



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY R&P
2009 GIRLS SUMMER YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY RULES

Division of Play

Middies & Junior

MINIMUM PLAY

Each player in uniform shall play a minimum of: Middies, Juniors 50% of each game. The mandatory participation guidelines are for all County-sponsored youth sports. The guidelines shall be used in league and tournament play except in cases of illness, injury or disciplinary action.

SCHEDULES AND STANDINGS

The schedules and standings for the Field Hockey Season will be available at www.aacounty.org/recparks. The schedules will be updated weekly with the game results that have been reported

Standings:

It is required that Middies and Junior teams call in their game score. Results can be reported to the Recreation & Parks Department by email at rplibe01@aacounty.org call (410) 222-7865. The winning team must call in score within 12 hours of completion of the game. When calling in score, please leave the following information: league name, location of game, both team names, final score, number of officials and if there were any problems. *Failure of calling in game score, could result in a loss!*

JUNIOR LEAGUE

1. Games will follow NFHS Rules with the Following exceptions'
2. Running Clock: 25 minute halves, time only stopped for injuries, and timeouts (1 per team). 5 minute half time.
3. No equipped goale required to start game
4. A free hit will be given in lue of corners

MIDDIE LEAGUE

1. Games will follow NFHS Rules with the Following exceptions'
2. Running Clock: 4 10-minute halves, time only stopped for injuries, and timeouts (1 per team). 5 minute half-time.
3. Coaches should alternate instructing on the field per half. (ie. Coach A can be on field instructing 1st half and Coach B would be on field 2nd half).
4. NO EQUIPPED GOALE REQUIRED TO START GAME
5. A FREE HIT WILL BE GIVEN IN LUE OF CORNERS

ALL LEAGUES

1. **Players can only play on one (1) team.** Players cannot play down, but they can play up. Players playing on a high school field hockey team may **not** play in the Girls County leagues.
2. Spectators must be on the opposite side of the field of all players and coaches.
3. All Fields are Tobacco-Free Zones. Tobacco use is prohibited on school property and there is a 100-yard Tobacco-Free Zone at all County Park fields. Alcohol Beverages are prohibited on or near the fields at anytime.
4. Uniforms - Teams must have numbered shirts (same color). No goalie jersey is required; however, goalie jersey must be the same team color. Teams should have matching color leg protection.
5. No Jewelry
6. Mouthguards must be colored not clear or white and worn by **all** players
7. *Emphasis will be placed on high sticking (dangerous play rule, hacking (stick obstruction rule) and good sporting behavior*
8. Coin Toss will determine possession of ball OR which goal to defend.
9. Players shake hands, not sticks following games.
13. Coaches are encouraged to use their designated captains for any questions to the officials. Comments or concerns should be made in writing to the Sports Supervisor and specific Field Hockey Commissioner.
14. All players, coaches and spectators are subject to the rules and regulation in the A.A. County Recreation and Parks Guidelines and Reference Manual as well as, cardable offenses by the officials.
15. There will only be a maximum of three (3) coaches allowed on each team sideline at any time. That includes the time and scorekeeper.
16. Timeouts can only be called;
 - a. when team has possession
 - b. not on corners

Standings & Play-Offs:

1. The top two teams will play for the league championship.
2. 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
3. Championship games will played on July 22, 2009.

RAIN POLICY

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.

- Weekday Policy** – Commissioners or Coaches must call Recreation & Parks at (410) 222-7865 by 3p.m. on game day and leave a message on the Sports Supervisor’s voice mail at (410-222-7865 ext. 3535) or cell # 443-336-1603 if your field is in unplayable condition for that night’s game. The County will decide whether cancellations will be made for the whole county or for particular fields and this decision will be posted on the website by 4:30 p.m. The sports supervisor will notify the head of the officials.
- Inclement weather decisions made by the County will be posted at 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Please call the hotline # at (410) 222-7312 or check the website for game cancellations; <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/cancellation.cfm>.