



Hockey - Field



COMPETITION MANUAL

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International rules will be followed unless specified in WPFG Field Hockey Guidelines

Entry Deadline: 1/22/2027

EVENTS

TEAM; 18+

MEN

Division A

Division B

WOMEN

MIXED (At least 3 women on the field at all times)

TEAMS

Active-duty competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY OF EMPLOYMENT.**

Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish including across country lines with other eligible competitors regardless of police or fire agency.

Maximum of 16 players on a team plus one (1) non-playing coach.

A **MANDATORY** team captain meeting will be conducted the day prior to the start of the competition. Each team **SHALL** have a representative at this meeting. All final team rosters must be submitted at this meeting. There will be no exceptions to the roster once this meeting has been completed. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

A Competitors by Sport/Event (CSE) Report is mandatory for the Sport Coordinator to verify team members with final rosters being submitted by team captains. This will also be used to determine rosters for which medal ceremonies will be conducted.



EQUIPMENT

Game ball: Balls used must be FIH approved standard

Game score records

Bracket Charts

Competitor Check-in Station (table, bench, etc.)

BRACKETING

A Round Robin (Group Play) shall be established. Teams will be assigned to pools of 4 or 5 teams. (Depending on the number of teams entered in this event, the Host, with the approval of the WPFGEF, may change the number of teams that advance to the Finals Tournament).

If the total number of teams in a division is less than 8, a single group Round Robin tournament shall be used exclusively to determine medal winners. If Group Play is used exclusively to determine medals, the coin toss will not be used. Co-winners will be declared for teams still tied after the first 3 tie-breakers. (See "Scoring".)

Finals: "A" AND "B" DIVISIONS: The 1st & 2nd place competitors in each pool will advance to "A" Division; the 3rd & 4th (& 5th) place competitors in each pool will advance to "B" Division.

Members of a combined team can be from Law Enforcement and/or Firefighter Services from within the same country.

SCHEDULING

Duration of Game: The game shall consist of two 30-minute halves, with a 5-minute break between the halves. (NOTE: Depending on the number of teams entered and the number of fields available, the Host may request that the preliminary games be played with 25-minute halves. This change must be approved by the WPFGEF).

SCORING

The scoring for group play is: Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points.

The following procedure (in descending order) will be utilized to determine which two teams from each group advance to the Single Elimination Finals tournament.

Total win/loss points accumulated in group play



Team head to head game's results
Goal differential (for vs. against)
Total goals for (maximum of 5 per game)
Total goals against
Coin toss

Ties: In the event of a tie in the Single Elimination Finals tournament, a 10-minute "Sudden Death" overtime period shall be played in two 5 minute halves. The first team scoring in this overtime period is the winner. In the case of neither team scoring in the overtime, each team will then have 5 penalty shots to determine the winner. If the score still is tied, there will be a second round of penalties in "Sudden Death" fashion, as follows. After one player from each team has taken their shot, if only one scores, the winner is determined. If there is still a tie, the next two players shall shoot, until a winner is determined. If all players score, this procedure will be repeated until one team out scores the other.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Field Hockey

Player Check-in Procedures: Each player must check-in at the "Hockey Check-in Table" prior to each game his/her team plays and show a Participant Pass. The Host Credentials Official will take possession of the players Participant Passes and present them to the referee. The referee shall return the Participant Passes to the Credential Official following each game, after noting any player misconduct on the official game record. The Credential Official will return the Participant Passes to the players.

There is free substitution during the game. (Players substituted off the field may be substituted back on the field.)

Player Misconduct: If a player is ejected from a game by the referee (red card), the Hockey Discipline Committee will review the incident and recommend any further discipline to the WPFGF. The WPFGF will rule on the committee's recommendations.

Players do not accumulate "yellow cards" from one game to another.

Dress: Dress of players shall be consistent with F.I.H. and WPFGF rules. Shin pads and mouth guards **MUST** be worn at all time during play.



AWARDING OF MEDALS TO ATHLETES AND COACHES

One Non-playing coaches can **ONLY** receive a medal if they are eligible to participate in the games. This means that the coach would have to meet the same eligibility requirements of an athlete to receive a medal. This coach will receive an Athlete's Credential when they register at the Accreditation Center and should do so at the Special Handling booth to receive the Athlete's Credential.

Coaches who do not meet the requirements to participate in the Games **will not** receive a medal. **Technical Support Personnel SHALL NOT** receive medals. During the medal presentation, only athletes and eligible coaches are allowed to participate in this ceremony. Each athlete and one eligible coach **SHALL** present their Athlete's Credential. If the athlete or coach does not wear their Athlete's Credential, they **SHALL NOT** receive a medal. This is a mandatory requirement to receive a medal.

Technical Support Personnel and children are not allowed on the podium with the teams during the medal presentation.

The sport coordinator **SHALL** have in their possession a copy of the CSE Report and the team's final roster that was submitted at the team captains meeting to verify the athletes being awarded medals.