**2026 Field Hockey Tournament Structure**

The MHSAA Field Hockey Tournament will consist of a single division, using a four-Regional format with statewide seeding.

**TOURNAMENT DATES**

| Week | Round | Dates |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | Regional First Round* | October 14–17 |
| 1 | Regional Quarterfinal | October 19–24 |
| | Regional Semifinal | October 19–24 |
| 2 | Regional Final | October 26 |
| | MHSAA Semifinal | October 28 |
| | MHSAA Final | October 31 |

** A Regional First Round will be necessary if a Regional includes more than eight teams.*

**KEY DATES & TIMELINE**

- **Regional Hosts Announced:** August 2026 (posted online)
- **Final Regional Brackets & Top 4 Statewide Seeds Posted:** Friday, October 9, 2026

**SEEDING AND REGIONAL ASSIGNMENT**

**Top Four Statewide Seeds:**

- Will be determined using the MHSAA MPR (Michigan Power Rating) system.
- These four teams will be placed in separate Regionals based on their seed.
- Once these teams are seeded, they will be separated and not considered when determining geographic Regional assignments for the remaining teams.

**Geographic Placement of Remaining Teams:**

- All other teams will be assigned to one of the four Regionals based on geography.
- This mirrors the team placement process used in other MHSAA sports.

**Regional Assignments**

- Four Regional hosts will be selected and posted in July each year.
- The placement of the top four statewide seeds will remain fixed on the bracket year-to-year: Seed #1 in Regional A, Seed #2 in Regional C, Seed #3 in Regional D, Seed #4 in Regional B.
- The four Regional hosts will be randomly assigned to Regional A, B, C or D. A new random draw will be conducted each year.
    - *Exception #1:* If a statewide seeded team is also serving as a Regional host, their placement will be determined by their seed.
    - *Exception #2*: Statewide seeded teams will be placed in their natural geographic Regional. If there is more than one seeded team in a geographic area, a random draw will determine which school will remain in their natural geographic Regional.
- All other teams will be assigned to one of the four Regionals based on geographic location.
- Each Regional will also include a #2 seed, based on the highest MPR among teams within that Regional (excluding the top four statewide seeds).

- Non-seeded teams in each Regional will be placed on the bracket using a random formula, consistent with procedures used in other MHSAA sports.
    - The draw formula for the 2026 Regional Brackets will be set on Oct. 9.
- All seeds — statewide and regional — will be determined using MPR data from games completed prior to Friday, October 9, 2026.

**Regional Locations**

- The designated Regional host is responsible for hosting the Regional Semifinal and Regional Final.
- The designated Regional host may also choose to host all rounds of the Regional tournament. If they decline, all Regional First-Round games and Regional Quarterfinals will be played at the top line. If the Regional host is participating and not on the top line, they still retain the option to host that game.

**Semifinal Location**

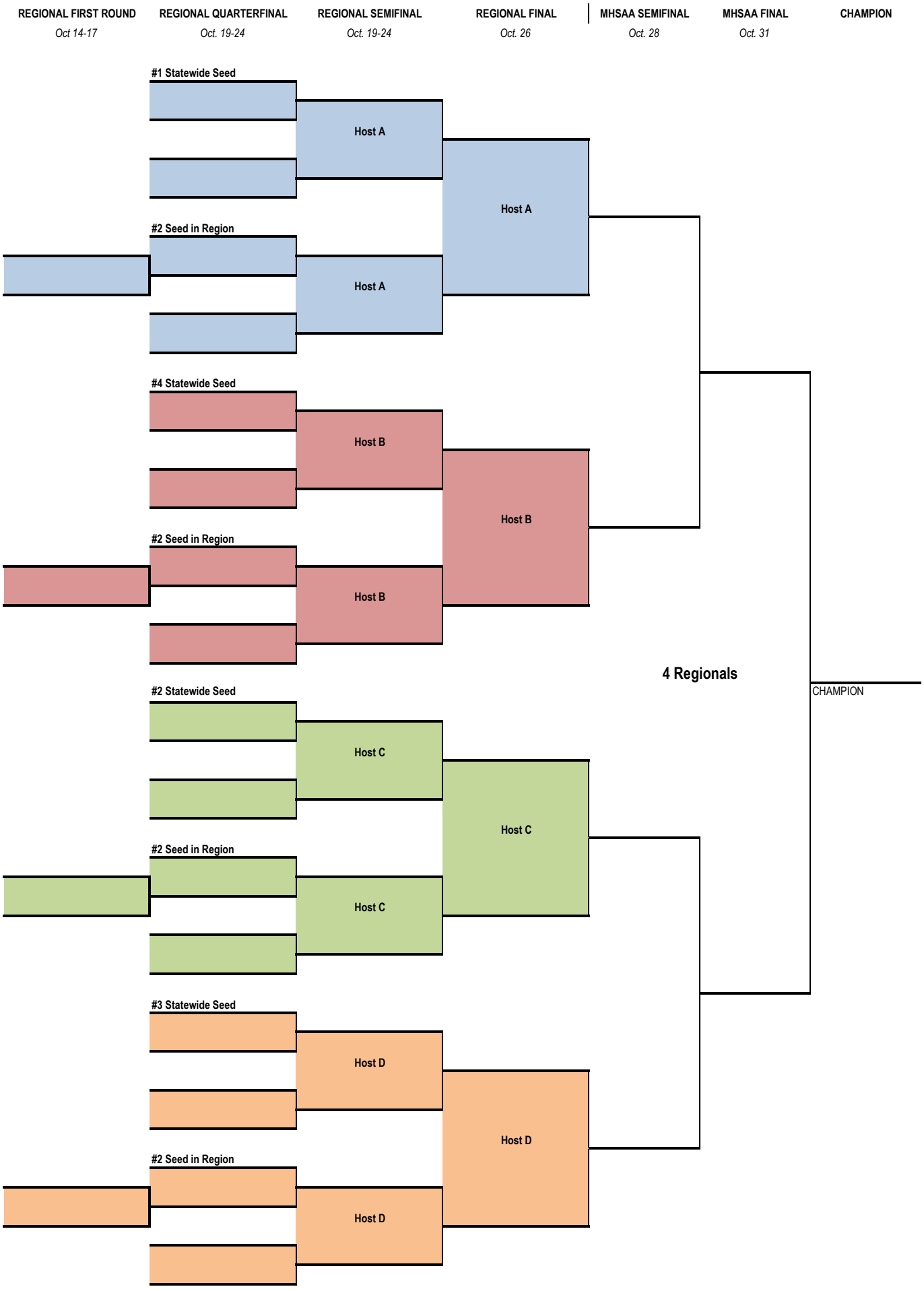
- The Semifinals will be held at a single predetermined site, with both games played back-to-back on the same day.

**Officials Assignments**

- The MHSAA will assign officials for all rounds of the Field Hockey Tournament.

**Financial Form**

- The MHSAA reimburses expenses and host revenue beginning with the Regional Semifinals.


REGIONAL FIRST ROUND
Oct 14-17
REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL
Oct. 19-24
REGIONAL SEMIFINAL
Oct. 19-24
REGIONAL FINAL
Oct. 26
MHSAA SEMIFINAL
Oct. 28
MHSAA FINAL
Oct. 31
CHAMPION
#1 Statewide Seed
Host A
#2 Seed in Region
Host A
Host A
#4 Statewide Seed
Host B
#2 Seed in Region
Host B
Host B
4 Regionals
CHAMPION
#2 Statewide Seed
Host C
#2 Seed in Region
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#3 Statewide Seed
Host D
#2 Seed in Region
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