

## NORTHEAST 2 FIELD HOCKEY

## NEW UMPIRE INFORMATION

The Executive Board is so happy for your interest in joining our chapter! We do need information from you as we wish to give you information to make your application/joining process a bit easier.

1. PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO US AT: [nechapter2njfh@gmail.com](mailto:nechapter2njfh@gmail.com)

First Name:

Last Name:

Email address you check regularly:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

2. BACKGROUND IN FIELD HOCKEY (if none, do not worry you can still be an official!)  
Player? Fan? Coach? Umpire/Referee/Official in another Sport?
3. TRANSFERABLE SKILLS (From your Job/Life/Officiating)
4. ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US?

### LOOKING AHEAD - IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **2026 NE2 Umpire Training Clinic @ FDU-Florham Park/Madison, NJ**

### **Sunday, through Wednesday, with Optional Thursday DATES: July 19-23**

Open to those interested in learning how to umpire field hockey in compliance with the rules, guidelines, and curriculum of USA Field Hockey, the FIH (International Rules of Field Hockey) - including the option of NFHS rules and NJSIAA/ Federation High School rules of Field Hockey, required for umpiring at the scholastic level in New Jersey (NJSIAA).

#### **Details:**

**FOUR (4) required\* sessions; one optional session\*\*** – READ below carefully!  
Please consider the optional \*Camp Tournament! See below. It has turned into a popular opportunity to practice your skills.

\*Sunday: 12 pm to 5:00pm Classroom ONLY (Ferguson Rec Center)

\*Monday: 6:00 pm to 9:00pm Classroom and ON-FIELD (Ferguson Rec Center, Turf/Grass fields) \*Tuesday: 6:00 pm to 9:00pm Classroom and ON-FIELD (Ferguson Rec Center, Turf/Grass fields) \*Wednesday: 6:00 pm to 9:00pm Classroom and ON-FIELD (Ferguson Rec Center, Turf/Grass fields)

\*\* Thursday Optional \*\* Camp tourney 9am to 12 noon \*\* (3+ fields) All 11 v 11 full field games!

AND.....

**FEES: See OPTION A or B below:**

**Option A) I want to umpire NJ (NJSIAA ) scholastic field hockey (MS, JV, Varsity):**

*NJSIAA requires membership in a NJSIAA Field Hockey Chapter of umpires.*

**CLINIC COST: \$125** covers Fall 2023 NE Chapter II Field Hockey chapter dues, a uniform shirt, penalty cards, current NFHS rulebook, a whistle, and clinic notes.

**NJSIAA COST:** You must register as an Official with NJSIAA; For more information: go to <https://www.njsiaa.org/officials>

Paid directly to NJSIAA: 1) Background Check and 2) Official Registration

Note: If you are a current member of USAFH or interested in joining, this clinic can provide you with a USAFH Umpire evaluation (Starter) making you eligible to register for future regional and national USAFH events.

**Option B) I am a CURRENT NJSIAA *FIELD HOCKEY* Chapter member:**

**FREE** to any NJSIAA *Field Hockey* umpire 'in good standing' with their local field hockey chapter. Minimal cost for clinic notes.

**Option C) CLINIC COST: \$75 I only want to officiate youth games**

Fee includes uniform shirt, penalty cards, current NJFHS rulebook, whistle and clinic notes

**NEXT STEPS:**

**1. COMPLETE** this **PRE REGISTRATION/INFORMATION** form (Google form). Note: The pre- registration form is NOT the same as our New Umpire form found on our website: <http://nechapter2njfh.com>. If you have problems or questions, or want to discuss the details, please simply reply to this email!

**WANT TO GET STARTED??**

- Download the current **FIH Rules** for Outdoor FH (v.2022). **FREE!**: <http://www.fih.ch/en/sport/rules>

Don't wait for the NFHS rulebook or for the clinic to start - read the rules...most of the rules are the same.

- Get started with the NFHS field hockey online course (FREE!). See attached for helpful steps to order your

free online course.

We greatly appreciate your interest - and look forward to working with you!

Clinicians: Nora Boyer, Lesley Loeb, Kitty White

USAFH rated umpires and NE Chapter II/NJSIAA Senior Umpires

AND.....

## **2. NE II Chapter Play Day/Rating Workshop:**

**Saturday, August 29 8am - 5pm**

Location: Madison Recreation Complex, Ridgedale Avenue, Madison, NJ Florham Park, NJ

Chapter members may be evaluated (rated) or benefit from the opportunity to practice their skills before the season begins.

Cadets (New umpires) are expected to attend to watch and/or gain on-field experience.

## **3. Northeast II Chapter Meetings: MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026. TBA Mandatory** Interpretation Meeting followed by first Chapter Business Meeting (2 required). If missed Interpretation meeting must attend a different chapters Interpretation meeting and if missed the August Business Meeting must attend Sept and Oct via zoom to remain “in good standing”

Location and Time: TBD

**Thursday, September 17, 2026 Business Meeting**

Location and Time: Zoom at 730pm, link will be sent

**Tuesday, October 13, 2026 Business Meeting**

Location and Time: Zoom at 730pm, link will be sent

**November 2026 END OF YEAR MEETING/GET TOGETHER/ELECTIONS/VOTING/WRAP UP to be determined**

## **4. Dues/Fees: Northeast Chapter and NJSIAA**

Northeast Chapter Dues: Paid to the Chapter Treasurer (Check/Venmo).

NJSIAA Fees: Annual Background Check and Fees: Check out their [site](#) for more information on registration and fees.

Welcome to our umpire community! If you have any questions, please reply to this email or contact [kitwhite74@aol.com](mailto:kitwhite74@aol.com).

Thank you for your interest -- Northeast Chapter II Executive Board

## **SELECTED NFORMATION FROM OUR CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name shall be known as the Northeast Chapter #2 Field Hockey Officials, New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, heretofore known as ‘NE #2’ and NJSIAA, respectively. This Chapter comprises Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, ½ Morris, Passaic, ½ Somerset, Sussex and Union Counties.

### **ARTICLE II- PURPOSE**

Section I- The organization shall be affiliated with NJSIAA. The purpose shall be

A. To promote the welfare of the game of Field Hockey, its players, school officials, and field hockey umpires.

- B. To maintain the highest standard of field hockey officiating by developing and utilizing all materials and techniques of officiating in fostering and continuing a program of recruitment, training, and improvement of the individual umpire.
- C. To have available at all times an adequate number of thoroughly trained and capable umpires.
- D. To cooperate with all organizations officially associated with the game of field hockey in furthering its interests and sportsmanship.

### **ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP**

Section II- Eligibility- Membership shall be composed of individuals who are of good character and have met the NJSIAA requirements.

- A. A member shall be at least 18 years of age, by June 1 of the year seeking membership, and be considered for membership without regard to race, creed, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin.

### **Section IV- Meetings**

- A. A minimum of four meetings shall be held annually.
- B. Attendance - Active members must attend at least 3 of the 4 scheduled meetings.
- C. The first rules interpretation meeting conducted by the chapter Rules interpreter is compulsory.

### **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP: Obligations and Classification/Status**

Section I- A member in good standing shall assume the following obligations:

- A. Attend three of the four scheduled meetings, including the mandatory, pre-season rules interpretation meeting. If unable to attend the Chapter's interpretation meeting, written verification of attendance at another Chapter's interpretation meeting must be submitted to our Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer by the other chapter's Secretary.
- B. Pay dues to NE #2 and NJSIAA.
- C. Complete any other requirements set by the Chapter, NFHS and the NJSIAA each year that they officiate. Completion of the requirements must be verified and, when needed, handed into the chapter Corresponding Secretary /Treasurer by September 1 of the year he/she wishes to officiate.
- D. Maintain a rating.
- E. Follow and uphold the 'Official's Code of Ethics'. See Appendix.
- F. Wear the proper uniform and carry the required equipment. See Article VII.
- G. Forward a written letter to the Recording Secretary for anticipated absence of a scheduled activity such as a meeting or workshop. The Elective Board will evaluate all absences to determine the status of the official.

### **ARTICLE II - DUES AND FEES**

Section I- Dues shall be paid annually by Nov. 15. Chapter dues and other fees shall be determined by the Executive Board based on NJSIAA and other the Chapter requirements.

- A. If paid late but before Dec. 15, a late fee will be assessed.  
If not received by Jan. 15, an additional late fee will be charged.

B. Non-payment by Feb. 15 will indicate a lack of desire to officiate and he/she will be dropped from the Arbiter.

**Section II - Cadets shall pay an initial fee for the (cadet) training program, which shall include the dues the Chapter.**

### **ARTICLE VII- Uniform and Equipment**

Section I – The uniform shall consist of the following

- A. A shirt approved by NJSIAA, with the state patch on the left sleeve.
  1. One inch black and white stripe shirt or mutually agreed upon colored shirt.

- B. Black kilt, culottes (skort), shorts (appropriate length and style), or trousers.
- C. Appropriate, mostly black footwear.
- D. A whistle
- E. Warning cards (green triangle, yellow square, and red circle) approx. 3 inches square in size.
- E. A two-inch ring to be used, when necessary, to check the legality of sticks.
- F. A watch suitable for timing the game.
- G. Black and white striped jacket or mutually agreed upon outerwear.
- H. Visible undergarment(s) must be black.

Section II – Equipment to bring to a game

- A. The official rulebook
  - B. A pencil for recording important game information (carding, time outs, etc).
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