

**WCFHC Rules DRAFT**  
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The **Western Collegiate Field Hockey Conference** will play by NCAA rules during regulation and tournament league games. **However, the following are rules specific to the WCFHC and must be maintained by all members of the league.** Please recognize these rules and note them to officials as per each regulation league game:

**Eligibility for Playoffs and Final Four Tournament:**

a. Ranking within the league is based on the following:

I. First place goes to the team with the highest winning percentage. Winning Percentage is derived by taking the total number of points and dividing that by the total number of games played. Points are assigned as follows.

3 Points for a Win  
1 Point for a Tie  
0 Points for a Loss

b. The first four teams will advance to Playoff Tournament weekend ("Championships").

c. If there is a tie between teams in regards to their game percentage, then the following is applied until the tie is broken:

Points  
Wins  
Goal difference (GF-GA)  
Goals for (GF)  
Results of what happened when the teams played each other

**All-Star Game: \*\*\*if everyone votes on adopting the 1<sup>st</sup> team and 2<sup>nd</sup> team for the league!**

The All-Star Game is held on the 1st day of Final Four Competition and is used to honor those players who have excelled throughout the season. To be eligible to send players to an All-Star Game, teams must have:

- Paid their Annual Dues
- Keep track of the number of votes players on their teams have received (each team is supposed to nominate the two best players from the other team after the end of each game)
- Reported their top two players (the positions that they played) to the league at the end of regular season play
- Notified the top two players of their nomination to the All-Star Team
- Verify that the players can participate in the All-Star game.

All participants in the All Star Game receive a free t-shirt and can participate in the league reception held directly after the All-Star game. Players receiving the top votes throughout the league will also receive a plaque for league MVP by position (offense, mid-field and defense).

**Players and Uniforms:**

- Start each game with immediate players (there must be a minimum amount of seven players, including the goalie, to be considered a regulation game). If there are men on the team, only two men on each team will be permitted on the field at any given time.
- If a team is missing players (due to late attendance, etc.) begin play with immediate players. However, the team with a full roster is allowed to play with 11 players
- The home team must wear white socks and the away team must wear dark socks.
- **A team roster must be submitted prior to the first weekend of games—on the WCFHC website.**
- **CONDUCT RULE:** Players must treat all other players on the field with the utmost respect and dignity. Players are also expected to compose themselves maturely and have sportsman-like conduct on the field at all times. Anyone who fails to abide by the conduct rule will face the consequences stipulated under NCAA Rules.
- **TEAM CONDUCT RULE:** At least one representative from each team **MUST** attend the mandatory league meetings. Failure to comply with the rules of the league will result in the following:
  1. Probation until notified by league coordinators
  2. Suspension for one full season (occurs during the season, suspended for remainder of the season)
  3. Team will be reinstated only by majority votes by co-coordinators and other team representatives

### Game Structure:

- Fall Season - 30 minute halves with 10 minute half time
- Substitutions - unlimited and rolling substitutions
- In the event of a tie, the two teams will go into strokes, 5 strokes per team.
- If still tied after first round strokes, sudden death strokes—up to 5 more strokes.

### Scoring:

- Scoring rules are determined by NCAA rules. It is highly recommended that a copy of these rules be kept on you at all times. Except

### Forfeits/Rain Dates:

- There will be a forfeit fee of \$225 (\$75 to the opposing team and \$75 to each referee)—to be enforced by the team that did not forfeit and by the assigned referees for the game.
- To avoid the forfeit fee, the game must be cancelled two weeks prior to the game time. The opposing team's president and both referees must be notified.
- In the event of a forfeit, the team that did not forfeit gets the win and it is scored 3-0. If both teams forfeit then neither team earns points and it is scored 0-0.
- In the event of rain or bad weather, games must be cancelled no less than 24 hours prior to game time
- Making up games due to bad weather will be determined by the two teams involved and will be based on field availability and scheduling for the teams. If the game is not made up before championship weekend then the game is considered a 0-0 tie.

### Field Safety:

- The field must be approved by the referees at the beginning of the league. If there is a change of field, the referees must be notified so that the field can be deemed safe prior to game day. Charges may apply to the team that is hosting the game so that the referee can travel to the field and approve it ahead of time.
- A trainer must be present on the field to provide medical assistance and ice in the event of an injury.
- Games hosted at Cal Poly will cost the host team \$75 and must be received prior to game time.
- The PIT field at UCSB is not approved for league games.

### Referees

- The team designated as the **home team** is responsible for paying both umpires the stipend of \$75 per umpire per match. (The stipend amount needs to be reviewed each year)
- If there is a cost for parking, the **home team** must cover it.
- If the referees must stay over night for a competition, the cost is to be covered by the home team. If there are multiple teams designated as home for the next day (for example: hosting games at one location), the cost of the hotel will be split between all the **home teams** for the following day.
- If there is paperwork for the umpires to fill out to get paid, then the teams need to get the paperwork to the umpires ASAP.

The Western Collegiate Field Hockey Conference (WCFHC) was established in 1998 for the purpose of quality competition among established college club teams. The league follows NCAA Rules with exception of the WCFHC specific rules (TO BE DETERMINED) by which league members vote upon annually.

#### **NAME**

The name of the league will be the **Western Collegiate Field Hockey Conference**. It will be referred to as the "WCFHC"

#### **PURPOSE**

- The WCFHC is formed to work with the various club field hockey teams within the league, in such a manner that individual clubs may better their existence.
- To stabilize the foundation and assist in the further growth and recognition of the league, as well as the sport of field hockey

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- The WCFHC consists of club field hockey teams in the following states: California and Colorado.
- League member selection is based upon the following:
  1. The club field hockey team is fully recognized by its respective university or institution
  2. Representatives of interested teams are informed of all WCFHC meetings and events
  3. Teams and representatives are responsible for maintaining proper conduct in accordance to the rules of the league. Representatives are also required to attend annual WCFHC meetings. Usually at Cal Cup Tournament over Memorial Day Weekend.

#### **GOVERNING STRUCTURE**

- The Executive Officers shall consist of two co-coordinators
- Voting powers shall be divided in a manner so that the league benefits - not individual club teams
- Each club team will be represented on the WCFHC by the club president or his/her designee
- **Position Description of Executive Officers**
  1. Operations co-coordinator: represents the WCFHC, presides over all official WCFHC meetings, coordinate tournaments and schedules officials for the Final Four weekend
  2. Administrative co-coordinator: represents the WCFHC, presides over all official WCFHC meetings, manage funds generated and debts incurred by the league, maintains the WCFHC official website

#### **MEETINGS**

- General meetings will be scheduled and held once annually. Date and times will vary and will dependent upon the league coordinators
- Additional meetings can be held upon request by the league coordinators. Representatives may request meeting dates through the approval of both league coordinators

#### **AMENDMENT PROCESS**

- A 51% majority of the Executive Officers and a majority of the WCFHC member clubs may amend the document
- Each amendment presented will be voted on at the first mandatory league meeting
- Any member of the WCFHC may propose an amendment

**"Membership may not be denied because of race, color, age, sex, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability"**