

Consideration of Adding Field Hockey as a KHSAA Sanctioned Sport

Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Hockey has been played in Kentucky for over 50 years • The KHSAA already has a presence in Field Hockey at the national level, and has a member of the NFHS Field Hockey Rules Committee (Angela Passafiume) • There are currently 1,820 schools and 61,883 girls' participants in Field Hockey across the United States • The Kentucky high school season would be in the fall of the school year • The field is 100 x 60 yards • Teams consist of 11 players one of whom is a goalkeeper • The game requires 2 officials • Duration of play is two 30 minute halves • Game Equipment includes: field, two goal cages and a ball • Player Equipment: Uniform jersey and skirt, mouth protector, shin guards, cleats, sticks, eye protection and goalkeeper uniform and equipment
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Triennial Survey showed that 33 schools showed interest in adding girls Field Hockey • Currently there are 18 schools playing in Jefferson and Oldham Counties • There are currently no Bullitt County schools participating • The survey show that 15 additional school are interested (these schools span over 12 additional counties)
Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff has met with the schools who currently play Field Hockey. • These schools are unanimous in their vote that they would like the KHSAA to sanction the sport • When the other 15 schools were contacted by survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 confirmed that they are definitely adding Field Hockey for girls the first year • 5 responded that they would wait a year before adding • 4 responded that they would likely add after a year, but wanted to attend a meeting to learn more about Field Hockey • 4 no response to follow-up inquiries
Suggestions Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding an additional all girls sport will benefit schools with Title IX compliance and create more opportunities for female in athletes • The current athletic directors need assistance in the governance of the sport. It has continued to become more competitive and the enforcement of KHSAA would help with the complications there are having with several issues.
Conclusion and Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff has recommended to the Commissioner that the KHSAA sanction a postseason tournament for the 2014-2015 school year based on the feedback as was approved by the Board of Control earlier this year. • Steps should be made to inform the schools that Bylaw 6 will not apply to transferring students during the 2015-2016 school year, but will be applied to those students participating in field hockey or desiring such participation after November 5, 2014
Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Season begins, July 15 • First play date, August 11 or 18 • Limitation of Season 28-36 • Postseason District/Regional, week of October 19-25 • QF State, October 25 (Saturday) • Semi's and Final, week of October 27-November 1