



## NFHCA Top Recruit Tournament Policies

The National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) has established the following tournament policies for its Top Recruit events. It is the expectation of the NFHCA and Corrigan Sports that the policies outlined within this document are followed by all registered teams.

### 1. Rules of Play

- Federation of International Hockey (FIH) Rules will be in effect.
- Games will consist of two (2) 25-minute halves with a 5-minute half time. Games will start on the hour.
- Games may end in a time.
- Timeouts will not be permitted..

### 2. Club Coach Hospitality Area

- A centrally located, shaded hospitality area will be available for all club coaches.
- Club Coaches will be required to show a badge in order to gain admittance to this area.
- Complimentary beverages and snacks shall be provided within this area.

### 3. Registration

- Every team and/or individual shall have the same opportunity to register to attend an NFHCA Top Recruit event.
- Registration will open on a pre-announced, set date and will remain open until the event is full.
- Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.
- House teams will be available for individual athletes wishing to participate in an NFHCA Top Recruit team event.

### 4. Refund Policy

- If a team drops from the tournament between the day of registration and the balance payment deadline AND has another team in the tournament, the balance payment may be transferred to that team. If they do not have another registered team, the balance payment is NOT refundable.
- If a team drops between the balance deadline and the assigned date for the schedule release, the balance may only be refunded if a waitlisted team can take the spot.
- NO refunds or transfers after the deadline for club coaches to submit rosters.

### 5. Roster Size

- The recommended roster size for an NFHCA Top Recruit team event shall be fifteen (15) players. This shall include thirteen (13) field players and two (2) goalkeepers.
- The minimum roster size shall be eleven (11).
- A registered player shall be permitted to play for one (1) team during an NFHCA Top Recruit event, regardless of whether the second team is part of the same club. Players found in violation of this policy will be reported to the NFHCA and will be handled on a case by case basis. The purpose of the single team rule is to ensure that all participants are provided equitable recruiting opportunities at NFHCA Top Recruit events.
- The NFHCA encourages club coaches to provide equal playing time to all players on a team's roster, when possible.

### 6. Uniform Specifications

- Field players of the same team shall wear the same uniform clothing.
- Players must not wear anything that poses a danger to other players.
- Players are required to wear a mouth guard at all times.
- Numbers shall appear on the front and back of all jerseys
- Goalkeepers and players with goalkeeping privileges shall wear a single colored shirt over any upper body protection which is of a different color than that of the jerseys of both teams.
- Goalkeepers must wear protective equipment including helmet with fixed full face protection and a cover for the head including the back of the head, leg guards and kickers, and protectors for the body, upper arm, elbow, forearm, hand, thigh and knees.