

Interpretation/Business Meeting 2026
Wednesday, August 26, 2026. 6:00-8:00pm
Oak Knoll Lower School Gymnasium Classroom

NOE2 Field Hockey Chapter

Be sure to come prepared! Read your 2026 NFHS Rulebook.
PAY ATTENTION TO THE RULE CHANGES AND THE POINTS OF EMPHASIS.
Bring your 2026 Rulebook and NJSIAA Handbook for Officials (Green).

Ray, the Smitty Uniform rep will be at this meeting.

SEND ANY/ALL QUESTIONS BY **MONDAY, AUGUST 24** TO OUR CHAPTERS EMAIL:
nechapter2nj@gmail.com or PLACE ON SLIP OF PAPER YOU CAN GET WHEN SIGNING IN.

Oak Knoll (host) requires an 8:00pm end time. Please be prompt.

AGENDA: Interpretation Meeting and the Chapter Business Meeting

6:00 pm

President: Allen Tanko: Welcome to the 2026 season
Introduction: New Vice President, Cheryl Grande
compensation proposal for 2027-2028
\$108 V, \$76 sub Varsity proposal
Special Recognition for Anita Blomberg 60 years officiating

INTERPRETATION MEETING: 6:05pm-7:20pm

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A. Introduction of State Interpreter: Allen Tanko
State Rules Interpreter Char Heenan will review
2026 Rule Changes 1-6-1 p14 Mouth protectors must protect, nothing hanging out
Sub/PC p 31, PC no subs except for goalie if ill, injured, suspended, dq If disqualified or
suspended-fully kitted goalie, one field player goes off, team continues with one fewer player
Be Preventative ask goalie if mouthguard, wrap around each time out, quarter etc..
4-4-3 new language to keep all honest
10-3-3 p49-50 Attacker enters early on PC, inserter goes back to 50yd line

Points of Emphasis

Retaken vs subsequent corners p 49-50
difference between foul happens during initial penalty corner before completion
original penalty corner is retaken

Subsequent is new foul by defenders 10-3-1

NFHS sends weekly updates and rules info and info is wrong so a new one is coming out

PC mechanics-correct spot, hand in air or do a visual open palm, consistent corner,
Positioning, aerals, back of stick and more!

if sub comes in early, not involved in play let it go, be pro-active, look for a sub remind them at
end of initial corner only

Trail on PC-pre game-blow or say jump look off ball, no break early, height of first shot back
swing,

Goalie replacement during pc-rules 4-4-3, 10-3-1 p31, p49 be preventative

Wire cage facemasks-hs is choice to wear mask or not Remind them to remove if possible

card if above the 25yd line when dead ball, try to voice get it off if possible

Aerials: thrown-raised, flight landing and wherever danger occurs free hit happens, raised hit has a backswing is questioned as does it lead to danger-where it was hit Cannot legally raise ball during play-illegal skill being used, po-p up or deflection danger as one stick touched ball to bring it up...review aerials, pop up etc using video and evasive action by D

NJSIAA changes in Sportsmanship Violations
Rules Test on Arbiter and other things with Arbiter,

NOTE: There are multiple (10) attempts allowed to pass the test. NJSIAA 'Eligibility' requires all umpires to pass the test. NJSIAA is enforcing its deadlines; Games may be removed.

7:00pm - 7:20pm

B. Chapter Rules Interpreter, Lesley Loeb, will review
Handouts given at the meeting read and use the other as written, cannot change NJSIAA rules..

DQ and suspension handout

in OT must complete cards and team doesn't start 7, would be short acc to time left on card

PC substitution-only injured goalie, no one else

back of the stick fouls-trail has best view, goalie uses back of stick-stroke, D behind goalie hit in belly stroke, hit in belly in front of Goalie-PC

NJAC vs NJAC 3Q one team winning by 6 goals in 3rd quarter if complete, game over Mercy rule

Face mask rule: softball mask is not legal for fh, cannot wear to defend

have coaches obey the 5 yd rule

Season reminders

Sportsmanship violations new structure from NJSIAA please read hold fans accountable, keeping track at state, Red card-flagrant flag no subs allowed,

CHAPTER MEETING: 7:20pm-8:00pm

7:20-7:25

1. President Allen Tank0

Announcement: Vice-President, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary positions up for election in November; Nominating committee in place

7:25-7:30

2. Treasurer Jane Donnelly:

Treasurer's report 3943.82

Dues for 2027-2028 \$55 ; Payment due dates 11/15 \$65 by check or venmo

7:30-7:35**3. Vice-President Cheryl Hergert Grande**

Present overview/summary of the NJSIAA Points of Emphasis meeting Spectator code of conduct, all schools have it, read sportsmanship statement, Arbiter insurance to officiate, Conflict of Interest: be smart-work in school, within 10 yrs, close relative, child in school Be smart With an issue with a school-AD asked not to accept game due to a red card last year— don't do it to yourself

Review the Code of Ethics: See the Constitution& ByLaws on website, please read so you understand your job, work with NJSIAA, uphold honor and professionalism, physical and mental preparedness, on time, uniform, respect student athletes and will get it back, injury can happen, emergency arises let all know, ethical approach all over

7:35-7:40**4. Cadet Chair: Nora Boyer**

Introductions of new cadets, picture of our newbies

Asked cadets to reach out to raters and get their ratings set up

Reminders: Rating process: Cadets-5 for initial season, if aspire to be a junior 3 must say you are a junior Juniors 3 to aspire to be a jr ; if a Jr must have 5 recommending you are a senior, Rater's responsibilities to help whenever possible, text or send a picture must be legible and encouraging, plan for future to assist someone to develop, or progress

7:40-7:45**5. Recording Secretary and Senior Chair: Kitty White**

Seasonal Reminders: Ratings, Red card notification, any/all issues
slides for recognition/awareness/action
misconduct/

7:45-7:50**6. Corresponding Secretary: Joanne McKenna**

Access to Arbiter; Handout Sportsmanship Cards

7:50-8:00pm**7. PLAY DAY INFORMATION**

Allan Tanko and Cheryl Grande

MAINTAIN YOUR STATUS as a member in good standing:

ATTEND two (2) of the three (3) Business Meetings for the season:

Remaining Meetings via Zoom:

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026 7:30pm. ZOOM

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 7:30pm ZOOM

If you cannot attend the meetings, be sure to email the Chapter account, including the required information.

Adjourned at 744pm