

2010 ShopRite® Nutmeg State Games Field Hockey Tournament

Due to the overwhelming response for this year's Nutmeg State Games Field Hockey Tournament we have decided to pilot a NEW Game Format - (1) - 25 minute game period. To be able to conduct each division's tournament in the one day format this change was absolutely necessary. We appreciate your continued support of the Nutmeg State Games and look forward to putting on a 1st Class Event for you and your Team!

COORDINATOR:

Connie Chapin

Dates:

Friday, July 23rd - 15 & Under Division

Saturday, July 24th - 18 & Under Division

Sunday, July 25th - OPEN Division

Deadline:

ROSTER (Freeze) Deadline - Monday, July 12th

*No changes may be made to any team sport rosters after the Roster Freeze Deadline.

Location:

Sage Park, Berlin, CT (Synthetic Sprint Turf)

Format:

Round Robin / Pool Play format with a minimum 3 Game Guarantee.

Age Divisions:

Age	Division	Roster Maximum	Age Cut Off
13 - 15	Intermediate	12	August 1, 2010
16 - 18	Scholastic	12	August 1, 2010
19 & Up	*Open	12	N/A

***Please Note:**

All High School graduates and athletes 19 years of age and older may not compete in the Scholastic Age Division and must compete in the Open Age Division.

Forfeiture Policy:

Due to the fact that all competition brackets are ROUND ROBIN formats, a team may not intentionally forfeit a contest; even though the game may have no consequence on the seeding of the tournament at the conclusion of round robin play. Any team intentionally forfeiting a contest will be disqualified from further competition and the remaining teams will be re-seeded.

RULES:

Intermediate, Scholastic & Open: FIH RULES which include self pass. One a penalty corner the injection hit must leave the penalty circle and re-enter before a shot may be taken on goal.

Intermediate, Scholastic & Open Divisions:

One Twenty-Five minute game period running time. One - 60 Second - timeout per game, per team. No overtime for Preliminary Round Games – games will end in a tie. Medal Round & Play-IN Games will have a five minute sudden victory period. If the game is still tied we will go to a series of five penalty strokes. If the game is still tied, penalty strokes to sudden victory.

Field Hockey Tournament Rules:

All coaches are responsible for assuring that all players are properly equipped.

Teams are to provide their own practice balls.

Teams will be allowed a maximum of 12 players and two coaches for credentials and awards.

Eyewear is Mandatory for Intermediate & Scholastic Divisions. Eyewear is optional for the Open Division.

Open Division will be allowed to carry men on their roster. However, there must be at least five women on the field during game play per team.

Any player or coach ejected from a game may not participate in the remaining games of the Nutmeg State Games.

Team Sport Info

Ice & Water - Teams will be responsible for providing their own ICE & Water during the 2010 Nutmeg State Games!

Athletes will be given a Nutmeg State Games non-numbered souvenir t-shirt. Teams will be allowed to wear their own (numbered) uniforms / jerseys for the tournament.

Nutmeg State Games Coaches are required to have with them at all games the following information: full team roster & copies of proof of age for all players on the team's roster.

Any player whose age is challenged and the coach **cannot** produce proof of age, the player in question will be declared ineligible for that game.

All Teams must have an Official Score Keeper present at each game. The Home Team will keep the official book and the Away Team will keep a secondary book as a back up.

Athletes who wish to play up in a division (play in an older age group than their age at the time of the tournament) will be allowed to do so. Athletes are not allowed to play down into a younger age group.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Saturday, July 24th 2010 – Veteran's Memorial Stadium, New Britain, CT

The Opening Ceremonies will begin as athletes from across the state participate in the traditional Parade of Athletes. Other special festivities will lead to the lighting of the ceremonial flame in true Olympic fashion, as the Nutmeg State Games are declared officially open.

New Britain Rock Cats Game – 2:35 PM

The Fan Fest: 5:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies: 7:15 PM

Opening Ceremonies Ticket Prices:

Adults - \$6.00, Senior (55+) or Child (12 & Under) - \$4.00

Tickets for Opening Ceremonies will be sold at the day of Opening Ceremonies ONLY! Tickets cannot be purchased prior to the day of the event.

Nutmeg State Games Office Contact Info (active from July 19th – August 1st)

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DIRECTIONS:

Sage Park

Berlin, CT

<http://www.region1.com/Maps/sage.pdf>

I-91 North or South to Route 15 (Berlin Turnpike)

Sage Park is located on the east side (northbound lane) of the Berlin Turnpike approximately 1.2 miles south of its intersection with Route 9 (by Micky Finn's). If you have traveling southbound, make the turnaround when you see the fire station on your left after passing the Sage Park entrance sign.

I-91 South (Exit 22) to Route 9 north

Take exit 22 off of Route 9 North, Mill Street, and proceed to the traffic light at the end of the ramp and turn right. At the next light, turn right, passing under Route 9 and following Worthington Ridge. Stay on Worthington Ridge until its end at the intersection with the Berlin Turnpike. At this light, turn left; Sage Park will be on the right approximately 2/10 of a mile.

I-84 West to Route 9 South

Take exit 22, Mill Street, and proceed to the traffic light at the end of the ramp and turn right onto Worthington Ridge. Stay on Worthington Ridge until its end at the intersection with the Berlin Turnpike. At this light, turn left; Sage Park will be on the right approximately 2/10 of a mile.