

**WOMEN'S SUMMER FIELD HOCKEY RULES FOR
A. A. COUNTY REC. & PARKS
2009**

Below is a list of rules for Summer Field Hockey. Some of the rules are for emphasis and some are modifications. Rules for the game are from the National Federation State High School Association.

Game:

1. First Game shall begin at 6:30 PM. Later games will begin 10 minutes after the end of the preceding game.
2. Each team must have at least seven players on the field, which includes a properly equipped goalkeeper. If a team does not have the minimum number of players and the goalkeeper is not on the field ready to play and ten or more minutes have passed, the team that is ready will have the option of accepting a forfeit.
3. Running Clock: Twenty-five minute halves with five-minute half time. Two time outs per team per game.
4. Thunder/Lightning/Unsafe Conditions: In cases of thunder or lightning play shall be stopped and all persons present shall wait in a safe place for 30 minutes from the last sound or sighting. If a second round of thunder or lightening is heard or seen within the first 30 minute time frame, the game will canceled by the lead official.

Players:

1. All Field players will wear appropriate colored mouth protectors.
2. Shin guards are mandatory for all players.
3. Jewelry shall not be worn by any player
4. Defenders must move back 7 yards during a free hit.
5. Penalty corner hits awarded at the end of the game will only be carried out if the scoring of the goal will influence the outcome of the game.
6. Captains will be held responsible for spectators' conduct as stated in NFHS Rule 12, Section 2.
7. Any player receiving a red card for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed to play in their team's next two scheduled games. Conduct that is of a threatening nature or incites behavior that could cause assault and bodily harm to spectators or participants will be cause for expulsion from the league.
8. Coaches/Captain: Only one on the field per team. Captain/Coach is the only person who is allowed to confer with the official either before the game at a time-out or at halftime.
9. Policies and procedures of the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks are in effect.
10. Goalies must complete game of roster team before subbing on other teams

Standings & Play-Offs:

1. Three (3) points are awarded for a win. One (1) point is awarded for a tie.
2. Based on the above point system, the top two teams in each division will qualify for the play-offs, with the winner of "A" Division playing the runner-up of "B" Division and the winner of "B" Division playing the runner-up of "A" Division. The winner of these games will play the championship game. Head-to-Head results will break ties in standings.
3. Captains of winning teams are responsible for calling in scores no later than 48 hrs. following the game. Captains may call Donna Liberto, Sports Supervisor, with inquiries at 410-222-7865 or e-mail at rplibe01@aacounty.org