



2026 Field Hockey Final
October 31, 2026 – 11 a.m.
Ralph Young Field, MSU – East Lansing, MI

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

DIRECTIONS – Ralph Young Field is located off of West Shaw Lane behind Spartan Stadium on the campus of Michigan State University. There is construction on US-127 and the surrounding areas. Please allow extra travel time and consult current navigation guidance.

TEAM ARRIVAL – Teams may enter beginning at 9:30 a.m. Contact Paige Winne at 269-350-6094 approximately 20 minutes before arrival so the team host and parking arrangements are ready.

DROP-OFF – Buses should drop off teams, coaches and equipment in Lot 79 (south Spartan Stadium lot), accessible from West Shaw Lane. Teams and coaches must enter together through the Main gate at the southeast corner of the field. Participating teams entering together are admitted at no charge and may also exit through this gate.

BUS PARKING – After drop-off, buses will be directed to park in the front loop of Jenison Fieldhouse off Kalamazoo Street. [See map](#).

LOCKER ROOMS – No team locker rooms or dressing facilities are available. Teams should arrive dressed in game uniforms.

RESTROOMS – Restrooms near Gate C at Spartan Stadium will be open to teams and spectators. Portable restrooms will also be available near the entrance to Ralph Young Field.

FIELD ACCESS – Teams may take the playing field beginning at 9:55 a.m., one hour before the Final.

SPEAKERS – Teams CANNOT play music on the field or in the bench area.

ATHLETIC TRAINER – A Certified Athletic Trainer will be on hand. Teams may bring their own trainer. Our trainer will be available for officials and assistance with game injuries.

WATER – A 10-gallon water jug will be available for each team. Teams should bring their own water bottles.

JERSEYS/BENCHES – The team on the top line of the bracket is the home team, wears dark uniforms, and will use the south bench (nearest the entrance). The bottom-line team is the visitor, wears white and will use the north bench (nearest the scoreboard). Each player will receive a commemorative MHSAA Championships peel-and-stick jersey patch upon arrival.

PREGAME TEAM PHOTO – An official team photo will be taken in front of each team's goal mouth approximately 30 minutes before the game (or sooner if teams are ready). Both teams are required to take this photo, and teams should be in game uniform.

TIMING View the [Timing Sheet](#) for the day. The Final will start at 11:00 a.m. and the pregame clock will hit 0:00 five minutes before the scheduled game time, allowing five minutes for the anthem and lineups. Teams will line up in front of their benches for the anthem, followed by an announcement of all players on the roster.

AWARDS CEREMONY – The awards ceremony will take place on the field near the spectator bleachers. We invite the school athletic directors for both teams to participate in the trophy and medal ceremony.

POSTGAME CHAMPIONS PHOTO – Immediately after the awards ceremony, the winning team will be directed in front of the scoreboard for its official photo, then may collect bags and equipment from the bench area.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

PASS LIST – By 4 p.m. on Thursday, submit no more than 10 administrators, crowd-control or chaperones to fieldhockey@mhsaa.com. Only individuals on the submitted list receive complimentary admission; they must enter through the spectator gate.

SCHOOL MEDIA – Each participating school may receive one field-level photography credential. Andy Frushour will distribute school media passes on-site.

FANS ON THE FIELD – Fans are prohibited from entering the field at any time. We ask school administrators to help us keep parents and students off the field after the game. Teams may meet family and fans outside the gate to the field after the game.

WEATHER & SUSPENDED GAMES – MHSAA tournament regulations related to weather will be used. If weather interrupts play, the game will resume from the point of suspension when weather and field conditions permit. If a lengthy delay prevents completion, play will be rescheduled for the next available day; Sunday may be considered if necessary. Changes will be communicated to participating schools.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

PARKING – There is no charge for parking. Parking is available in Lot 79, east of Ralph Young Field and south of Spartan Stadium, off West Shaw Lane between Chestnut Road and Red Cedar Road. [See map](#).

ENTRY – Spectator gates open at 10:00 a.m. Enter through the southeast gate of Ralph Young Field.

TICKETS – Tickets are \$12 through [GoFan](#). A credit card reader will be available at the gate for fans without cell phones.

RESTROOMS – Restrooms near Gate C at Spartan Stadium will be open, along with portable restrooms near the entrance to Ralph Young Field.

CONCESSIONS – Concessions will be available on-site. Payment is by card only; cash will not be accepted. Spectator coolers and outside food and beverages are prohibited.

LIVE STREAM – The Final will be streamed live on the NFHS Network.

AFTER THE GAME – Fans may meet players outside the gate to the field. Fans are not permitted on the field at any time.

SPECTATOR POLICIES – Student and adult spectators are expected to observe the rules of good sportsmanship and conduct. Some specific policies are as follows:

- No use of alcohol or tobacco is permitted on the park grounds.
- All spectators must wear shirts.
- Cheers of encouragement should be in support of teams, not directed toward opposing teams/individuals.
- Abuse of officials will not be allowed.
- No air horns, sirens, whistles, megaphones or thundersticks.
- No Bluetooth speakers.
- No outside food or beverages.