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## **EVENTS**

TEAM; OPEN (18+) MEN

Division A

Division B

WOMEN

MIXED (At least 3 women on the field at all times)

Each team consists of a maximum of sixteen persons composed of a maximum of eleven players on the field and up to five substitutes.

Each team is permitted one (1) Non-Playing Coach.

## **BRACKETING**

A Round Robin (Group Play) shall be established. Teams will be assigned to pools of 4 or 5 teams. (Depending on the number of teams entered in this event, the Host, with the approval of the WPFGF, may change the number of teams that advance to the Finals Tournament).

If the total number of teams in a division is less than 8, a single group Round Robin tournament shall be used exclusively to determine medal winners. If Group Play is used exclusively to determine medals, the coin toss will not be used. Co-winners will be declared for teams still tied after the first 3 tie-breakers. (See "Scoring".)

Finals: "A" AND "B" DIVISIONS: The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place competitors in each pool will advance to "A" Division; the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (& 5<sup>th</sup>) place competitors in each pool will advance to "B" Division.

Members of a combined team can be from Law Enforcement and/or Firefighter Services.

## **SCHEDULING**

**Duration of Game:** The game shall consist of two 30-minute halves, with a 5-minute break between the halves. (NOTE: Depending on the number of teams entered and the number of

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fields available, the Host may request that the preliminary games be played with 25-minute halves. This change must be approved by the WPFGE).

### **SCORING**

The scoring for group play is: Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points.

The following procedure (in descending order) will be utilized to determine which two teams from each group advance to the Single Elimination Finals tournament.

- Total win/loss points accumulated in group play
- Team head to head game's results
- Goal differential (for vs. against)
- Total goals for (maximum of 5 per game)
- Total goals against
- Coin toss

Ties: In the event of a tie in the Single Elimination Finals tournament, a 10-minute "Sudden Death" overtime period shall be played in two 5 minute halves. The first team scoring in this overtime period is the winner. In the case of neither team scoring in the overtime, each team will then have 5 penalty shots to determine the winner. If the score still is tied, there will be a second round of penalties in "Sudden Death" fashion, as follows. After one player from each team has taken their shot, if only one scores, the winner is determined. If there is still a tie, the next two players shall shoot, until a winner is determined. If all players score, this procedure will be repeated until one team out scores the other.

### **GENERAL SPORT RULES for Field Hockey**

Player Check-in Procedures: Each player must check-in at the "Hockey Check-in Table" prior to each game his/her team plays, and show a Participant Pass. The Host Credentials Official will take possession of the players Participant Passes, and present them to the referee. The referee shall return the Participant Passes to the Credential Official following each game, after noting any player misconduct on the official game record. The Credential Official will return the Participant Passes to the players.

There is free substitution during the game. (Players substituted off the field may be substituted back on the field.)

Player Misconduct: If a player is ejected from a game by the referee (red card), the Hockey Discipline Committee will review the incident and recommend any further discipline to the WPFGE. The WPFGE will rule on the committee's recommendations.

**Players do not accumulate "yellow cards" from one game to another.**

**Dress:** Dress of players shall be consistent with F.I.H. and WPFGE rules. Shin pads and mouth guards MUST be worn at all times during play.