

TO: Principals, Athletic Directors and Field Hockey Coaches  
FROM: Samuel S. Elias, District III Field Hockey Chairman  
RE: District III M&T Bank 2012 Field Hockey Tournament

### **Conditions Of Entry Into District III Championship**

District III member schools are not required to enter a team into District III Championship events. Entry and participation in the 2012 Field Hockey Championships is voluntary. Entry of a team signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are described below. Furthermore, a member school accepts the fact that the chairman reserves the right to make changes in the management and operation of the championships, in his judgment; it becomes necessary to do so.

### **General Instructions**

There are two classes in field hockey for 2012. Each class (**AA, AAA**) will have a 16-team bracket. The power ranking system will seed the top 20 teams in each classification. **The tournament will be limited to 20 teams according to the power rated formula. The top 12 seeds will not play in a preliminary game.** A minimum of 9 games must be played against PIAA opponents. Games against non-PIAA opponents will not count toward your power rating. Those games (non PIAA opponents) will not be included in the calculation of the power rating. **The teams will be seeded using a power rating system.**

Teams who plan on entering the tournament must submit the application form that is included in this packet. **The last playing date for games to count is Saturday, October 13, 2012 and the application form must be received, no later than 12:00 Noon, Monday, October 15, 2012 to the field hockey chairman, Samuel S. Elias, Hershey High School, PO Box 898, Homestead Rd. Hershey, Pa. 17033.** You may fax the form to 717-531-2318. If you have any questions, phone 717-531-2205 (office) or 717-554-8516 (cell), or email [selias@hershey.k12.pa.us](mailto:selias@hershey.k12.pa.us)

### **Playing Dates**

All preliminary games, AA, AAA will be played on Saturday, October 20, 2012. First round AA and AAA games will begin on Tuesday, October 23, 2012. Second round games will be played on Saturday, October 27, 2012, Semi-Finals and Consolations on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, and the Finals and Consolations on Saturday, November 3, 2012. The state tournament playing dates are November 6, 10, 13, 17. District III will send (5) AA teams and (5) AAA teams to the state tournament. We will attempt to play all games on the scheduled dates. In case of inclement weather, the game manager and field hockey chairman will make the final decision to play or postpone the game.



## Game Supervision/Pre/Game Meeting

The principal or designee **MUST** identify him/herself to the game manager on the field thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the game and is required to participate in the pre-game meeting conducted by the game manager 10 minutes prior to game time. He/she must remain within the team or spectator area during the game, and report to the playing area after the game, remaining until the teams have left the playing area.

## Preliminary Games

If there are more than 16 teams in any class who enter the tournament, then #17 will play #16; #18 will play #15, #19 will play #14, and #20 will play #13. Since 20 teams are the limit in each classification.

**All preliminary games will be played at Hershey, Penn Manor, and Lower Dauphin High School.** All of the games will be played on synthetic turf fields. Games will be played at 11:00am and 1:00pm on the school's turf fields. The remaining rounds will be played on synthetic turf fields.

## Tie Breaker Criteria:

The following criteria will be used to break any power rating ties:

1. Head-to Head competition.
2. The school with the highest Team Weighted Winning Percentage will be ranked higher.
3. Unweighted Winning Percentage against common Regular season Opponents.
4. Unweighted Winning Percentage against Regular Season Opponents.
5. Unweighted Winning Percentage of Common Regular Season Opponents.
6. Unweighted Winning Percentage of regular Season Opponents.
7. Lowest Points/Goals Yielded Average Against Common Opponents.
8. Lowest Points/Goals Yielded Average Against All Opponents.
9. Coin Toss

## Game Operation

The top-seeded teams will be home team and shall wear white or light socks. The lower-seeded teams will be the visiting team and wear dark socks. **(Example: #4 (Home) vs. #13 (Visitor)** The visitor will call the coin toss. All schools playing in the tournament must supply (5) new top quality **orange balls** for each game. **Each school must bring a clock, horn and (2) ball persons to run the sidelines.**

The tie breaking method will be **(1)** 15 minute reduced player – sudden victory, **(2)** 15 minute reduced player – sudden victory, **(3)** Penalty strokes – sudden victory. Officials will be assigned by the field hockey chair's designees. The fees will be set and paid by the District III committee.

## State Tournament Play

The top five teams in class AAA and the top five teams in class AA will advance into the State Tournament and will begin tournament play on November 6, 2013.



### **Banners & Noisemakers**

Banners and noisemakers are not permitted at any District III events. Stationary banners and signs with sportsmanship messages are permitted with the approval of the game manager.

### **Crowd Control**

The principal, along with the game manager and event security, is responsible for crowd control as it pertains to members of his/her school and other spectators from his/her school community.

### **Ticket Prices And Distribution Of Receipts**

Preliminary Games - \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults  
First Round Games - \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults  
Quarter-Final Games - \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults.  
Semi-Final Games - \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults.  
Finals & Consolation Games - \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults.  
Expenses will be paid from gate receipts.



## 2012 PIAA Classifications for District III Schools

### “AA” (50 Schools)

Annville Cleona  
Berks Catholic  
Bermudian Spring  
Big Spring  
Biglerville  
Bishop McDevitt  
Boiling Springs  
Brandywine Heights  
Camp Hill  
Conrad Weiser  
Delone Catholic  
Donegal  
Eastern Lebanon County  
Eastern York  
East Pennsboro  
Fairfield  
Fleetwood  
Greencastle  
Greenwood  
Hamburg  
Hanover  
Harrisburg Christian  
Harrisburg Academy  
Hershey Christian  
Kennard Dale  
Kutztown  
Lancaster Catholic  
Lancaster County Christian  
Lancaster Country Day  
Lancaster Mennonite  
Littlestown  
Middletown  
Milton Hershey  
Mount Calvary Christian  
Newport  
Northern Lebanon  
Northern York  
Oley Valley  
Palmyra  
Pequea Valley  
Schuylkill Valley  
Shippensburg  
Susquehannock  
Susquehanna Twp.  
Susquenita  
Tulpehocken  
West Perry  
West York  
Wyomissing  
York Suburban

### “AAA” (43 schools)

Carlisle  
Cedar Cliff  
Cedar Crest  
Central Dauphin  
Central Dauphin East  
Central York  
Chambersburg  
Cocalico  
Conestoga Valley  
Cumberland Valley  
Dallastown  
Daniel Boone  
Dover  
Elizabethtown  
Ephrata  
Exeter  
Garden Spot  
Gettysburg  
Governor Mifflin  
Hempfield  
Hershey  
JP McCaskey  
Lampeter Strasburg  
Lebanon  
Lower Dauphin  
Manheim Township  
Manheim Central  
Mechanicsburg  
Muhlenburg  
New Oxford  
Northeastern  
Penn Manor  
Reading  
Red Land  
Red Lion  
Solanco  
Southwestern  
Spring Grove  
Twin Valley  
Warwick  
Waynesboro  
Wilson  
York Country Day