

South Jersey Youth Field Hockey (SJYFH) - Rules and Regulation

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Responsibilities of President: The president is responsible for maintaining appropriate communication between appointed individuals per town. The president will be a point person to coordinate league responsibilities and will represent the league in a positive manner. The president will be responsible for collaborating with the league board on making final decisions with specific matters/concerns that are brought to the board.

Responsibilities of Vice President: The vice president is responsible for collaborating with the league board on making final decisions with specific matter/concerns. The vice president is responsible for receiving complaints/concerns from appointed division liaisons and the referee assigner. The vice president is responsible for representing the league in a positive manner.

Responsibilities of Treasurer: The treasurer is responsible for creating league budget, collecting league fees and maintaining a league budget. The treasurer is responsible for collaborating with the league board on making final decisions with specific matters/concerns. The treasurer is responsible for representing the league in a positive manner.

Responsibilities of Division Liaison: Liaison officials are responsible for accepting and reporting divisional concerns/complaints to the president. Liaison officials are responsible for recording and posting divisional games to the league website within 24 hours of completed games after receiving scores from referee assigner.

Responsibilities of Referee Assigner: The referee assigner shall assign all league games; Honey Badgers, Badgers and Bitty Badgers and handing our score cards at the beginning of the season. The assigner is responsible for assigning referees for the Columbus Day Weekend Tournament. The assigner will receive all scores from referees and report scores to division liaisons. The assigner is also responsible for the distribution of referee payments.

Rosters

Rosters must be submitted to the President by August 1 and finalized by August 31. After August 1st, no added teams will be allowed into the league. Players can be on only one roster in different divisions. Teams can play with up to three substitutes and pull up from lower division or lateral movement, no downward movement. There will be no borrowing of players for playoffs, including goalies. Playoff teams must be the original rosters.

Proof of Insurance

Proof of Insurance must be submitted to the President by August 1st.

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Length of Season and Game Days

The season will begin on September 10th for the Bitty Badgers, and September 11th for the Badgers and Honey Badgers. There will be seven weeks of regular season play with one week of double headers. The Bitty Badgers will play on Saturdays and the Badgers and Honey Badgers will play on Sundays. Playoffs will be held on November 5th and 6th.

Participating Towns Uniform Colors and Field Location and Surface

Collingswood – NavyBlue/White	Collingswood Middle School	Grass
Gloucester Twp – Colombia Blue/Gold	Glou. Twp. Community park	Turf
Haddon Twp – Red/White	Haddon Township High School	Grass
Haddon Heights – Maroon/White	Haddon Heights High School	Grass
West Deptford – Kelly Green/White	West Deptford High School	Grass
Washington Twp – Navy Blue/White	Washington Township H.S.	Turf
Kingsway – Red/Black	Kingsway High School	Grass
Pittsgrove – Purple/white	Total Turf	Turf
Clearview – Florescent Green/Black	William Wilt Soccer Complex	Turf
Cinaminson - Red/White	Wood Park	Grass
Moorestown - Black	Morristown Wesley Bishop	Turf
Berlin - Gray/Camo (maroon/blue)	Eastern High School	Turf
Medford - Navy Blue	Shawnee High School	Turf
Hammonton - Light Blue/Black	Hammonton Middle School	Grass
Kipp - Purple	No home field	

Uniform Requirements

Each player must wear shinguards, colored mouth guards (including goalies), no jewelry (including no covering jewelry), goalies must play with stick and must wear all equipment following NFHS rules.

Regular Season Umpire Fees

All umpire fees are included in the league fees

Bitty Badgers - \$25 per team paid per game. Fees for the full regular season are due August 21st.

Badgers - \$25 per team paid per game to senior official, \$10 per team to junior official. Fees for the full regular season are due August 21st.

Honey Badgers - \$50 per team paid per game. Fees for the full regular season are due August 21st.

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Mid-Season Columbus Day Tournament

This tournament will require an additional fee of \$350 for each town to participate. This fee pays for one team in each age division. Any additional teams that want to enter into the tournament will cost \$200 per team, per division. Rosters can be mixed for this tournament; they do not need to be the same as your regular season rosters.

The Columbus Day committee will finalize the tournament schedules and details. These details will be provided to the entire league prior to the tournament.

League Dues

The fees for each team is based on the total amount of referee, trophies, website, and turf costs for each age division for each registered team. The following costs are for the 2016 SJYFH Season:

- Bitty Badgers (3/4th grade) = \$270 per team for regular season
- Badgers (5/6th grade) = \$440 per team for regular season
- Honey Badgers (7/8th grade) = \$520 per team for regular season

There will be additional costs for post season play that will include referee fees and possible turf fees for the only the teams participating.

Game Forfeits

Any forfeit will result in a 3-0 score for standing purposes.

Badger and Honey Badger Division

Games will be played 11 v 11 (including goalie). Teams must forfeit if they have less than 8 players (7 and a goalie), but play short if they choose to. Coaches should instruct their players to arrive 30 minutes prior to every game. If there is a forfeit, resulting in the game not being played, the forfeiting team must pay a \$50 fine. Playtime is 25 minute halves with a 5 minute half time. Goalies must be suited up in the cage at all times.

Bitty Badger Division

Games will be played 7 v 7 (including goalie). Teams must have 6 players to play (6 and a goalie). If short players, team must borrow from opposing team to make 7. Coaches should instruct their players to arrive 30 minutes prior to every game. If there is a forfeit, resulting in the game not being played, the forfeiting team must pay a \$50 fine. Playtime is 20 minute halves with a 5 minute half time. Goalies must be suited up in the cage at all times.

- One coach on the field for two games total.
- One coach can stand behind the cage for both offensive and defensive corners.
- Scores will be kept, but not recorded.
- Incorporate a "skill" each week for teams to work on which will be determined each season.
- No playoffs, only the "fun day" at the end of the week.
- Corners: 3 defensemen and a goalie

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Borrowing of Players (applies to all divisions)

Players may play down a division. A team may only borrow players up or laterally from teams within their own town. GK can be borrowed from another team within the league; however, the same rule applies in regards to playing up or lateral. The division liaison and the opposing coach must be notified of any players borrowed prior to the game. A team cannot borrow a goalie unless they will not have a goalie from that game.

Playing in Another Town

Players must first play in their original town when the town they reside in has a field hockey program who participates in our league. If the player wants to play for another town (other than the town they reside in), a transfer form must be requested, filled out, and submitted prior to the season. The form will be submitted to the board, and both towns/teams involved and the board must agree on the transfer.

Time-Outs

Timeouts will be allowed during the regular season. Each team will have two time outs per game not to exceed 90 seconds and the timeouts will be a running clock. Timeouts cannot be taken within the last 5 minutes if a game and cannot be taken consecutively.

Difference in score

Teams are expected to keep the score respectful in an effort to display good sportsmanship. Teams can self-manage the methods used to ensure this happens. We need to make every effort to ensure the difference in the score is no more than 5 goals. There will be a 5 goal differential on reported scores to the liaisons. If a team continually violates this policy, the league has the option to rule the game a forfeit for unsportsmanlike behavior. This rule shall not apply during playoffs.

Reporting Scores

Scores must be emailed or texted to the age division liaisons by noon on the following Monday. The scores will be reported to the liaisons by the referees by using a score card in which both coaches and referee has to sign. The liaisons will enter the scores into the website. Teams who continually fail to report their scores could be penalized and cannot challenge their standings. The following individuals are the age division liaisons and will be your contact people for the season:

Bitty Badgers	Colleen Friedman	856-693-4075
Badgers	Heather Porrini	609-289-0270
Honey Badgers	Cassie Musselman	856-218-8968

Substitution Policy

Substitution will be rolling; however, subs must enter at the 50-yard line. There will be no substitutions (on either defense or offense) on corners. Substitutions can occur after the ball is inserted.

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Field Placement of Coaches/Spectators and Field Stipulations

Bitty Badger Division: coaches/players/teams will stand splitting the 50-yard line to the end line and assistant coaches are allowed on the other side of the field at the 50 yd line to the endline where your goalie is defending. One coach is permitted on the field for the first 2 games of the season. One coach is permitted behind the cage during corners, both offensively and defensively. Spectators shall remain on the opposite side of the playing field or on the specified bleachers/area.

Badger/Honey Badger Division: coaches/players/teams will stand splitting the 50-yd line to end line on one side and spectators on bleacher side. Coaches can run the length of the field for the Badgers BUT cannot coach from the opposing team area. Each town will send their stipulations in regards to where the team players vs spectators should be placed at their specific field. Each team is responsible for providing information on the specific field for where games will be played for each division along with field directions. Field directions will also be posted on the league webpage.

Umpire Expectations

Since this is a teaching league, it is expected that umpires will give signals for all calls, and verbalize call if needed. It is also expected that all umpires will (within reason) if asked, explain a call to a player or coach. In the bitty badger division, umpires will assist coaches in regards to explaining specifics of the game of field hockey. A stroke will be called in each division when necessary. Please be sure teach your teams how to stroke and the rules of a stroke. After the first 3 weeks (approximately 4 games) of the season we would ask that this does not impact the speed of the game, i.e. executing self-start free hits quickly. Corners will ALWAYS be played out at game end even if the scoring of a goal has no relevance to the outcome of the game.

**Please note that all umpires will be using the 2016 NFHS Rules Book. This includes the new "long hit."

Spectator Conduct

Spectators cannot be on the same side of the field as the team bench. No spectators will be permitted to bring dogs to the fields. No spectator can question/challenge a referee call. The referees will be instructed to issue the following on misconduct:

- 1st Offense: a verbal warning to spectator from coach
- 2nd Offense: referee time out, clock stops, and coach is instructed to handle the same spectator
- 3rd Offense: referee time out, clock stops, offending team loses time out and coach must ask the same spectator to leave the area

Standings and Playoff Brackets

Teams will receive the following:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

Ties will be broken using the following:

- Goal Differential
- Goals Against
- Head to Head Competition

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End of Season Play

Bitty Badger Division: Season will end with a “fun day” play day; working on skills and drills mixing team and meeting the girls you’ve played all season.

Badger Division: Medals will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place teams. The 1st place team will receive the league Bitty Badger, Badger and Honey Badger Cup to hold for the year. The cup will have plaques added each season with the champion’s team name and year won. Playoffs will be held the weekend of November 5 & 6. End of the season standings will determine who makes the playoffs. Teams not making the playoffs will be done. Additional referee fees will be required for the playoff games beyond the regular season games which are already included in the league fees per town. Playoffs will be determined at a meeting on a yearly basis due to number teams, and other factors that may effect the outcome.

Honey Badger Division: Medals will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place teams. The 1st place team will receive the league Bitty Badger, Badger, and Honey Badger Cup to hold for the year. The cup will have plaques added each season with the champion’s team name and year won. Playoffs will be held the weekend of November 5 & 6. End of the season standings will determine who makes the playoffs. Teams not making the playoffs will be done. Additional referee fees will be required for the playoff games beyond the regular season games which are already included in the league fees per town. Playoffs will be determined at a meeting on a yearly basis due to number teams, and other factors that may effect the outcome.’

Playoff Umpire Fees: Post season referee fees are not included in the league fees for regular season.

- Badgers: \$25 per team per game (1 official)
- Honey Badgers: \$50 per team per game (2 officials)