permitted to use one camera and may videotape only that portion of the competition in which it participates. **The host is required to videotape all games during first- and second-round competition. Copies will be provided to all opponents after first-round competition of all games. If an institution decides to tape its own game, then it will not be provided a copy of the video being taped by the host institution. The two teams that advance to the second round will also receive a copy of their respective game. If the host institution is requested and able to provide individuals to tape an institution's game, this will constitute the one camera allowed for the team. There may be more than one individual in the designated videotape area per institution.** The videotapes may not be used for any commercial purposes. An institutional representative shall contact the event coordinator at the host site to arrange for camera space at that site.

Photographers are permitted between the 25-yard line and the end line on the sideline with the team benches, anywhere on the sideline opposite the team benches, and from the corner flag to the circle's edge on the end lines. No one is permitted to be directly behind the goals. On the sidelines, all of the areas designated for photographers must be five yards from the edge of the field. On the end lines, all areas must be 10 yards from the edge of the field. In addition, photographers shall not be permitted to use flashes.

Web site

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at www.NCAA.com/broadcast.

Appendix A

Championship Bracket



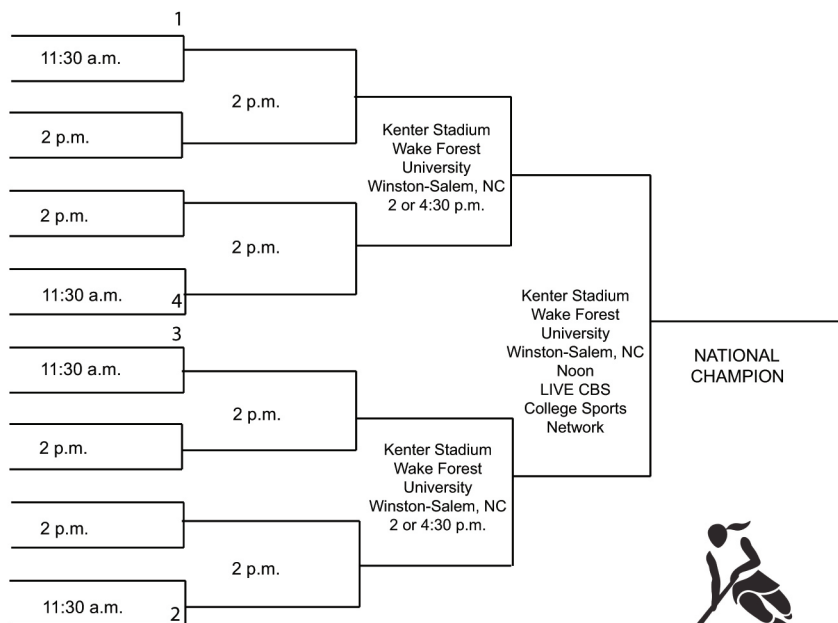
2009 NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship

First Round
November 14

Quarterfinals
November 15

Semifinals
November 20

Championship
November 22



*Denotes host institution.
Home team is the seeded team in the seeded game.
In the non-seeded game, the team on the top of the bracket is the home team.



Appendix B

Regions

NORTHEAST

University at Albany
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Dartmouth College
Harvard University

College of the Holy Cross
University of Maine, Orono
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of New Hampshire

Northeastern University
Providence College
Siena College
University of Vermont

MIDEAST

Bucknell University
Colgate University
Columbia University-Barnard College
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
Fairfield University

Hofstra University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania State University

Quinnipiac University
Robert Morris University
Sacred Heart University
Syracuse University
Yale University

MID-ATLANTIC

American University
University of Delaware
Drexel University
La Salle University
University of Maryland, College Park
Monmouth University
University of Pennsylvania
Princeton University
Rider University

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick
St. Francis University (Pennsylvania)
Saint Joseph's University
Temple University
Towson University
Villanova University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

SOUTH

Appalachian State University
Davidson College
Duke University
Georgetown University
James Madison University
Longwood University
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Old Dominion University
Radford University
University of Richmond
University of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wake Forest University
College of William and Mary

WEST

Ball State University
University of California, Berkeley
Central Michigan University
Indiana University, Bloomington
University of Iowa
Kent State University
University of Louisville
Miami University (Ohio)
University of Michigan

Michigan State University
Missouri State University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
University of the Pacific
Saint Louis University
Stanford University

* List may not be complete as of publication date

Appendix C

Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Regional Advisory Committees in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 21.4.1.5 and 21.6.1.1 in the NCAA Manual.]

The regional advisory committees that have been appointed in each of their respective regions to assist in the evaluation of teams throughout the season.

Northeast

Nancy Lyons, Boston University, chair
 Diane Metcalf, Harvard University
 Cheryl Murtagh, Northeastern University
 Justine Sowry, University of Massachusetts

Midwest

Pam Stuper, Yale University, chair
 Andrew Griffiths, Lafayette College
 Becca Kohli, Quinnipiac University
 Charlene Morett, Pennsylvania State University

Mid-Atlantic

Athena Argyropoulos, American University, chair
 Kristin Holmes-Winn, Princeton University
 Joanie Millhouse, Villanova University
 Carol Miller, University of Delaware
 Denise Zelenak, Drexel University

South

Michele Madison, University of Virginia, chair
 Elizabeth Anders, Old Dominion University, committee
 Beth Bozman, Duke University
 Peel Hawthorne, College of William & Mary
 Gina Lucido, University of Richmond

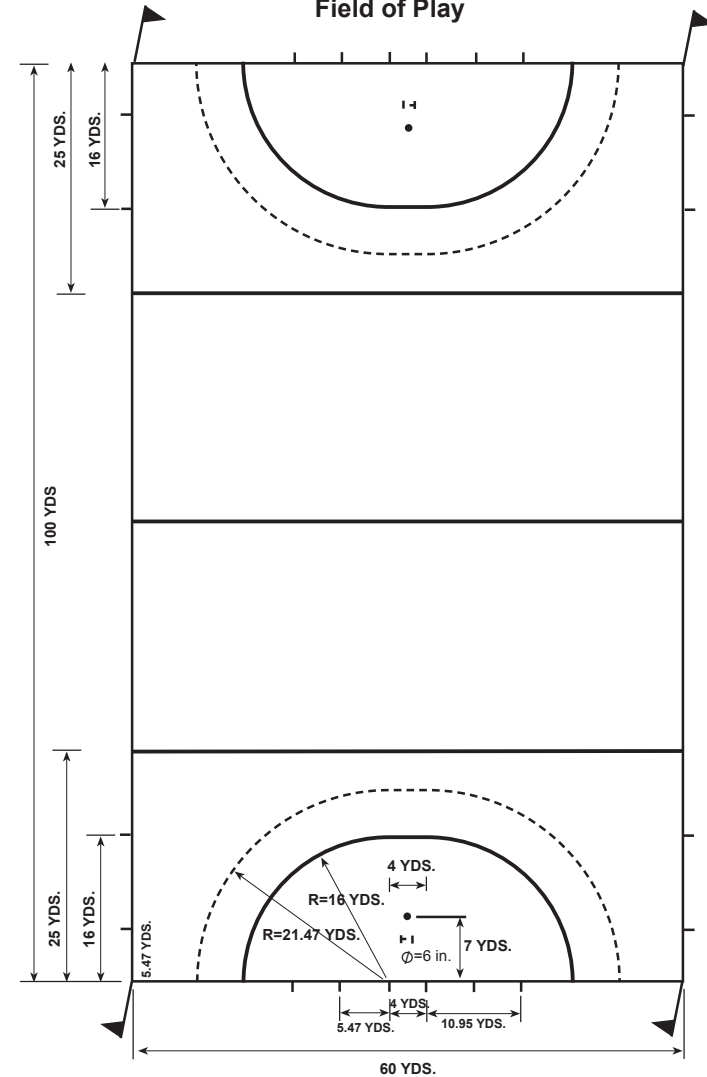
West

Cathy O'Donnell, Kent State University, chair
 Linda MacDonald, University of the Pacific
 Neil Macmillan, Ohio University
 Amy Robertson, Indiana University

Appendix D

Field Hockey Diagram

Field Hockey Field of Play



Appendix E

Checklist for Conference Calls

This is a checklist for the conference call between the coaches and administrators of teams advancing to the finals site of the championship, the games committee chair, host institution representative and NCAA staff liaison.

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Establish games committee.
3. Date and time of games.
4. Official traveling party and traveling party form.
5. Squad list for drug testing.
6. Expense forms.
7. Lodging.
8. Travel plans.
9. Practice.
10. Press conferences.
11. Special activities for teams (banquet, hospitality).
12. Site, day and time of prechampionship meeting.
13. Locker rooms.
14. Uniforms and bench assignments.
15. Squad size and bench area.
16. Cheerleaders and bands.
17. Radio.
18. Filming/Videotaping.
19. Medical services.
20. Awards.
21. Misconduct Policy.
22. Provisions for laundering uniforms.
23. Music (Host Institution will provide).
24. Webcast/Television coverage.

Appendix F

Pregame Schedule (Non-Televised Games)

Actual Time	Clock Time	
53 minutes	45:00	Teams may begin warm-up.
13 minutes	5:00	Captains and officials meet.
8 minutes	00:00	Game rosters submitted and exchanged.
7 minutes	00:00	Teams clear field. Public address, welcome. Introduction of officials and players. Teams are led onto the field in two lines by the three officials. The officials are the first to be introduced. The captain of each team heads the line of players (both starters and nonstarters.) The officials will stop at midfield. At midfield, the teams, in single file, will turn 90 degrees and move toward their respective goals, ultimately forming a single line at center field facing the direction as determined by the venue. The announcer then introduces the visiting team's nonstarters, followed by the starters, assistant coach(es) and head coach. The announcer then introduces the "home" team using the same format. After both teams have been introduced and the national anthem has been played, the players should return to their respective benches to prepare for the start of the game.
3 minutes	00:00	National anthem. Game begins

At the finals, the field will be cleared after the first semifinal awards ceremony. The clock will be set at 45:00 and the field is available to the second game participants. The national anthem is not played prior to the second game. The field will be watered for the second game if scheduled by the host site (time allotted to be determined by host.)

Appendix G

2009 NCAA Divisions I, II and III Field Hockey Rules Modifications Effective August 15, 2009

IMPORTANT

The NCAA Divisions I, II, and III Field Hockey Championships will be conducted according to the FIH (International Hockey Federation) Rules of Hockey and the following NCAA Modifications. All competing NCAA Institutions must have full knowledge of both “The Official Rules of Hockey” and the “NCAA Modifications” and are expected to compete according to and within all rules as noted.

Please Note: “The Official Rules of Hockey” can be found at www.fihockey.org, purchased from the International Hockey Federation, the USFHA or US Field Hockey vendors.

All changes are indicated in bold.

PLAYING THE GAME

1. FIELD of PLAY

On multi-lined (use) fields, the 23-meter line (25 yd.) must be clearly distinguishable from all other non-field hockey lines. If the 23-meter line (25 yd) is not clearly distinguishable, six X's must be marked on the 23-meter line (25 yd.), intersecting the line every 10 yards, with the lines of the X's being one yard long.

---X---X---X---X---X---X---

It is permissible for a player to add water in the area of the 10-meter mark (injection area) during a penalty corner provided there is no delay of the game.

2. COMPOSITION of TEAMS

2.1 Goalkeeper:

- A field player acting as a goalkeeper (kicking back) must wear: a throat protector, helmet incorporating fixed full-face protection and a distinguishing jersey.
- A designated goalkeeper may wear a chest protector underneath the distinguished colored jersey. It is permissible for the designated goalkeeper to remove the helmet and roam the field with the chest protector under the jersey. No chest protector is allowed to be worn over the jersey.**

2.2 Substitution:

- Each team shall have substitution cards, which must be kept at the scorers table. The home team shall provide a minimum of three substitution cards for each team.
- It is recommended that the designated area for substitution, 3-meters on either side of the centerline, be marked with cones.
- The exchange of the card between players at the sideline signifies the substitution has been made and the player may enter the game.

- On a penalty corner, regular substitution may occur as soon as the ball is played from the back line.
- When a timeout is called (by the team in possession) after a penalty corner has been called during a playing period or any extension to complete a penalty corner, substitution may not take place because the penalty corner is still in effect. Exception: injury, suspension, or disqualification to the defending goalkeeper.
- When play is stopped due to a player being injured and an athletic trainer, medical personnel or coach must come onto the field to attend to the player, the injured player must leave the field and a substitute may take her place. When the injured player is a goalkeeper, she may remain in the game.

3. PLAYERS' CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT

3.1 Uniforms:

- Game shirts must have a minimum of three-inch numbers on the front and six-inch numbers on the back.
- The numbers must be of a color clearly contrasting with the uniform top.
- Goalkeepers shall have their own uniform number. The color of the jersey must be in clear contrast from field players of both teams; goalkeepers of opposing teams may wear the same colored jersey (i.e., black and navy are not in clear contrast).
- Game shirts worn by the designated home team must be predominately light or white, and game shirts worn by the designated away team must be predominately dark.
- Turtlenecks worn by the designated home team must be light (e.g., white turtlenecks with yellow game shirts) and turtlenecks worn by the designated away team must be dark (e.g., black turtlenecks with navy game shirts).
- Turtlenecks and/or tights worn by team members must be identical in color.
- The color of the socks and/or shin guards must be consistent with team uniform colors and of a contrasting color of the opposing team. It is the responsibility of the home team to wear socks and/or shin guards in clear contrast to those worn by the visiting team. In the event that the colors are not of contrasting colors, the home team will be required to change.
- A team whose game shirts do not meet the above requirements will be given the opportunity to change game shirts.
 - A team that is unable to or chooses not to change will be assessed a yellow card.
 - During NCAA championship play, a yellow card will automatically be assessed and the team captain shall serve the penalty.

3.2 Blood Rule:

- If a player incurs a wound that causes bleeding, the umpire must stop the game at the earliest possible time.
- The wound must be evaluated by an athletic trainer or medical personnel (the person or persons in charge of the teams medical needs). This will be considered an injury time out (see rule 2.2 f).
- When a player's uniform or equipment, has blood on it (whether it is the player's blood or somebody else's blood).
 - The umpire must stop the game at the earliest possible time to have the uniform and/or equipment evaluated by medical personnel.

- If the team's medical personnel determine that blood has saturated the uniform and/or equipment the player must change the bloodied item and play shall resume after a maximum of two minutes.
- In this situation, a number change may occur. The new number must be different from that worn by teammates on the field.
- If saturation has not occurred, the player may continue to wear the uniform or equipment.
- This is not considered an injury timeout.

4. MATCH and RESULTS

4.1 After Goal Scored:

- a. Game clock shall be stopped after a goal has been scored.

4.2 Halftime:

- a. The length of halftime will be ten (10) minutes with the halftime clock starting immediately at the conclusion of the first.

4.3 Timeouts:

- a. One timeout per team per game shall be permitted.
- b. The timeout will be a two-minute timeout administered by the umpire.
- c. A timeout can be called after a goal or during a dead-ball situation by the team with possession of the ball.
- d. A coach or player on the field can call a timeout.
- e. The timeout can be used at any time during regulation and the seven versus seven overtime periods.
- f. At the 1:45 minute mark of the timeout a warning signal will be made – by the umpires – and an umpire will notify each coach of the signal.
- g. A second signal will be made at the 2:00 minute mark and play must be resumed immediately.
- h. If a team delays in returning to the field, the captain will be carded for delay of game.

4.4 Countable and Championship Games:

- a. For selection and ranking purposes, the respective NCAA field hockey committee will only consider games that include two periods of 35 minute each, with ties played off by using up to two 15 minute sudden victory periods and penalty strokes. (See tied games below for tie breaking procedures).
- b. A suspended game shall be resumed at the point of suspension. See countable games section in the respective NCAA Divisions I, II, or III Field Hockey Championships Handbooks (visit the NCAA Website at www.ncaa.org).

5. TIED GAMES

5.1 Tied Games: [Note: The following overtime procedure shall be used when a game is tied at the end of regulation play.]

- a. A tied game will be broken to determine the winner by playing up to two 15-minute "Sudden Victory" periods of teams consisting of seven team players (of which one may be a goalkeeper). All game rules apply with the following modifications
- b. There will be a five-minute break between the end of regulation and the first overtime period, and a two-minute timeout between the overtime periods.
- c. Coin Toss: A toss of the coin for the first overtime period will determine ball possession or direction of attack. If a second overtime period is necessary, the

team that lost the coin toss in the first overtime period will have the choice of ball possession or direction of attack. The visiting team will call all coin tosses.

- d. Each team will begin the first overtime with six field players and a goalkeeper unless players were disqualified or have not completed a suspension during any previous playing period.
- e. Any player who has been disqualified during regulation play is not eligible for the overtime periods. A player suspended during regulation play would be eligible at the end of the suspension. Any player who has not completed a suspension or was disqualified during the overtime periods shall not be eligible for penalty strokes.
- f. On Penalty Corners: The defending team is permitted to have only four team members (of which one may be a goalkeeper) behind its goal line.
- g. The game is completed as soon as a goal is scored.
- h. If the score remains tied at the end of the second overtime period: A series of penalty strokes will be taken.
 - A coin toss will give a team the choice to attack or defend.
 - Five players from each team shall take a penalty stroke alternately against the same goalkeeper from the opposing team.
 - The coach of each team will be given the maximum of two minutes to turn in the lineup for penalty strokes.
 - The team awarded the highest number of goals shall be the winner.
 - Once the stroke procedure is decisive, the game shall be complete and no more strokes need to be taken.
- i. In the event of a remaining tie, after first series of penalty strokes:
 - A second series of penalty strokes will be taken by the same players, which were in the lineup for the first series of strokes.
 - The order may be changed but not the players.
 - The goalkeeper who defended first in the first set will defend second in the second set.
 - The team awarded the highest number of goals shall be the winner.
- j. If no decision is reached after the second series of Penalty Strokes:
 - A "Sudden Victory" procedure will be used to break the tie.
 - There will be a third series of penalty strokes taken by the same group of players.
 - The order may be changed but not the players.
 - The goalkeeper who defended first in the first set will defend first in this set.
 - The first team awarded more goals than its opponent after an equal number of strokes shall be the winner.
- k. If an overtime game goes into penalty strokes, a total of one goal (team goal) is awarded for the winner of the set rather than the number of goals scored in the set.

6. CONDUCT OF PLAY: PLAYERS, GOALKEEPERS, and COACHES

- 6.1 Green Card. A green card may be issued to the head coach as a warning prior to assessing a red card. The head coach is responsible for actions of their team bench area and shall receive any green card assessed related to bench decorum.

6.2 Yellow Card.

- a. Any player on the field receiving a yellow card shall be suspended from the

game for a minimum of five minutes. A suspended player shall be seated at the scorer's table on side opposite from her bench.

- b. The umpire will notify the scorer's table of the suspension time when the penalty is called. If additional time is assessed to the player during the suspension due to conduct, then the umpire will again notify the scorer's table of the additional penalty time.
- c. A member of the table personnel will notify the player when the time of suspension has expired. Normal substitution rules must be followed for re-entry.

6.3 Red Card:

- a. A player, bench personnel or coach receiving a red card shall be ejected from the game, shall leave the premises of the field of play and shall sit out the next regularly scheduled game, including postseason games. Should a player, bench personnel or coach receive a red card in the last game of the season (including post season games) the suspension would carry-over to the first game of the following season (exhibitions and/or scrimmages do not satisfy the suspension). The head coach shall receive any red card assessed to their team bench area and will be required to leave the field of play. A coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator area and is prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with his or her team, assistant coaches and/or bench personnel from the start of the contest to its completion.
- b. If a coach is red carded and refuses to leave the site of the contest within a reasonable amount of time (three minutes), the game shall be declared ended, and the opposing team shall be awarded the win (score becomes 1 – 0). **THE GAME SHALL COUNT AS A COUNTABLE GAME.**

6.4 Misconduct by personnel, players on the bench and/or spectators should be brought to the attention of the head coach. If continued misconduct occurs the head coach will ultimately be held responsible. It should be noted that use of profane and/or vulgar language, and/or harsh treatment towards opponents or umpires by personnel, players on the bench or spectators shall not be tolerated.

6.5 Regulation game player suspensions (Yellow Card) and player/coach disqualifications (Red Card) will carry over into overtime play.

6.6 Suspended players should be placed at the scorer's table on the side opposite from her bench.

6.7 Coaching of players who are suspended from play is prohibited except during timeouts or between periods.

6.8 The coaching of players who are participating in the game at the time when an injury timeout is called is prohibited.

6.9 Designated Bench Area: Failure to comply with the following will be considered misconduct and possible suspension.

- a. The official party must remain within the designated bench area during play.
- b. Coaches are permitted to move on the sideline only in front of their respective benches and from the centerline (50 yard line) to the 23 meter line (25 yards) on their bench side or in the bleachers directly behind their designated bench area.
- c. **Coaches and players in the bench area "MUST" remain behind a clearly marked restraining line (a minimum of five yards from the sideline; if 5 yards is not available, as close to 5 yards as possible).**
- d. Spectators are not permitted behind the goal area and must be at least 10 yards behind the endline, and a minimum of five yards from the sideline.

6.10 Electronic Communication: Radio communication between team personnel in a remote position (i.e., video platform) and the team bench is permissible. There shall be no direct communication, neither verbal nor signal, between a remotely positioned team personnel and players on the field.

FIELD and EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

7. VISIBLE CLOCKS

7.1 Visible Clocks:

- a. Visible clocks are required.
- b. The visible clock will be the official game clock. The on-field umpires or alternate umpire shall keep a back-up clock. The time kept by the on-field umpires or alternate umpire will become the official time in the event of a clock malfunction.
- c. **Players shall play to the whistle not the horn. If the penalty corner is not finished, then play continues until the umpire stops play.**

8. EQUIPMENT

8.1 Equipment:

- a. All field players have the option to wear soft headgear.
- b. Field players are permitted to wear throughout a game only a smooth preferably transparent or white but otherwise dark plain colored face mask which fits flush with the face, soft protective head covering or eye protection in the form of plastic goggles (i.e., goggles with a soft-covered frame and plastic lenses. A caged frame cannot be worn).
- c. All field players and the kicking back are required to wear a mouthguard at all times. [NOTE: Failure to comply with this rule will be considered misconduct]. Mouthguards for goalkeepers are strongly recommended.
- d. Goalkeepers must wear a throat protector and chest protector at all times.
- e. Goalkeepers are required to wear appropriate protective headgear; a helmet incorporating fixed full-face protection and cover for the head including the back of the head.

GUIDANCE

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- a. The use of a designated bench area shall be enforced during all games.
- b. A coach or team representative is only permitted to interact with umpires pre and post game with the opposing coach or team representative present.
- c. Prior to leaving the field of play, the official scorecard shall be signed by both umpires assigned to the game.
- d. Once the score card is signed, the game is official and any penalties assessed to a player, coach or bench personnel (yellow or red card) may not be overturned. The officials remain in charge of the site until they leave the field area.
- e. It is recommended that stick checks occur not later than 45-minutes prior to the start of the game.
- f. When a game is played at a neutral site, a team must be designated as the home team and the home team is responsible for ensuring that all game management responsibilities are confirmed.
- g. **If a violation of 6.10 occurs, then it shall be communicated to the appropriate conference office for discussion and/or review.**

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