



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY R&P
2008 OFFICIAL YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY RULES

DIVISION OF PLAY

- Sticklettes* There shall be no division of play at this level.
- Pee Wee* There shall be no division of play at this level. However we will divide the Pee Wee teams into levels of more (+) and less experienced (-) teams.
- Middies* There shall be 3 divisions of play at this level: A,B,C
- Junior* There shall be 3 divisions of play at this level: A,B,C
- Senior* There shall be no division of play at this level.

HOME FIELD RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the competing teams to each provide a visible scorer and timekeeper for each game.

It is recommended that the **organization** upon whose field the game is being played to ensure that the field is ready for play. In most instances, this will be the home team, but in some cases it may not. For example, when Team A plays Team B at Organization C's field, it is the responsibility of Organization C to ensure that the field is ready for play. "Ready for play" means that the field is lined, and when possible there should be a Scorer/timekeeper table, chairs, clock and a means to post the score that is visible to both benches. Home team will supply pennies for if uniform conflicts occur. PeeWee Leagues *must* have a marked 16yard circle.

POSTPONEMENT AND REASSIGNMENT OF GAMES

of Games offered in the Season:

This year the county will schedule 12 regular season games for Seniors, Middies and Pee Wees. Sticklettes will have 10 regular season games scheduled. Juniors will have 10 regular season games scheduled along with playoff and championship games.

Rain out Games:

Two additional games have been scheduled for each league. Rainout games will not be rescheduled.

Rescheduled Games:

The county will NOT reschedule games cancelled by the coaches or organizations. If coaches wish to play on their own they may, but officials will not be provided.

MINIMUM PLAY

Each player in uniform shall play a minimum of:

Sticklettes & PeeWee 50% of each game.
Middies, Juniors & Seniors 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/recparcs. The schedules will be updated weekly with the game results that have been reported. Sticklette's and PeeWee's do not keep score or standings.

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!*

Officials (No-Show): Game will be rescheduled.

Rosters Packets:

The roster packet information must be returned to the Recreation & Parks Office before **Friday, August 22rd**. **75% of the Players on the team MUST reside in Anne Arundel County. Last Day to Add/Drop player is Monday, September 22nd**

The Roster Packet should be complete with the following items of information:

- ✓ **Youth Roster.** Turn in both copies of the Roster.
- ✓ **Players contract for each player on the roster.** *All signatures are required on the contract. A player release is required for all players that answer Yes to Question 1 and No to Question 2 on the Youth Player Contract.*
- ✓ **Head Coaches Pledge.** *One form for the Head Coach. All Coaches (head and assistant) MUST have a Background Authorization completed **BEFORE** they can participate with the team. Failure to do so may result in the Suspensions of the Head Coach and Assistant Coach. It is the Head Coach's responsibility to ensure completion background check for all Assistant Coaches.*

SENIORS

1. Games will follow NFHS Rules with the Following exceptions'
2. 25 minute halves, time only stopped for injuries, and timeouts (1 per team). 8 minute half times.
3. Teams play 11 on 11. Must have a Goalkeeper in full goalie gear (Lacrosse Chest Protector is acceptable).
4. **Home** team must provide a volunteer to keep score **and time**.
5. In case of a tie at the end of a regulation game, teams will play in (1) 7-minute OT, 7 a-side, sudden victory (no substitutions unless for an injury). There will be 2 minutes between the end of the game and OT. At the end of the overtime play, if no team has a point advantage, the game will be reported as a tie.

JUNIOR

1. Games will follow NFHS Rules with the Following exceptions'
2. 25 minute halves, time only stopped for injuries, and timeouts (1 per team). 8 minute half times.
3. Teams play 11 on 11. Must have a Goalkeeper in full goalie gear (Lacrosse Chest Protector is acceptable).
4. **Home** team must provide a volunteer to keep score **and time**.
5. In case of a tie at the end of a regulation game, teams will play in (1) 7-minute OT, 7 a-side, sudden victory (no substitutions unless for an injury). There will be 2 minutes between the end of the game and OT. At the end of the overtime play, if no team has a point advantage, the game will be reported as a tie.

MIDDIES

1. Games will follow NFHS rules with the following exceptions;
2. **25 minute halves, time only stopped for injuries, and timeouts (1 per team). 8 minute half times.**
3. Teams play 11 on 11. Must have a Goalkeeper in full gear (Lacrosse Chest Protector is acceptable)
4. Home team must provide a volunteer to keep score and time.
5. In case of a tie at the end of a regulation game, teams will play in (1) 5-minute OT, 7 a-side, sudden victory (no substitutions unless for an injury). There will be 2 minutes between the end of the game and OT. At the end of the overtime play, if no team has a point advantage, the game will be reported as a tie.

PEE WEE

1. Games will follow NFHS Rules, with the following exceptions,
2. 4 - 10 minute quarters, running clock - time only stopped for injuries. 5 minute half times. *2 minutes between quarters, referees will blow whistle at 1-1/2 minutes.*
3. Teams will play 7 on 7. Playing field is approximately 50 yards in length.
4. Substitutions on whistles only.
5. "Kick" in the circle will not be scored as a Goal.
6. The third player Obstruction rule will not be enforced. If the amount of players on the ball is uneven and has more than two players per team, then the whistle will be blown. The team with fewer players will be awarded the ball.
7. Coaches may not obstruct game or interfere with referees. One Coach will be allowed to be on the field for the first 2 games of the Pee Wee league only.
8. Penalty corners will be given. 3 players back at midline
9. No time outs.
10. **Must have a Goalkeeper in full gear (Lacrosse Chest Protector is acceptable)**

STICKLETES

1. Games will follow NFHS Rules, with the following exceptions,
2. 4 - 10 minute quarters, running clock - time only stopped for injuries. 5 minute half times. *2 minutes between quarters, referees will blow whistle at 1-1/2 minutes.*
3. Teams will play 6 on 6. Playing field is approximately 50 yards in length.
4. Substitutions on whistles only.
5. "Kick" in the circle will not be scored as a Goal.
6. The third player Obstruction rule will not be enforced. If the amount of players on the ball is uneven and has more than two players per team, then the whistle will be blown. The team with fewer players will be awarded the ball.
7. One Coach from each team will officiate the game.

8. NO Penalty corners. will be given.
9. No time outs.
10. There will be no cardable offenses to players.

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 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 must have matching color leg protection.
5. It is required that Middies, Juniors and Senior teams report the game results (W or L, score & number of officials) within 24 hours of game. Results can be reported to the Recreation & Parks Department by email at rplibe01@aacounty.org or call (410) 222-7865.
6. No Jewelry or piercing.
7. Mouthguards must be colored not clear or white and worn by **all** players
8. Games may be played without regulation number of players; however, a goalie must be in full pads along with 4 field players to start the game.
9. *Emphasis will be placed on high sticking (dangerous play rule, hacking (stick obstruction rule)and good sporting behavior*
10. Coin Toss will determine possession of ball OR which goal to defend.
11. 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**

RAIN POLICY

- 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>.
 - **On-line registration to receive e-mail notification and text message alerts for inclement weather is now available. Go to <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/cancellation.cfm>.**
 - If games have not been cancelled (*there will NOT be an update*), go to the field where the official will determine whether the field is playable. If the game is cancelled at the site, all games will be cancelled at that location and it is up to the home team commissioner/head coach to call:

1. The head of the officials (*Commissioners will have the number for the Officials*)
 2. All teams scheduled to play at their field on that day.
 3. The Sports Supervisors voice mail (410-222-7865 ext.3535) or cell # 443-336-1603.
- If it rains after the game has started, it is to be determined by the official if the game should be stopped for inclement weather. If the game is cancelled, all games will be cancelled at that location. Once a decision has been made, the head coaches should notify the commissioner and the commissioner should notify:
 1. The head of the officials (*Commissioners will have the number for the Officials*)
 2. All teams scheduled to play at their field on that day.
 3. The Sports Supervisor's voice mail (410-222-7865 ext. 3535) or cell # 443-336-1603.

If game cancellation is due to inclement weather and play has entered the second half, game counts as played.

Weekend Policy

- **Saturday Policy** – It is the responsibility of each organization's commissioner to determine if their field is unplayable. If field is unplayable, please leave a message on the Sports Supervisor's cell phone (443-336-1603), Notification must be made by 7:00 a.m. The Sports Supervisor and 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 7:30 a.m. The sports supervisor will notify the head of officials. Please call the hotline # at (410) 222-7312 or check the website <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/cancellation.cfm> for game cancellations.
- **Sunday Policy** – It is the responsibility of each organization's commissioner to determine if their field is unplayable. If field is unplayable, please leave a message on the Sports Supervisor's cell phone (443-336-1603), Notification must be made by 10:15 a.m. The Sports Supervisor and 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 11:00a.m. The sports supervisor will notify the head of officials. Please call the hotline # at (410) 222-7312 or check the website <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/cancellation.cfm> for game cancellations.
- Inclement weather decisions made by the County will be posted at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays, 11:00a.m. on Sundays. Please call the hotline # at (410) 222-7312 or check the website <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/cancellation.cfm> for game cancellations.

If games have not been cancelled (*there will NOT be an update*), go to the field where the official will determine whether to the field is playable. If the game is cancelled, all games will be cancelled at that location and it is up to the home team commissioner/head coach to call:

 1. The head of the officials (*Commissioners will have the number for the Officials*)
 2. All teams scheduled to play at their field on that day.
 3. The Sports Supervisor's cell phone (443-336-1603).
 - If it rains after the game has started, it is to be determined by the official if the game should be stopped for inclement weather. Once a decision has been made, the head coaches should notify the commissioner and the commissioner should notify all teams scheduled to play at their field on that day. The Commissioner should leave a message on my voice mail (443-336-1603) about the cancellation.