

2025-26 Field Hockey Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration

1. A regular season contest is tied at the end of regulation. What is the correct procedure?
 - A. The game is complete and will end in a tie, as there is no overtime in regular season contests.
 - B. Play a 10-minute sudden-victory overtime. If it is still tied after 10-minutes, the game will end in a tie.
 - C. Play a 10-minute sudden-victory overtime. If it is still tied after 10-minutes, go to one-on-ones.
 - D. Select any overtime option from the NFHS Rule Book.
2. A MHSAA tournament contest is tied at the end of regulation. What is the correct procedure?
 - A. The game is complete and will end in a tie, as there is no overtime in the MHSAA tournament.
 - B. Play a 10-minute sudden-victory overtime. If it is still tied after 10-minutes, the game will end in a tie.
 - C. Play a 10-minute sudden-victory overtime. If it is still tied after 10-minutes, go to one-on-ones.
 - D. Select any overtime option from the NFHS Rule Book.
3. In the MHSAA tournament, a game is suspended due to weather with 2 minutes remaining in the second quarter. Central High School leads West High School 8–0. Conditions make it impossible to resume on this day. What is the correct ruling?
 - A. The game is declared complete because the 8-goal differential occurred after the second quarter began.
 - B. The game must resume from the point of interruption on another day.
 - C. The game must be replayed in its entirety unless two full quarters have been completed.
 - D. The game result is declared "no contest" since two quarters were not completed.
4. By mutual consent, coaches and officials in the MHSAA tournament can alter the overtime procedure by...
 - A. Coaches and officials may never alter the overtime procedure.
 - B. Play a 10-minute overtime period with a team of ten field players and one goalkeeper.
 - C. Play two five-minute overtime periods with a team of ten field players and one goalkeeper.
 - D. Play two five-minute overtime periods with a team of six field players and one goalkeeper.
5. Which of the following must a MHSAA Field Hockey official complete to be assigned to the MHSAA Field Hockey Tournament?
 - A. Register with the MHSAA for the current season
 - B. Complete the online rules meeting
 - C. Score an 80% or higher on this exam
 - D. Be a 'Member in Good Standing' with a local approved officials association
 - E. All the above

6. What color uniform top and knee-length socks is the home team required to wear? (1-5-1b)
- A. Solid white
 - B. Solid light-colored
 - C. Solid dark-colored
 - D. Any color is acceptable, as long as all players match.
7. A player has been warned that the mouthguard must be worn properly. A few minutes later, the official notices the same player, about to take a free hit, again is not wearing the mouthguard properly. The official shall: (1-6-1, penalty 1)
- A. Issue a card to the coach and award a free hit to the opponent.
 - B. Issue the appropriate card to the player and award a free hit to the opponent.
 - C. Eject the player.
 - D. Do nothing.
8. A dangerous ball is: (3-4-4)
- A. A foul for any high ball.
 - B. Only called inside the circle and not considered a foul in the field of play.
 - C. A foul if it causes legitimate evasive action by players.
 - D. All the above.
9. During a time-out, an official blows the whistle for a 30-second warning and then at the end of the time-out, the Red Team coach continues game discussion with the team on the sideline with no acknowledgement of the whistle. The official shall: (2-1-5, 2-1-6, 4-2, penalty)
- A. Allow another 30 seconds for the Red Team since it appears to be overtired.
 - B. Continue to blow the whistle for an additional three times until the Red Team enters the field.
 - C. Award a misconduct penalty to the Red Team head coach using the card progression.
 - D. Award a misconduct penalty to the Red Team captain using the card progression.
10. As players take the field, after coaches have verified players are properly attired and legally equipped, the official notices the home team goalkeeper's shirt does not have a visible number. The team cannot correct the issue. The official shall: (1-8-1, 1-9-1, 8-2-1 penalty)
- A. Issue a card to the coach.
 - B. Issue a green card to the goalkeeper and remove a field player to serve the suspension and notify the state association after the game.
 - C. Issue a green card to the goalkeeper and remove a field player to serve the suspension and the offending goalkeeper shall be replaced by another fully outfitted goalkeeper.
 - D. Issue a card to the player, and if not corrected, the team shall forfeit the game.
11. A member of the defending team throws their corner mask, and it doesn't make it over the end line as intended. An attacker passes the ball across the circle, and it hits the mask. What is the correct penalty? (8-1w, penalty 3)
- A. A penalty stroke is awarded to the attacking team.
 - B. A penalty corner is awarded to the attacking team.
 - C. No call shall be made.
 - D. A 25-yard hit is awarded to the attacking team.

12. Which of the following are considered delay-of-game fouls? (Officials Guide VIII. G)
- A. Not moving 5 yards away
 - B. Teams taking an unreasonable amount of time to take their positions for the setup of a penalty corner.
 - C. Team taking the penalty corner, switching sides of insertion after both teams have set up.
 - D. All the above.
13. When the ball is inserted on a penalty corner, the ball travels beyond the broken circle. The ball is then played into the circle. The shot at goal crosses the goal line above the 18-inch boards without posing a danger to any players. The official shall: (10-2-9)
- A. Award a 25-yard hit to the attacking team.
 - B. Allow the goal.
 - C. Award a 16-yard hit to the defending team.
 - D. Reset the penalty corner.
14. A penalty corner is considered complete by all of the following except when:
- A. The ball travels more than 5 yards from the circle. (10-3-1)
 - B. A free hit is awarded to the defending team.
 - C. The ball leaves the circle multiple times, never traveling beyond the broken circle markings.
 - D. A goal is scored.
15. A penalty corner is awarded to the blue team. A player may substitute: (4-4-3)
- A. Immediately following the insertion from the end line.
 - B. Following the completion of the penalty corner.
 - C. When the penalty corner is retaken.
 - D. All the above.
16. A defender intentionally hits the ball over the end line. The official shall: (10-1-1c)
- A. Award a 25-yard free hit to the attack.
 - B. Award a penalty stroke to the attack.
 - C. Award a 16-yard hit to the defense.
 - D. Award a penalty corner to the attack.
17. During the third quarter, the coach from the Blue Team requests a second time-out. The official stops play, then realizes the team has already used its one allotted time-out for the game. What is the correct ruling? (4-1-3, penalty)
- A. Deny the time-out and allow play to resume without penalty.
 - B. Deny the time-out and restart play with a bully.
 - C. Deny the time-out, issue a yellow card to the head coach, and remove one field player for five minutes of elapsed playing time.
 - D. Grant the time-out if the other team agrees.

18. As time expires at the end of fourth quarter, the official awards a penalty stroke to the Red Team. The Blue Team leads 3–1. What is the correct action by the official? (11-2-7)
- A. Allow the Red Team to take the penalty stroke, then end the game.
 - B. End the game without administering the penalty stroke.
 - C. Resume play with a bully before administering the penalty stroke, then end the game.
 - D. Award a penalty corner to the Red Team instead.
19. A spectator has been warned by the site administrator or coach about abusive language being used toward the official during the first quarter. During the second quarter, the abusive language continues. The official shall: (12-2-2, penalty 2)
- A. Stop the game immediately and talk to the spectator.
 - B. Stop the game immediately to notify a site/game administrator of the situation and suspend the game.
 - C. At the next dead ball, notify a site/game administrator of the situation and request the spectator be removed from the venue.
 - D. At the next dead ball, notify a site/game administrator of the situation and suspend the game.
20. An official signals a goal for the Blue team. As the teams are running back to set up for the center pass, the official observes the Blue scorer did not have a mouthguard in at the time the goal was scored. The official shall: (6-1-3, situation b)
- A. Call back the goal and award a 16-yard hit to the defense.
 - B. Allow the goal and issue the appropriate card to the player.
 - C. Allow the goal and issue the appropriate card to the coach.
 - D. Call back the goal and replay the corner.
21. A Blue Team attacker, restarting play below the 25-yard line immediately passes the ball to a teammate who receives the ball 5 yards away and inside the circle. The official shall: (8-1-1i)
- A. Allow play to continue since the receiving player was 5 yards away.
 - B. Give the advantage signal and wait to see what the receiving player does with the ball.
 - C. Blow the whistle and award a free hit to the defense.
 - D. Blow the whistle and award a penalty corner to the attack.
22. A ball on the way to the goal hits a discarded penalty corner mask, stopping it from entering the goal. The official shall: (8-1-1w, 11-1-1d)
- A. Allow play to continue.
 - B. Blow the whistle, remove the mask, and restart play with a bully.
 - C. Blow the whistle, remove the mask, and award a penalty corner to the attack.
 - D. Blow the whistle, have the timer stop the clock and award a penalty stroke to the attack.
23. During a penalty stroke, the goalkeeper throws a glove at the ball which is heading toward the goal. The glove deflects the ball away from the goal. The official shall: (11-2-9a)
- A. Signal the stroke is over.
 - B. Signal goal.
 - C. Reset the stroke.
 - D. Card the coach.

24. During a penalty corner, a defender wears a legal wire-caged face mask. After the corner is complete and the ball is cleared, the defender continues wearing the wire-caged face mask while the play transitions into the midfield. The official notices that the defender crosses the 25-yard line still wearing the mask. What is the correct ruling? (1-6-5c, 8-2 penalty)
- A. Allow play to continue and remind the player at the next dead ball to remove the wire-caged face mask sooner next time.
 - B. Stop play immediately and issue a card to the player for failing to remove the wire-caged face mask before the 25-yard line.
 - C. Stop play, award a misconduct penalty to the coach, and restart with a free hit for the opposing team.
 - D. Allow play to continue unless the wire-caged face mask interferes with play; no rule requires immediate removal after a penalty corner.
25. A Red Team attacker is awarded a free hit just outside the attacking circle. The player self-passes and lifts the ball directly into the circle, where it is deflected into the goal by a teammate. What is the correct ruling? (9-2-1)
- A. Allow the goal.
 - B. Disallow the goal and award a penalty corner to the attack.
 - C. Disallow the goal and award a 16-yard hit to the defense.
 - D. Allow the goal only if the defender touched it first.
26. A player who had not fully served a suspension entered the field of play right before the player's team scored. The ineligible player was not discovered until after the subsequent center pass. The official determines: (6-1-3)
- A. The goal stands as the ineligible player was not discovered until after the center pass.
 - B. The goal does not stand even if the ineligible player was discovered after the center pass.
 - C. The goal is called back after the center pass and the game is restarted with a 16-yard hit to the defense.
 - D. The goal does not stand, and the center pass is retaken by the opposing team.
27. During a penalty corner, a defender leaves the end line before the ball is inserted. What is the correct ruling? (10-3-1 penalty)
- A. Award a free hit to the attacking team outside the circle.
 - B. Award a 16-yard hit to the defense.
 - C. Restart the penalty corner without further penalty.
 - D. Send the early-breaking defender to the center line.
28. A Blue Team player is receiving an aerial pass from a teammate, a Red Team player rushes to play the ball before it has been received, controlled and played to the ground. Where should the official award the free hit? (8-1-1g)
- A. At the point where the ball first touched the ground.
 - B. At the point where the ball was passed from.
 - C. At the point where the ball landed.
 - D. On the 25-yard line.

29. A player lifts the ball into the circle on a shot, but no players nearby react or show evasive action. What should the official call? (3-4-4, 8-1-1)
- A. Call dangerous play and award free hit to the defense.
 - B. Allow play to continue.
 - C. Award a penalty stroke.
 - D. Award a penalty corner.
30. A player serving a 5-minute suspension re-enters the field 30 seconds early. The official immediately notices the player has re-entered early. What should the official do at the next stoppage of play? (8-2 penalty)
- A. Remove the player to serve the remaining 30 seconds of the suspension.
 - B. Remove the player to serve an additional 5-minute suspension.
 - C. Remove the player to serve the remaining 30 seconds of the suspension and issue a card to the coach for violation of the substitution rule.
 - D. Remove the player to serve an additional 5-minute suspension and issue a card to the coach for violation of the substitution rule.