



FIELD HOCKEY BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

GOVERNING RULES

SECTION 1 The current official National Federation Field Hockey Rules shall govern SCVAL Field Hockey. The SCVAL will be a two-division league with (6-8) teams in the strongest DeAnza division and the others in the El Camino.

ARTICLE II

GAME LIMITATIONS

SECTION 1 A maximum of 20 games plus 2 scrimmages and 1 non-CIF contest may be played.

SECTION 2 Tournaments in which official timed games are not played will be counted as number of days the tournament is played.

SECTION 3 Tournaments in which official Federation timed games are played will count as number of guaranteed games played. (EX: Tournament guaranteed games = 2, count shall be 2)

SECTION 4 Jamborees Definition also located in *CCS By-Laws, Article V*:

A Jamboree is considered a contest per all CIF and CCS bylaws and is defined as:

- 4.1 An activity involving teams or individual student-athletes from four (4) or more different schools in a CIF-approved sport; AND*
- 4.2 Winners may be determined by the league and in a different manner than a regulation contest AND officials may be paid AND*
- 4.3 Must be completed in one day AND*
- 4.4 Where admission may be charged.*

*(A) Only league sanctioned and/or sponsored Jamborees are allowed. Such Jamborees may only be contested between the CCS established date for the scrimmage and that team's last regular-season contest for any team participating in the Jamboree. Jamborees shall not count in the team's maximum number of contests. Teams are limited to participation in one jamboree per season and **must be approved by League Commissioner** along with allowing any league school to participate if they wish.*

ARTICLE III

TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

- SECTION 1** The official SCVAL teams in Field Hockey shall be a Varsity team and a Junior Varsity.
- SECTION 2** Schools must field a Varsity team before fielding a Junior Varsity team.
- SECTION 3** There will be no seniors on Junior Varsity teams at any time.
- SECTION 4** Once league division play starts, a Varsity player cannot play in a Junior Varsity game. A Junior Varsity player may play on the Varsity team in non-league division tournaments, non-league games and cross division games and return to the Junior Varsity or Varsity Team for division play.
- SECTION 5** A Junior Varsity player who plays in a Varsity League Division game is considered to be a Varsity player, with the exception of the goal keeper position. A JV goal keeper may play on the Varsity team (a maximum of 3 games) in any varsity contest and return to the JV team. Two games in a day is not allowed and individual max contests must be adhered to.

ARTICLE IV

GAME MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

- SECTION 1** The Varsity game is to be played first at 4:00 pm, unless changed by mutual consent of both schools (utilize SCVAL Change of Schedule Form). Second (M) week of October, 3:30 start time. If a school does not have a JV team then all league Varsity games will begin at 4:00. It should be noted, night games create a lack of vision of a moving ball and should be stayed away from.
- SECTION 2** The Varsity game shall consist of four quarters of (15) minutes with two minutes between quarters and a (5) minute half-time with the clock stopping after every goal regardless of score.
- 2.1 After a regulation tie, in all varsity play only (including non-league contests), a seven (7) minute, sudden victory; seven (7) aside shall occur. Only after that ONE sudden victory and teams are still tied, then will it end in a tie.
- SECTION 3** The JV game will immediately follow the varsity game and shall consist of four quarters of (12) minutes and (30) seconds with two minutes between quarters and a (5) minute half-time with the clock stopping after every goal regardless of score. The clock is stopped after every goal regardless of score. After a (5) goal differential has been reached in both Varsity and JV contests a running clock will be utilized. If the goal differential drops below (5), the running clock will change back to stopped clock after every goal.
- SECTION 4** The home team is responsible for providing a scorekeeper / timer (which can be the same person). A lineup of the team members will be submitted by each coach 15 minutes before the start of the game. The lineup is to include the players' names and

uniform numbers. A contest may not begin until the lineups are submitted as stated above.

SECTION 5 If a game is rained out, the home team shall notify the visiting team and the officials by 12:00 noon. The rained out game shall be played at the earliest convenient day. If there is no game cancellation by 12:00 noon, the game may be cancelled by mutual consent of the participating coaches. If no agreement is reached by the coaches, the referees shall decide whether to play the game.

SECTION 6 A varsity game will be played with 2 officials unless both schools mutually agree on one official.

ARTICLE V

YELLOW CARD/RED CARD

SECTION 1 A red-carded player shall be immediately ejected from the game. The team may NOT substitute for a red-carded player. The player will also have a one game suspension for the next game.

ARTICLE VI

SCHEDULES/DIVISION WINNER/STANDINGS

SECTION 1 The divisions will play a double round robin with division games only counting to division record. Division mates will play each other twice home and away. (same order)

SECTION 2 A team shall be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. The division placement will be the order of team points. The team with the greatest number of points will be declared the champion. If there is a tie, both teams shall be declared division champions.

SECTION 3 If tied in points, the CCS Representative(s) shall be the team with the better head-to-head record.

3.1 If 3 or more teams are tied, determine the record against each other and apply 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie to determine the CCS representative(s).

SECTION 4 If still tied, the team with the greater number of wins in division play shall have higher standing in division.

SECTION 5 If still tied, the team with the greatest goal differential between the tied schools in league head to head play shall be declared the CCS Representative(s) between the schools tied. Remember, end of play determined with corner play called, it will be completed in all Varsity contests before game officially ends.

SECTION 6 If still tied, the team with the least goals allowed in division play shall be declared the CCS Representative(s). End of play determined with corner play called, it will be completed in all contests before game ends.

SECTION 7 If still tied, a coin flip shall determine standings position.

ARTICLE VII

DIVISION C.C.S. REPRESENTATIVE(S) FOR TOURNAMENT

SECTION 1 There will be a 14-team CCS tournament: SCVAL - 8 BVAL - 4 PCAL – 4

SECTION 2 The first six members of the DeAnza division will receive automatic berths to the CCS playoffs. The determined champion of El Camino and the second place finisher of the El Camino division will be involved in play in/play out games with the seventh and eighth place finishers of the De Anza division for CCS A.Q.s. DA #8 v. EC #1; EC #2 v. DA #7 with the winners receiving the 7, 8 SCVAL A.Q.s for the CCS playoffs. The seventh CCS spot goes to the stronger division team and if both are from the same division the higher standing team in round-robin play receives 7.

ARTICLE VIII

ALL-LEAGUE SELECTION

SECTION 1 All League selections shall follow the SCVAL Chart of Awards, varsity only-(see Article IX, CHART 1 and Chart 2) as follows (plus one honorable mention per school):

Varsity 1st Team: 16

Varsity 2nd Team: 16

JV 1st Team: 16 (JV can vote/name a MVP) JV 2nd Team: 16 plus one HM each school

SECTION 2 (see Article IX, CHART 2): In addition, Varsity will receive (7) special league recognition awards. Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman, Goalie of the Year and Coach of the Year.

2.1 Special awards are limited to (7) and not to be included in the 1st Team awards (these are considered “over and above” the 1st Team recognitions).

2.2 In the case of a tie in the league standings, extra certificates will be provided to equal the exact finish amount (i.e. if two teams tie for 2nd place, both teams will receive the same number of All-League certificates that the formula states the 2nd place should receive.)

ARTICLE IX

Movement between Divisions

SECTION 1 Coaches are allowed to decide division(s) size and movement for the following year. It will need to be accompanied with a 2/3 affirmative vote of the coaches. If, no consensus can be reached last in DeAnza down, first in El Camino up.

ARTICLE X

SCVAL Field Hockey Charts of Awards (Applies to both Varsity and JV teams)

CHART 1

8 teams			7 teams			6 teams		
	1 st Team	2 nd Team		1 st Team	2 nd Team		1 st Team	2 nd Team
1 st	3	3	1 st	3	3	1 st	4	4
2 nd	3	3	2 nd	3	3	2 nd	3	3
3 rd	3	3	3 rd	2	3	3 rd	3	3
4 th	2	2	4 th	2	2	4 th	2	2
5 th	2	2	5 th	2	2	5 th	2	2
6 th	1	1	6 th	2	2	6 th	2	2
7 th	1	1	7 th	2	1	-	-	-
8 th	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	16	16	Total	16	16	Total	16	16

CHART 2

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS (Varsity only)	# of certificates
Offensive Player of the Year	1
Defensive Player of the Year	1
Senior of the Year	1
Junior of the Year	1
Sophomore of the Year	1
Freshman of the Year	1
Goalie of the Year	1