



**TO:** Principals, Athletic Directors and Field Hockey Coaches  
**FROM:** Dave Bitting, District III Field Hockey Chairman  
**RE:** District III M&T Bank 2017 Field Hockey Championships

### **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 2017 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 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 three classes in field hockey for 2017. The District III Power Ranking System will select and seed the teams in each classification (1A, 2A and 3A).

#### **The tournament fields will be limited to:**

- 1A - 14 teams**
- 2A - 16 teams**
- 3A - 10 teams**

A minimum of 9 games must be played against PIAA opponents. Games against non-PIAA opponents will not count toward and are not included in the calculations for the final power ranking. **The deadline playing date for games to count toward the final power ranking is Wednesday, October 18, 2017.**

### **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





### **District III Field Hockey Championship Dates**

First round games: Wednesday, October 25, 2017  
Quarterfinal games: Saturday, October 28, 2017  
Semifinals / Consolations: Wednesday, November 1, 2017  
Championships / PIAA qualifiers: Saturday, November 4, 2017

### **PIAA Field Hockey Championship Dates**

First round: Tuesday, November 7  
Quarterfinals: Saturday, November 11  
Semifinals: Tuesday, November 14  
Championships: Saturday, November 18

**District III will qualify five (5) 1A teams, six (6) 2A teams and four (4) 3A teams to the PIAA Championships.**

Recommended District III Field Hockey Championships game times are 5pm and 7pm for weeknights and 1pm and 3pm for Saturdays. 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.

*The District III Committee will alter established game times to avoid conflicts with school graduation, baccalaureate and state or federal testing.*

### **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.





### **Game Operation**

The higher 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 (day)** and (5) new top-quality **white or yellow balls (night)** for each game. **Each school must provide (2) ball persons to run the sidelines.**

Teams will be permitted a **minimum** of 20 minutes, or up until scheduled game time, for warm ups on the playing field.

Officials will be assigned by the field hockey chair's designees. The fees will be set and paid by the District III committee.

### **Tie Breaking Procedure**

The tie breaking procedure will be the same employed by the PIAA for District and Inter District post season play as outlined in the PIAA modification card "Pre-game, Overtime and Penalty Card procedures"

- (1) 15-minute reduced player period – sudden victory
- (2) 15-minute reduced player period – sudden victory
- (3) Penalty strokes – 5 per team
- (4) Penalty strokes – 5 per team
- (5) Penalty strokes – sudden victory

### **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 & PIAA Qualifier Games	\$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults.

Expenses will be paid from gate receipts.

