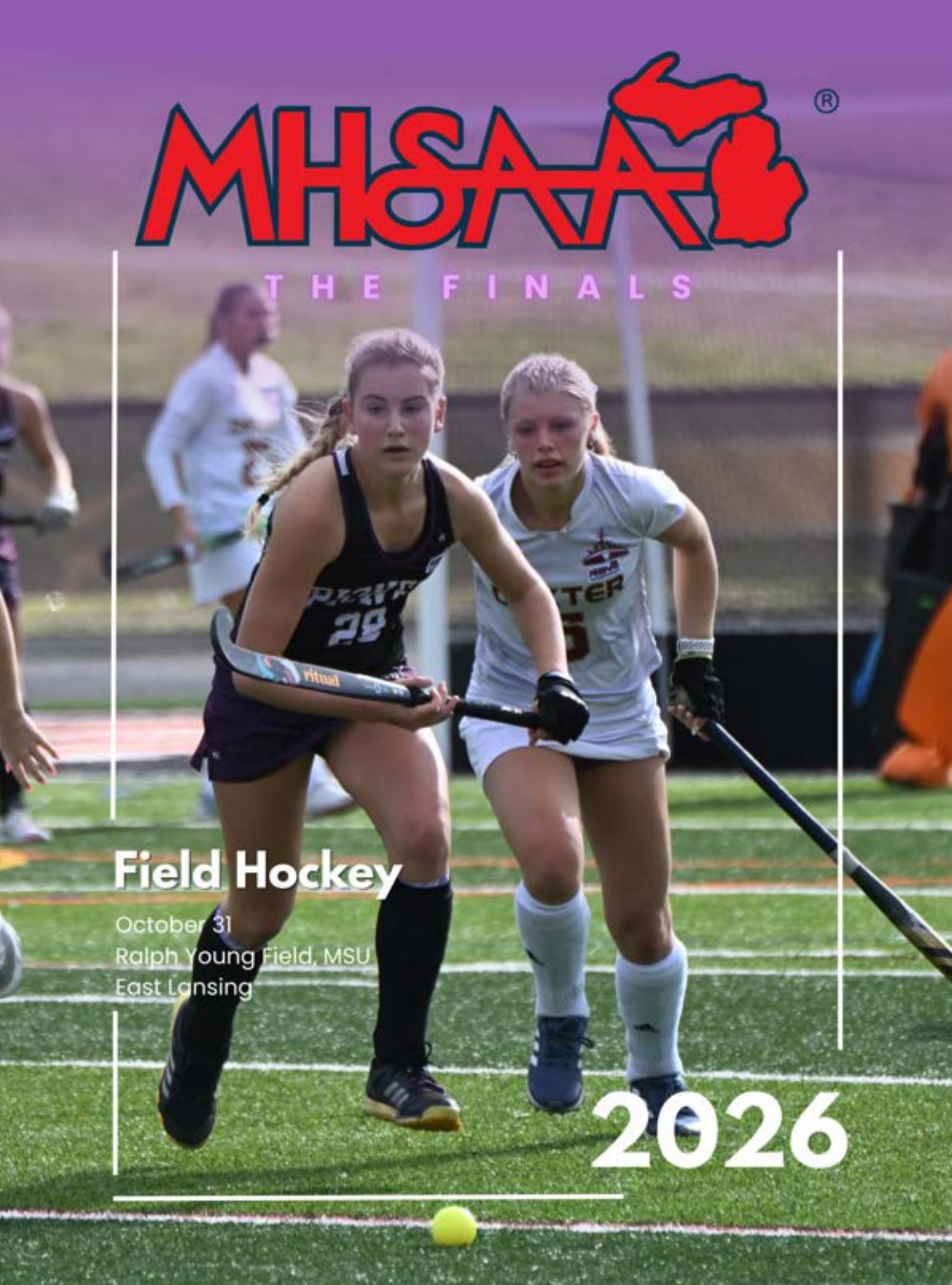
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Welcome to the MHSAA Championships! This is a classroom like no other, and now is the time for the final exam. Like the academic classroom, some have had good fortune and smooth sailing along the way in getting here while others have overcome adversity during the season. Even today, a good bounce or a bad bounce will occur.

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Recently, the MHSAA celebrated its 100th year. As we begin the second century of school sports in Michigan, let's remember and be thankful for the efforts of all those who have made this Final tournament experience so special.

Congratulations for reaching the end of the tournament road. Good luck to all!

— Mark Uyl
MHSAA Executive Director

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Ann Arbor Pioneer lived up to its nickname, earning the first-ever MHSAA Field Hockey Championship in 2025, a 2-0 win over Dexter.

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Pioneers End First Tourney Trail With a Title



Ann Arbor Pioneer came away with the first-ever MHSAA Field Hockey hardware in the sports inaugural season last fall.

If there were ever a situation where one state championship seemed greater than 30 previous ones, this was it for the Ann Arbor Pioneer field hockey program.

Over its first 45 years as a program, Pioneer won 30 state championships while the sport was sanctioned by the Michigan High School Field Hockey League.

With this 46th year for the Pioneers being the first for field hockey with MHSAA sponsorship, they certainly had a weight of expectations as the team to beat with their storied history and fact they entered the postseason as the No. 1 overall seed.

But none of that additional pressure slowed down Pioneer, which made history as the MHSAA's inaugural Finals champion in field hockey with a 2-0 win over Southeastern Conference rival Dexter at Tom Holzer Field in Northville

"I always tell the athletes that pressure, you can use it to your advantage," said longtime Pioneer head coach Jane Nixon, who completed her 27th season as head coach. "It helps you focus, and it gives you energy. I never think of pressure as a bad thing, but as kind of a good thing."

The biggest reason Pioneer (15-6-1) added to its championship collection was the strength of its defense.

Pioneer and freshman goalie Mara Boullion didn't give up a single goal during the entire MHSAA Tournament, and thwarted all 10 penalty corner opportunities Dexter earned during the championship game.

Boullion stopped all seven shots from the Dreadnaughts (15-4-4).

"It was just a lot of grit and a lot of heart," Nixon said. "Just sticking with it and persevering through the hard stuff. Really proud of our defensive effort and our goalkeeping."

Pioneer opened the scoring with 4:03 remaining in the first quarter on a goal by junior Zoe Shuchman.

Following a Pioneer penalty corner, there was a mad scramble in front of the Dexter goal, where Zoe Shuchman managed to get a strong enough piece of the ball to put it across the line and net.

Pioneer went up 2-0 with 2:47 remaining in the third quarter on a Dexter turnover deep in its own territory. An errant pass was intercepted by Pioneer senior Maggie Lamb, who broke in all alone on the Dexter goal and put away the chance.

It was her 10th goal of the season.

"We felt a lot (of pressure)," Lamb said of Pioneer's tournament run. "We were also trying to go into it a game at a time and not thinking too far ahead. Just making sure we played our best game until we reached this ultimate end game."

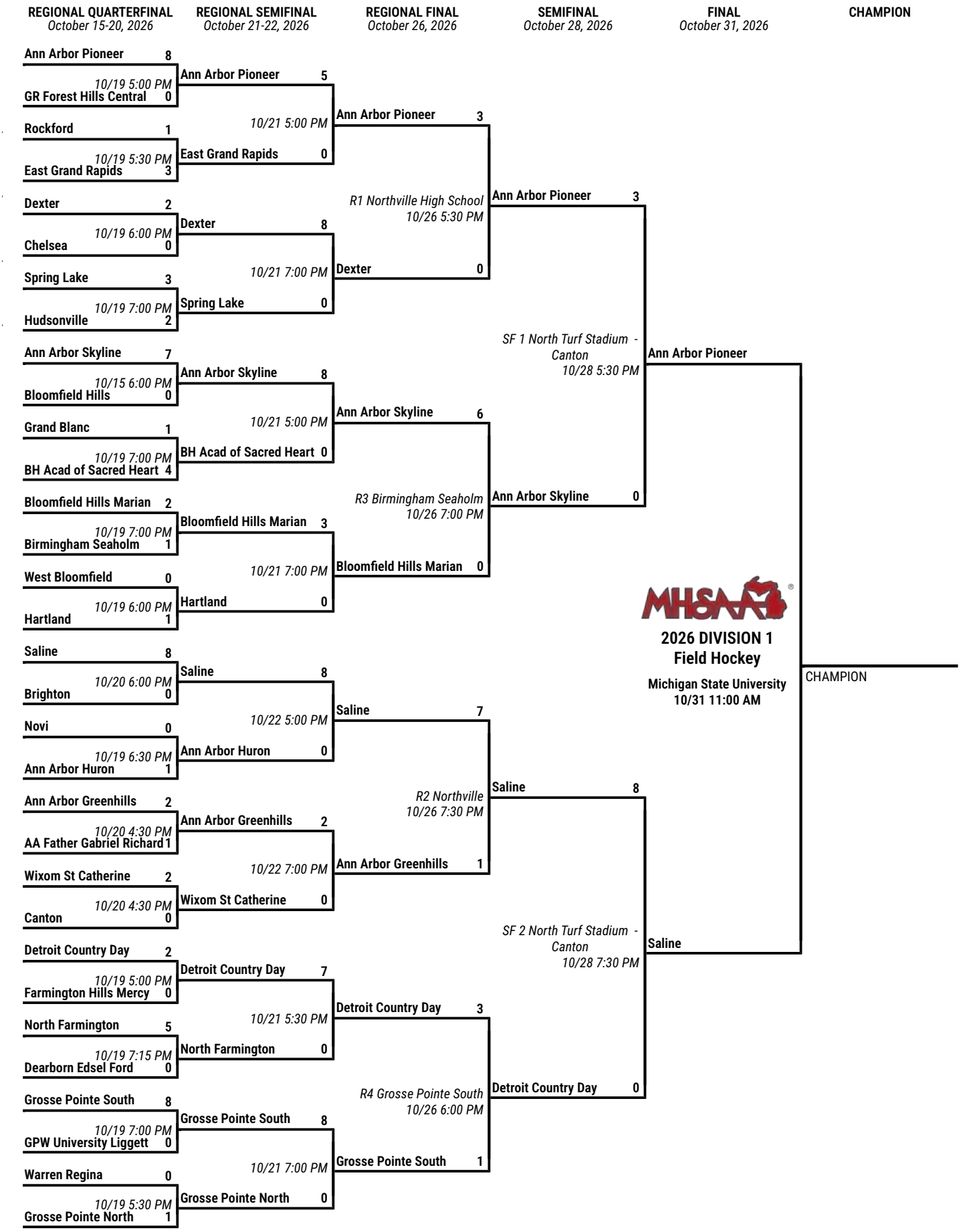
This was the third game of the season between Pioneer and Dexter. The teams played to a 1-1 tie on Sept. 15 before Pioneer earned a 1-0 win in the second game Sept. 22.

Dexter also is a storied program, having won MHSFHL Division 2 state titles in 2022 and 2023 and five overall.

Dexter was making its fourth-straight championship game appearance after losing in last year's MHSFHL Division 2 final and had spurts throughout the game where it carried play.

Dexter outshot Pioneer, 9-7. Unfortunately for the Dreadnaughts, it couldn't crack Pioneer's stout defense.

"Sometimes it's just a matter of a lucky break," said Dexter head coach Keely Tamer. "They're a talented team, and I knew we were going to have to play hard to get the ball in. It just didn't happen today. We have the talent to score. It just wasn't there today."


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October 26, 2026
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October 28, 2026
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CHAMPION
Ann Arbor Pioneer 8
10/19 5:00 PM
GR Forest Hills Central 0
Rockford 1
10/19 5:30 PM
East Grand Rapids 3
Dexter 2
10/19 6:00 PM
Chelsea 0
Spring Lake 3
10/19 7:00 PM
Hudsonville 2
Ann Arbor Skyline 7
10/15 6:00 PM
Bloomfield Hills 0
Grand Blanc 1
10/19 7:00 PM
BH Acad of Sacred Heart 4
Bloomfield Hills Marian 2
10/19 7:00 PM
Birmingham Seaholm 1
West Bloomfield 0
10/19 6:00 PM
Hartland 1
Saline 8
10/20 6:00 PM
Brighton 0
Novi 0
10/19 6:30 PM
Ann Arbor Huron 1
Ann Arbor Greenhills 2
10/20 4:30 PM
AA Father Gabriel Richard 1
Wixom St Catherine 2
10/20 4:30 PM
Canton 0
Detroit Country Day 2
10/19 5:00 PM
Farmington Hills Mercy 0
North Farmington 5
10/19 7:15 PM
Dearborn Edsel Ford 0
Grosse Pointe South 8
10/19 7:00 PM
GPW University Liggett 0
Warren Regina 0
10/19 5:30 PM
Grosse Pointe North 1
Ann Arbor Pioneer 5
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East Grand Rapids 0
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Ann Arbor Skyline 8
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Ann Arbor Huron 0
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Wixom St Catherine 0
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10/26 5:30 PM
Dexter 0
Ann Arbor Skyline 6
R3 Birmingham Seaholm
10/26 7:00 PM
Bloomfield Hills Marian 0
Saline 7
R2 Northville
10/26 7:30 PM
Ann Arbor Greenhills 1
Detroit Country Day 3
R4 Grosse Pointe South
10/26 6:00 PM
Grosse Pointe South 1
Ann Arbor Pioneer 3
SF 1 North Turf Stadium - Canton
10/28 5:30 PM
Ann Arbor Skyline 0
Saline 8
SF 2 North Turf Stadium - Canton
10/28 7:30 PM
Detroit Country Day 0
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Ann Arbor Pioneer (17-3)



First Row: Sam Rogers, Lena Hammerman, Anna Chomistek, Avery Mayer, Abby Schuitman, Gabby Haudan, Zoe Shuckman, Lucy Peikert, Maggie Southam. Second Row: Bridget Shaefer, Olivia Rollins, Klara Jones, Lucy Lowenschuss, Natalie Henry, Ansley Heberlein, Alexis Heys, Lily Boardman, Lillian Schultz, Violet Soldan, Lara Hovord, Mara Boullion.

Quick Facts

SCHOOL COLORS
Purple & White

SUPERINTENDENT
Jazz Parks

PRINCIPAL
Desmond Smith

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Eve Claar

CONFERENCE
Southeastern Conference - Red

CONFERENCE RECORD/PLACE
10-0, 1st

Pioneers '26

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
2	Zoe Shuchman	F	Sr.
3	Alexis Heys	D	Sr.
4	Lena Hammerman	F/M	Sr.
6	Lucy Lowenschuss	D	Sr.
8	Lily Boardman	F/M	Sr.
9	Ansley Heberlein	M/D	So.
10	Violet Soldan	M	So.
11	Natalie Henry	F	So.
13	Gabby Haudan	F	Jr.
14	Avery Mayer	D	Sr.
16	Sam Rogers	F/M	Jr.
17	Lillian Schultz	M	Sr.
18	Olivia Rollins	D	Sr.
19	Maggie Southam	F	So.
20	Lara Hovord	M/D	So.
21	Anna Chomistek	F	Jr.
22	Abby Schuitman	F/M	Jr.
24	Klara Jones	F/M	Sr.
28	Lucy Peikert	M/D	Jr.
35	Mara Boullion	GK	So.
44	Bridget Schafer	GK	Sr.

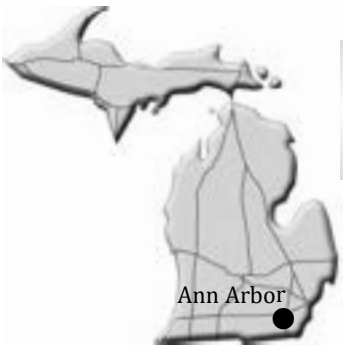
Head Coach: Jane Nixon (451-51-50, 28 years)
Assistant Coaches: Katie Valle, Trish Machemer, Darcy Knoll, Amy Vail
Captains: Lily Boardman, Olivia Rollins, Klara Jones
Manager: Ruby LaTarte

Regular-Season Results

AAP		OPP
5	Saline	0
3	Ann Arbor Skyline	0
2	Dexter	0
8	Ann Arbor Huron	0
5	Chelsea	0
1	Saline	0
3	Ann Arbor Skyline	2
8	Novi	0

AAP		OPP
8	Ann Arbor Huron	0
5	Chelsea	0
1	Shaker Heights (OH)	2
5	Glenbrook North (IL)	1
1	Dexter	0
1	New Trier (IL)	6
3	Lake Forest (IL)	1
0	Loyola (IL)	2

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MHSAA Regionals

8	GR Forest Hills Central	0
5	East Grand Rapids	0
3	Dexter	0

MHSAA Semifinal

3	Ann Arbor Skyline	0

Saline (19-2)



First Row: Coach Bree Arvai, Julia Jarvie, Alex Ley, Emilee Sontag, Alivia Pufpaf, Claire Clark, Emma Finocchiaro, Amelia Meinke, Bea Serra, Jane Dillen. Second Row: Coach Erin Moore, Coach Holli Neeb, Kaylee Mitzel, Taylor Edwards, Abby Cohoon, Annika Rueger, Claire Tangney, Anina Iadipaolo, Ella Arvai, Natalia Herrera, Kendall Bohl, Elle Pufpaf, Jett Fager, Head Coach Sophia O'Connor, Coach Meg McClure.

Quick Facts

SCHOOL COLORS
Blue & Gold

SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. Rachel Kowalski

PRINCIPAL
Dr. Megan DeGrand

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Ashley Mantha

CONFERENCE
Southeastern Conference

CONFERENCE RECORD/PLACE
8-2, 2nd

Hornets '26

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
1	Claire Clark	D	Sr.
2	Emilee Sontag	F	Sr.
3	Kendall Bohl	D	Sr.
4	Natalia Herrera	M	Sr.
5	Ella Arvai	M	Jr.
6	Annika Rueger	D	Sr.
7	Emma Finocchiaro	F	Sr.
8	Alivia Pufpaf	D/M	Sr.
9	Beatriz Serra	F	Sr.
10	Amelia Meinke	M	So.
11	Alex Ley	D	Jr.
12	Elle Pufpaf	M/F	Sr.
16	Anina Iadipaolo	M	So.
17	Abby Cohoon	D	Jr.
19	Taylor Edwards	M	Jr.
20	Julia Jarvie	F	Jr.
21	Claire Tangney	D	So.
23	Jane Dillen	F	Jr.
51	Kaylee Mitzel	G	Sr.
95	Jett Fager	G	So.

Head Coach: Sophia O'Connor (83-20-12, 6 years)
Assistant Coaches: Bree Arvai, Holli Neeb, Erin Moore, Fiona Clark, Meg McClure
Captains: Claire Clark, Emilee Sontag, Ella Arvai
Athletic Trainer: Mickey Tulett

Regular-Season Results

S		OPP
8	Brighton	0
0	Ann Arbor Pioneer	5
3	Rockford	1
8	Farmington Hills Mercy	0
6	Chelsea	0
2	Ann Arbor Skyline	1
2	Dexter	0
0	Ann Arbor Pioneer	1
8	Ann Arbor Huron	0
3	Grosse Pointe South	1
5	Chelsea	1
3	Skyline	1
3	Dexter	0
7	Ann Arbor Greenhills	1
7	East Grand Rapids	0
8	Ann Arbor Huron	0
3	Detroit Country Day	0

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MHSAA Regionals

8	Brighton	0
8	Ann Arbor Huron	0
7	Ann Arbor Greenhills	1

MHSAA Semifinal

8	Detroit Country Day	0

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Ann Arbor Skyline (14-6-1)



First Row: Clara Thomas. Second Row: Raeleigh McNair, Alle Suito, Ella Mueggenborg, Olivia Szczak, Brynn Shuchman, Abigail Graff, Kathryn Sauld. Third Row: Kathryn Shinsky, Ella Lavery, Maive Kilbride, Libby Carey, Sophie Ganamet, Emerson Nalepa. Fourth Row: Assistant Coach Brian Thomas, Julia Zhang, Addison Peabody, Tynne Hannahs, Melanie von Rutte, Katelyn Carey, Mia Salah, Molly Jenkins, Head Coach Andy Nalepa.

Quick Facts

SCHOOL COLORS
Columbia Blue & White

SUPERINTENDENT
Jazz Parks

PRINCIPAL
Casey Elmore

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Delsie Sissoko

CONFERENCE
Southeastern Conference

CONFERENCE RECORD/PLACE
5-5, 3rd

Eagles '26

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
1	Tynne Hannahs	--	Sr.
2	Katelyn Carey	--	Sr.
3	Julia Zhang	--	Sr.
4	Maeve Kilbride	--	Sr.
5	Allegra Suito	--	So.
8	Melanie von Rutte	--	Sr.
9	Emerson Nalepa	--	Jr.
10	Mia Salah	--	Fr.
11	Sophie Ganamet	--	So.
12	Kathryn Shinsky	--	So.
13	Raeleigh McNair	--	Jr.
14	Libby Carey	--	So.
15	Addison Peabody	--	Sr.
16	Abigail Graff	--	So.
19	Kathryn Sauld	--	So.
25	Molly Jenkins	--	Sr.
26	Ella Lavery	--	So.
82	Olivia Szczak	--	Jr.
88	Ella Mueggenborg	--	Fr.
99	Brynn Shuchman	--	Fr.

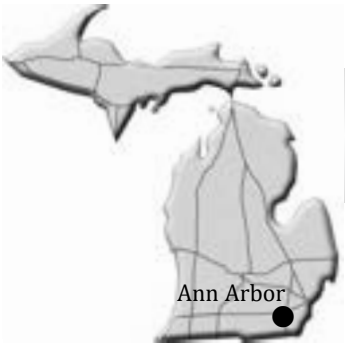
Head Coach: Andy Nalepa (14-6-1, 1 year)
Assistant Coaches: Brian Thomas, Clare Doyle
Athletic Trainers: Eric Kilpatrick, Shelby Groat

Regular-Season Results

AAS		OPP
4	Chelsea	0
0	Ann Arbor Pioneer	3
8	Lake Forest (IL)	0
2	Louisville (KY) DuPont Manual	2
3	Grosse Pointe South	2
4	Dexter	3
1	Saline	2
8	Ann Arbor Huron	0
7	Chelsea	3

AAS		OPP
2	Ann Arbor Pioneer	3
4	East Grand Rapids	2
1	Dexter	2
1	Saline	3
6	Ann Arbor Huron	0
1	Grosse Pointe South	0
8	Canton	0
8	Wixom St. Catherine	0

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MHSAA Regionals

7	Bloomfield Hills	0
8	BH Acad of Sacred Heart	0
6	Bloomfield Hills Marian	0

MHSAA Semifinal

0	Ann Arbor Pioneer	3

Detroit Country Day (16-3)



First Row: Marah Zeni, Jackie Calso, Charlotte DuRoss, Julia Goetz, Sophia Leija, Lea Ghorayeb, Bridget Kenney. Second Row: Gigi Lagina, Drew Kohen, Jane Lepkowski, Olivia Gordon, Charlotte Cook, Scarlett Lossia, Ilee Brandon, Sukaina Bazzi. Third Row: Lilah Bolton, Grace Kalkani, Sofia Safiedine, Leah Zacks, Anna Trautman, Sarah Zeni, Annie Way, Elizabeth Simasko, Sloane McGuire.

Quick Facts

SCHOOL COLORS
Navy & Gold

HEADMASTER
Rich Dempsey

DIRECTOR
Teneka Singleton

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
Dan Luft, Ross Cooper, Dan MacLean, Amber Deane

CONFERENCE
Catholic HS League

CONFERENCE RECORD/PLACE
7-0, 1st

Yellowjackets '26

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
2	Grace Kalkanis	D	Jr.
3	Olivia Gordon	F	Fr.
4	Ilee Brandon	F	Fr.
5	Anna Trautman	M	Jr.
6	Jane Lepkowski	F	Jr.
7	Elizabeth Simasko	D	Jr.
8	Charlotte Cook	M	Jr.
9	Annie Way	D	Jr.
10	Drew Kohen	F	Fr.
11	Bridget Kenney	D	Sr.
12	Sofia Safiedine	M	Jr.
13	Scarlett Lossia	M	Jr.
15	Jackie Calso	M	Sr.
17	Mariah Zeni	D	Sr.
18	Lea Ghorayeb	F	Sr.
19	Charlotte DuRoss	F	Sr.
20	Sarah Zeni	D	So.
21	Sophia Leija	F	Sr.
22	Sukaina Bazzi	M/F	So.
23	Julia Goetz	D	Sr.
24	Gigi Lagina	M/F	Jr.
26	Leah Zacks	D/F	Jr.
96	Sloane McGuire	GK	Jr.
99	Lilah Bolton	GK	Fr.

Head Coach: Katie Geyman (126-46-28, 12 years)
Assistant Coach: Elizabeth Nussbaum
Captains: Charlotte DuRoss, Julia Goetz, Charlotte Cook
Athletic Trainers: Andrew Hughes, Sydney Purgiel
Managers: Julia Jazrawi, Sophia Mosallam

Regular-Season Results

DCD		OPP
2	Rockford	0
3	Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard	0
5	Novi High School	0
3	East Grand Rapids	1
8	Warren Regina	0
1	Grosse Pointe South	2
4	Canton	1
1	Bloomfield Hills Marian	0

DCD		OPP
5	Farmington Hills Mercy	0
4	Grosse Pte Woods U Liggett	1
3	BH Cranbrook Kingswood	0
3	Farmington Hills Mercy	0
2	Bloomfield Hills Marian	1
4	Grosse Pointe North	0
0	Saline	3

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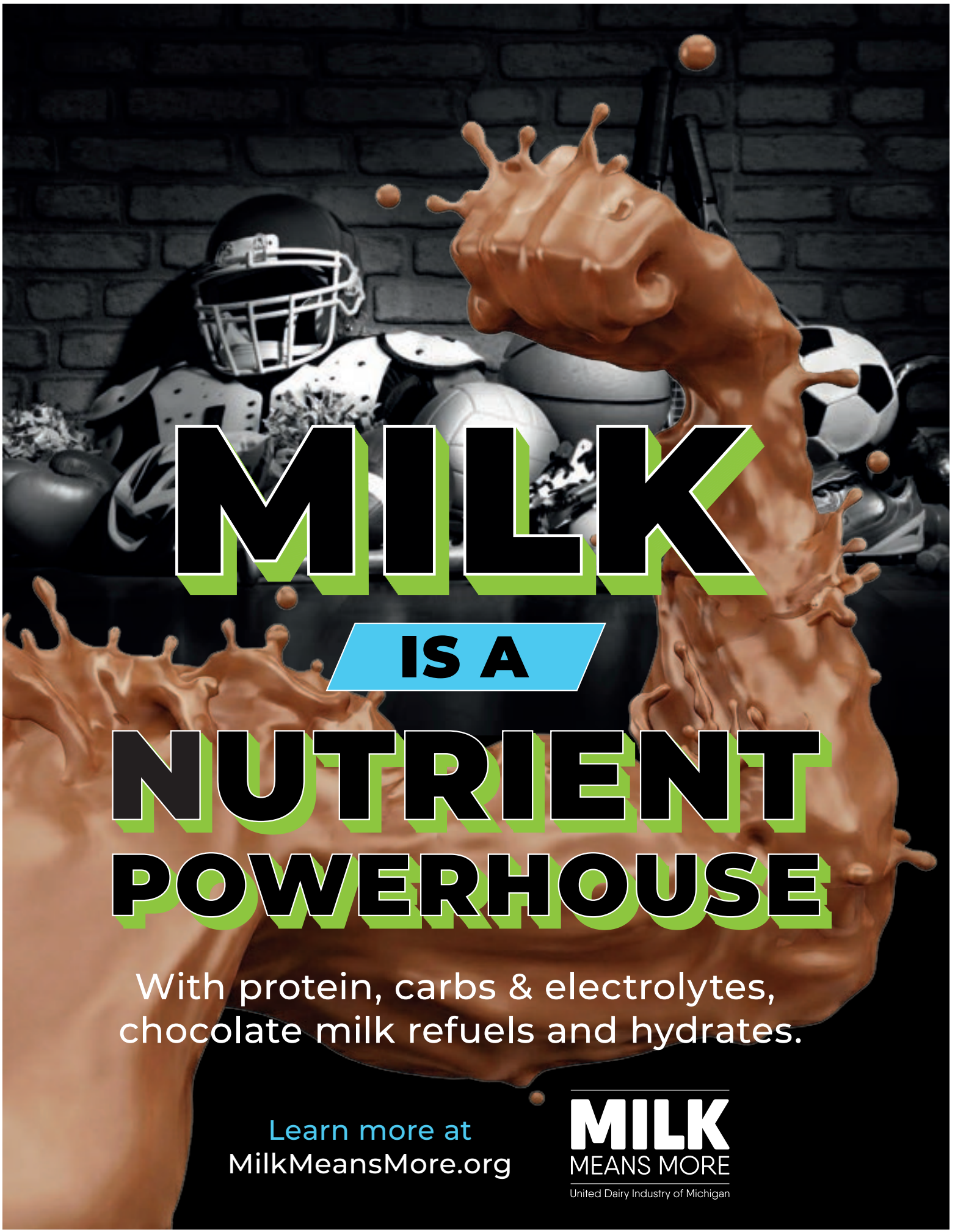


MHSAA Regionals

2	Farmington Hills Mercy	0
7	North Farmington	0
3	Grosse Pointe South	1

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0	Saline	8


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Protecting What Makes High School Sports Different

In a changing sports landscape, one question matters more than ever: What do we want high school sports to be?

College athletics is having a national conversation about its future and what it wants to become. Those debates are a good reminder that high school sports are unlike any other level of athletics, and that distinction is worth protecting.

The scoreboard matters, but the purpose of education-based athletics and activities extends far beyond wins and losses. High school athletics gives students the opportunity to compete, grow, learn valuable life lessons and develop the character and skills that will prepare them for success long after their playing days are over.

In a time when many Americans feel increasingly disconnected from one another, schools remain places where people come together.

Change is inevitable, and high school athletics must continue to evolve to meet the needs of today's students. But as the landscape changes, we must make sure the experience remains recognizable for what it has always been: designed to serve high school students as a supplement to the educational experience.

That responsibility becomes even more important as outside forces continue to shape the sports landscape, and leaders in high school athletics have an opportunity to be intentional about preserving the distinct identity of high school sports.

That is where the 51 NFHS-member state high school athletics and activities associations play such an important role.

Across the country, these state associations work every day to create opportunities for students to participate while establishing the guardrails necessary to protect student-athletes and their schools.



Those guardrails are not restrictions; they are protections designed to promote competitive equity, establish consistent eligibility standards, protect the well-being of students and keep athletics connected to the educational mission of schools.

The decisions being made at the collegiate level today could shape expectations for athletics at every level tomorrow, and the best time to decide what high school athletics should be is now – before someone else makes that decision.

High school athletics is more than a collection of games and competitions. Every week during the school year, thousands of communities across the country come together around high school athletics and activities. In a time when many Americans feel increasingly disconnected from one another, schools remain places where people come together.

A Friday night football game, a basketball tournament, a state championship, a concert or a theater performance can bring students, families, educators and entire communities together around a shared experience.

That is the power of education-based athletics and activities. They not only benefit the participants, but society as well, and it's why protecting the purpose of high school sports matters and why the work of our 51-member state associations matters.

The NFHS will continue to support our state associations as they work to ensure that students across the country have meaningful opportunities to play, perform and compete – together.

Sports will continue to change, and it's our responsibility to ensure that, through that change, high school athletics remains true to its purpose and focuses on the students it serves.

— Davis Whitfield
NFHS Executive Director

Scholar-Athlete Award in 38th Year Awarding Scholarships to Students

Thousands of students voluntarily extend their classroom day by taking part in extracurricular activities, often improving their academic achievements in the process. The value that such programs play in the total education of a high school student is highlighted through the MHSAA/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award, which will award $2,000 scholarships to 32 top student-athletes and recognize over 2,000 other outstanding individuals in 2026-27.

Underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance, the Scholar-Athlete Award is now in its 38th year, and presents scholarships to students in every MHSAA enrollment classification. The scholarships may be used at any institution of higher learning.

"It is amazing to see the number of young people who are proven achievers in academics and activities," said Mark Uyl, executive director of the MHSAA. "At a time when our educational system is coming under fire, the Scholar-Athlete Award is something that proves how important athletics are to the development of a well-rounded person."

Students applying for the Scholar-Athlete Award must be graduating during the 2026-27 school year, carry a 3.5 grade-point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport that the MHSAA sponsors postseason competition.

Applicants will also be required to show involvement in other school/community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Application materials can be found on MHSAA.com. Scan the QR code to access the page.

Each MHSAA member school is allowed to nominate a number of student-athletes based on the size of the school. Class A schools can nominate six boys and six girls, Class B four boys and four girls, Class C three boys and three girls and Class D two boys and two girls. The first 30 scholarships will be awarded based on this graduated scale, with two additional scholarships intended for minority applicants.

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Student Advisory Council Aids MHSAA

Eight student-athletes who will be juniors at their schools during the 2026-27 academic year have been selected to serve two-year terms on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council.

The Student Advisory Council is a 16-member group which provides feedback on issues impacting educational athletics from a student's perspective, and also is involved in the operation of MHSAA championship events and other programming. Members of the Student Advisory Council serve for two years, beginning as juniors. Eight new members are selected annually to serve on the SAC, with nominations made by MHSAA member schools. The incoming juniors will join the group of eight seniors-to-be appointed a year ago.

Selected to begin serving on the Student Advisory Council in 2026-27 are **Addi Diepenbrock**, Ada Forest Hills Eastern; **Avery Edwards**, Kingsford; **Maci Godfrey**, Hudson; **Karly Grant**, St Ignace; **Liam Arnold**, Macomb Dakota; **Kyle Hunter**, Detroit Voyageur College Prep; **Rahul Prasanna**, Novi; and **Eli Wolters**, Holland.

Those eight new members were selected from 127 applicants, the second-largest group of applicants during the 20 years of the council. The first Student Advisory Council was formed for the 2006-07 school year. With the addition of this class beginning this summer, members will have represented 155 schools from 53 leagues plus independent schools that do not play in a league. Combined, the new appointees have participated in 12 MHSAA sports, and six will be the first SAC members from their respective schools.

The Student Advisory Council generally meets eight times each school year, and once more for a 24-hour leadership camp. In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the Council discusses issues dealing with the 4 S's of educational athletics: scholarship, sportsmanship, safety (including health and nutrition) and the sensible scope of athletic programs. There also is a fifth S discussed by the group – student leadership.

This school year, the Council handed out championship trophies at Finals events, led sessions during four Sportsmanship Summits, provided feedback to the MHSAA Representative Council on proposed rule changes, and provided behind-the-scenes social media coverage at MHSAA championship events. They also were featured in public service announcement videos broadcast throughout the last school year.



2026-27 Student Advisory Council
First Row: Camryn Siegers, Holland Christian; Lucy Weber, Fenton; Brody Hammer, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg; Sam Bentley, Ypsilanti Lincoln; Mason Mireles, Hartford; Joey Smokevitch, Johannesburg-Lewiston; Nichole James, Detroit Edison; Mia McGregor, Mio. **Second Row: Rahul** Prasanna, Novi; Liam Arnold, Macomb Dakota; Avery Edwards, Kingsford; Karly Grant, St Ignace; Maci Godfrey, Hudson; Addi Diepenbrock, Ada Forest Hills Eastern; Eli Wolters, Holland; Kyle Hunter, Detroit Voyageur College Prep.

Student Advisory Council Belief Statement

As the voice of Michigan's student-athletes, the Student Advisory Council's role is to convey the message of how high school sports are supposed to be played. We are responsible for helping the MHSAA maintain a positive and healthy atmosphere in which interscholastic athletes can thrive.

We believe athletes should be competitive, sportsmanlike and excel academically. We believe students in the stands should have fun, but not take the focus away from the game. We believe coaches should act as teachers, helping student-athletes develop while still keeping high school sports in perspective. We believe that parents should always be positive role models and be supportive of their child's decisions. We believe officials commit their own time to high school sports and respect should always be shown and given to them.

The most important goal for student-athletes is to enjoy high school sports while keeping a high level of respect between all those involved in the games.

The new additions to the SAC will join the Class of 2027 members who were selected a year ago: **Nichole James**, Detroit Edison; **Mia McGregor**, Mio; **Camryn Siegers**, Holland Christian; **Lucy Weber**, Fenton; **Brody Hammer**, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg; **Sam Bentley**, Ypsilanti Lincoln; **Mason Mireles**, Hartford; and **Joey Smokevitch**, Johannesburg-Lewiston.

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The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association is the body assembled to carry out the wishes of member schools. The Council meets several times annually to discuss and pass legislation concerning interscholastic athletics in Michigan.

The Representative Council is made up of 19 members, with all but five elected by a vote of MHSAA-member schools to represent different geographic regions, different sizes of schools, nonpublic schools, and junior and middle schools. Two members are elected to statewide at-large positions. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his/her designee.

The officers and two other representatives form the MHSAA's Executive Committee, which meets on a monthly basis during the school year to review eligibility appeals and other current business.



First Row: Mark Uyl, Jay Alexander, John Thompson, Sean Jacques, Chris Adams. **Second Row:** Aaron Gafney, Arnetta Thompson, Jennifer Thunberg, Karyn Furlong. **Third Row:** Fred Bryant, Monica Merritt, Chris Hartman, Chris Miller. **Fourth Row:** Jerry DeGroot, Adam Stefanski, Jason Malloy, Mike Bakker, Jeff Kline.

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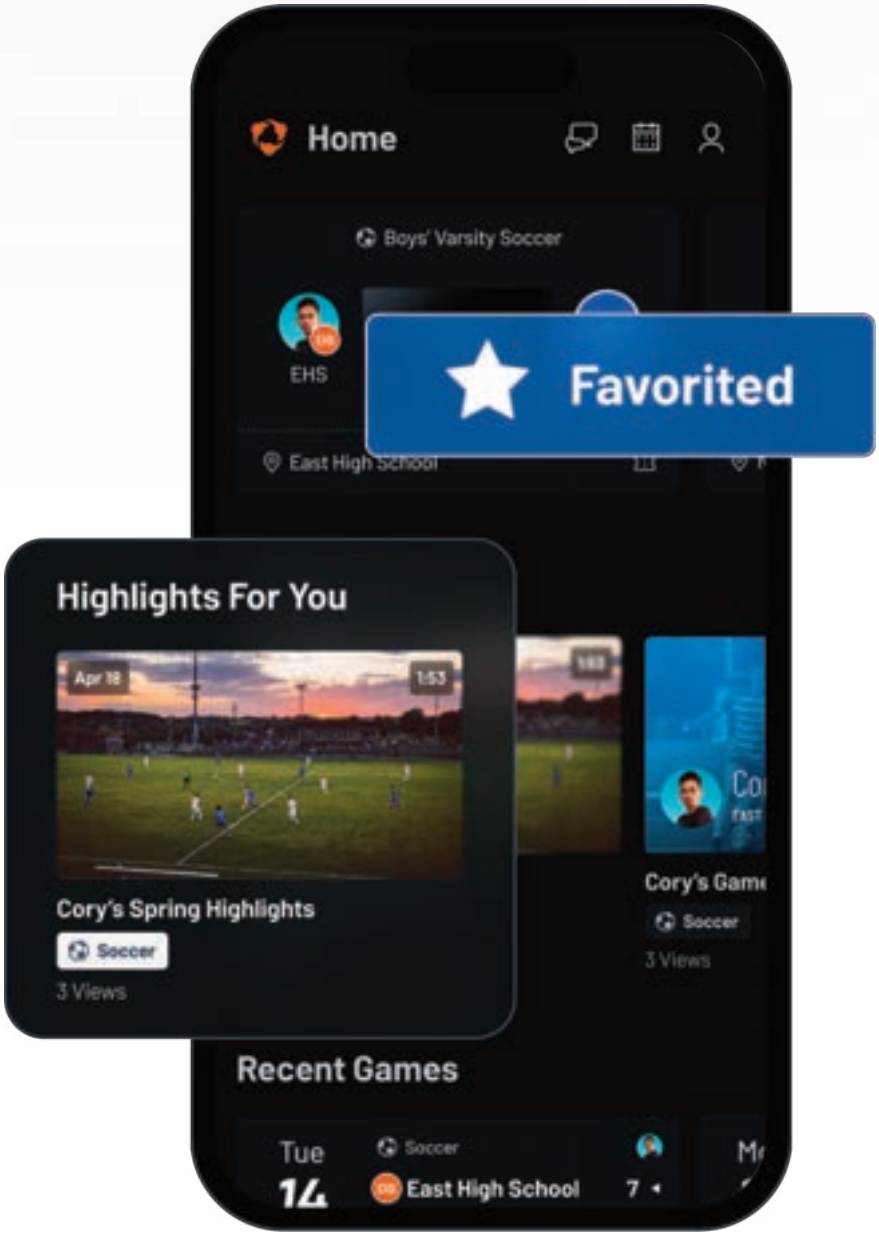
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2	Halves (4 quarters for international play)
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5 or 10	Minute halftime

STOPPING THE BALL (defensive)

Block Tackle - Player lowers the stick close to the ground and uses the length of the stick to block a ball's advance. Using the entire stick widens the area available to intercept or steal the ball and slows the offensive player's motion.



Jab Tackle - Player jabs the stick toward the ball with left hand extended (flat side up), then quickly returns to both hands and regains a balanced position. This swift motion can disrupt the advance of the play and possibly cause a loss of possession.



Reverse Tackle - Used when an offensive player is on a defender's weak (left) side, defensive player extends left arm out with stick inverted close to the ground to slow the play, block the ball's path and try to cause a loss of possession.



STICK BASICS



There is no such thing as a left-handed stick

Only push or hit with the flat side or edge of the stick

Only goalies can use their body to stop and move the ball

Good stick skills and passing are the keys to success!

MOVING THE BALL (offensive)

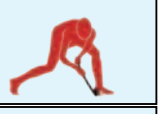
Push - This skill is executed with player's hands apart. The head of the stick stays in contact with the ball as it is pushed and there is no backswing. This allows for good control, quick movement, and is used for accurate passing or shooting.



Hit - A powerful motion where the stick is brought down swiftly from a back swing and strikes the ball with a long follow through. The hit is fast and favored for sending the ball long distances or for making a hard shot on goal.



Lift, Flick, Arial - A skill in which the ball stays in contact with the head of the stick as it is lifted into the air. There is no back swing. Lifts are used primarily to raise the ball over long distances or as hard shots on goal.



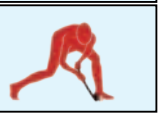
Forehand Sweep - Commonly used on turf or a smooth playing surface, player lowers stick parallel to ground and sweeps the ball in a circular motion. A sweep allows for more power than a push, making it effective for quick yet long hard passes and shots.



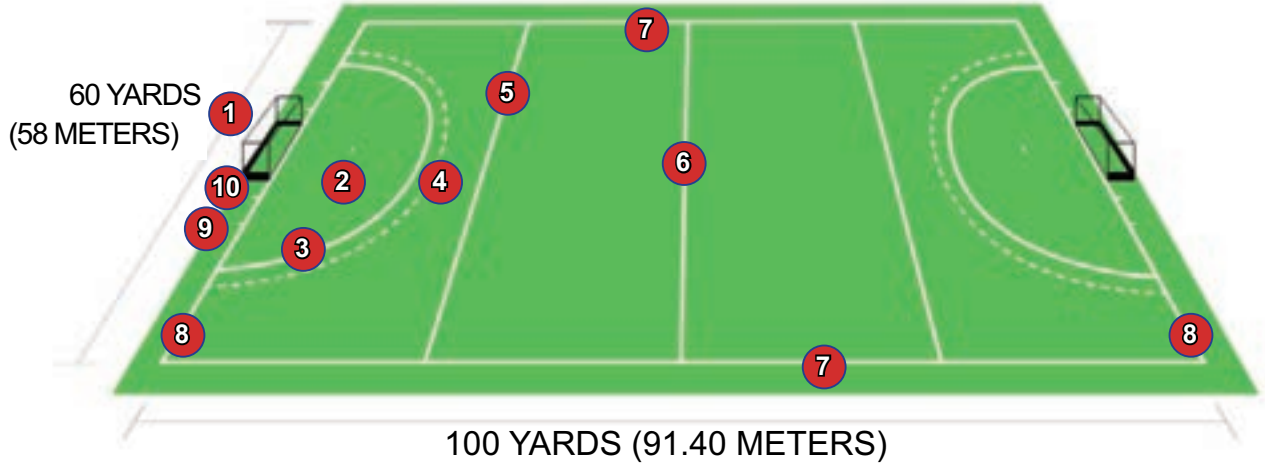
Reverse Sweep - Player uses the same motion as the forehand sweep with the ball starting on players left side. Player uses a different grip and must use the side of the stick with the flat side up. This is an effective motion for passing and shooting.



Drag Flick - Considered a push, this specialty skill is used by advanced players as a variant to the straight shot or hit on a penalty corner. It can be as powerful as a hit yet requires no back swing, making it especially deceptive. It's an important skill to develop for high level competition.



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2. **Stroke mark -** dash centered in front of each goal, 7 yards from the goal line marking the position where a penalty stroke is taken.
3. **Scoring circle -** solid semi-circle surrounding the goal 16 yards from the goal center. Only balls hit or deflected into the goal within this circle are a score. Defensive fouls within the scoring circle result in a penalty corner.
4. **5-yard mark -** a dash-lined semi-circle 5 yards outside the scoring circle. Penalty corners end when the ball crosses the 5-yard mark.
5. **25-yard line -** intentional or repeated fouls from this line to the near end line result in a penalty corner.
6. **Center line -** solid line that divides field in half. The ball is taken from the middle of this line at the beginning of each half and after a goal.
7. **Sideline -** boundaries along the length of the field marking the end of the field of play. If a ball is hit out, the opposing team brings it in with a pass or self-start. Players feet can be outside of sideline as long as the ball is inside or on the line.
8. **End line -** boundaries along the width of the field. Offensive hits that cross this line result in defense getting the ball at 16 yards. Defensive hits that cross this line result in either a long corner or penalty corner if deemed intentional.
9. **Corner mark -** short dashes 11 yards (10 meters) from the edge of each goal cage that mark the place from which penalty corners may be inserted.
10. **Defender mark** – short dash 5.5 yards (5 meters) from the edge of each goal marking the the closest position which a defender may stand to the inserter on a penalty corner.

PLAYER POSITIONING

SAMPLE FORMATION (3-3-3-1)



FORMATIONS

Although player positions have defined primary responsibilities, field hockey is a fluid game and players have flexibility to traverse the field. Defenders can be viable scoring threats, midfielders helps defend and score goals, and forwards fall back to aid the defense. Teamwork and communication is critical and more important than positions or formations.

A coach often sets formations based on the skill and strength of the players or the opposing team. Any formation is acceptable, and all positions are important. A coach may opt to play four forwards (potentially a 4-3-3 formation with 4 forwards, 3 midfielders and 3 defenders), a 3-4-3 with 3 forwards, 4 midfielders, 3 backs, or even a 3-3-3-1 with a defensive "sweeper." In some situations, it is allowed for a team to pull a goalie and play with an extra player, such as when a team is down a goal at the end of a game.

POSITIONS

	**Forwards** (Attackers or Strikers) Offensive position whose primary responsibility is to advance play toward the goal and to convert the opportunities created with fellow players into goals.
	**Midfielders** (Middies) Both an offensive and defensive position who acts as an initial line of defense as well as advances the ball to the forwards and the opposing side of the field.
	**Defenders** (Backs) Defensive position whose primary responsibility is to protect the goalkeeper, prevent opposing forwards from getting into scoring position and to advance the ball to the midfielders and forwards.
	**Sweeper** (Cover or Back) Some formations include one player who traditionally is positioned either behind or in front of the defensive line and whose primary goal is defense.
	**Goalkeeper** (Goalie) Defensive position whose primary responsibility is to prevent opponents from scoring and to coordinate defenders in the defense of the goal.

FOULS AND UMPIRE SIGNALS



GOAL SCORED



16 YARD HIT



BACK OF STICK



STICK OBSTRUCTION



OBSTRUCTION



THIRD PARTY OBSTRUCTION



DANGER



PENALTY CORNER



HIGH PENALTY CORNER HIT



PENALTY STROKE



FREE HIT



FOOT

PENALTY CARDS

Field hockey uses a three card system for player warnings and suspensions for deliberately dangerous play, unsportsmanlike behavior and repeated violations.

GREEN 	Player must leave the field for 2 minutes and the team plays short (no replacement).
YELLOW 	Player leaves for at least 5 minutes (at the discretion of the official) and the team plays short.
RED 	player leaves the game and cannot be replaced. They may be suspended for subsequent games.

GOAL SCORED - signaled when the ball entirely crosses the goal line as a result of a hit or deflection by an offensive or defensive player within the scoring circle.

16 YARD HIT - A free hit awarded to the defense when ball goes out the end line after last being touched by an offensive player.

BACK OF STICK - called any time a player touches the ball with the back (rounded) side of the stick.

STICK OBSTRUCTION - called when a player hits or obstructs an opposing player's stick with their own when they are making a play on the ball. This can be called on an offensive or defensive player.

OBSTRUCTION - called when a player possessing the ball uses their body to prevent an opposing player from making a play. The player with the ball cannot stop their motion or push back and opposing player must be actively trying to get the ball.

THIRD PARTY OBSTRUCTION - signaled when a player intentionally or unintentionally uses their body to block an opposing player from access to player possessing the ball.

DANGER - a broad rule that encompasses any action or situation in which a player puts other players in danger of injury. For example tripping, wild swings or similar actions. Intentional acts could result in a card and/or a penalty stroke.

PENALTY CORNER - a scoring opportunity awarded to the offensive team when the defense commits a foul within the scoring circle, or an intentional foul within the 25 yard line.

HIGH CORNER PENALTY HIT - on the initial hit of a penalty corner, the ball must cross the goal line no higher than 18" for a goal to be scored.

PENALTY STROKE - awarded when a defensive player commits a penalty to prevent a goal, or commits an intentional foul in the circle. The ball is placed on the 7 yard mark and the offensive team selects a player to take the free shot against the goalie.

FREE HIT - awarded when a foul is committed outside of the scoring circle (unless intentional within the 25-yd line) . Opposing players must stay at least 5 yards away until the ball is hit or the player touches the ball once (self-starts).

FOOT - the most common penalty, called when the ball hits a player's foot causing an advantage for their team. If there is no advantage, the umpire may choose to hold their whistle and play on.

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Finals Notes

Your Officials Today

Just as the participants on the teams at this year's Finals are realizing a dream of vying for top honors, another group of individuals are also reaching a goal for the hard work they have put in by being assigned to officiate the action.

Officials for MHSAA Finals are selected from an Association committee of member school personnel from across the state, based on the recommendations and ratings by schools, as well as from input from local officials associations.

These officials believe that interscholastic athletics are truly educational in nature, and work to uphold that standard. Like the athletes in the Finals, officials come from all corners of Michigan.

Selected to work this year's Finals are: **Ann Acluche**, West Bloomfield; **Taryn Damm**, Ann Arbor, and **Kristopher Kegerreis**, Grand Haven.

Congratulations to this year's Final officials. If you are interested in becoming a registered game official in any sport, contact the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823, or register online at MHSAA.com.

Behind The Scenes

The hallmark of a strong association is its ability to work together for the common good. Every year, nearly 10,000 game officials and 50,000-plus administrators and coaches at over 1,600 middle, junior and senior high schools voluntarily pool their efforts daily for the operations of the MHSAA's competitive extracurricular interscholastic athletic program.

An important responsibility of membership in the Association is the operation of the hundreds of District, Regional and Final level tournaments by school administrators who serve as the site managers for these games.

The behind the scenes work of these individuals and their staffs make sure that tournament competition is a memorable experience for the participants.

The MHSAA would like to thank the following personnel for their assistance with the 2026 Field Hockey Finals: **Denzel Drone** and **McKenzie Gardulescu** from Michigan State University and **Jeff Finney** from Fowlerville HS.

Coordinating the Finals from the MHSAA are **Paige Winne**, **Andy Frushour**, **Camala Gillette** and **Jon Ross**.

The MHSAA would like to recognize the efforts of these individuals and the other individuals who have donated their time and talents to make the Finals a success.

On the Air

Video streaming of today's Finals is available on **MHSAA.tv**. A $13.99 subscription will also allow you to watch all of the November tournament coverage, including the Lower Peninsula Cross Country Finals, Girls Volleyball Semifinals and Finals, Lower Peninsula Girls Swimming & Diving Finals, and Football Playoff action through the Semifinal and Final rounds of the tournament. Annual subsriptions can be purchased for $79.99, which includes events for the entire MHSAA school year.

Results on the Web

Full results and coverage of the Finals may be found on MHSAA.com throughout the day's competition.



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