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EVENT GUIDE

NOVEMBER 22ND-24TH, 2024

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ABOUT US

The mission of the National Field Hockey League is to promote and grow the sport of field hockey by providing a member-centered governing structure for club teams, improving access to competitive play, facilitating educational trainings, and building community.

Since 1997, the NFHL has grown to include more than 120 colleges and universities from across the United States. The NFHL is the official governing body for USA collegiate club field hockey.

The National Field Hockey League is a registered 501c3 organization. For more information, visit our website at www.nationalfieldhockeyleague.com.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Player eligibility is determined by each school's governing club sports participation policies. The NFHL abides by and enforces each school's eligibility policies. Each school must submit a roster that is verified by a Club Sports Representative, validating that all players are eligible to participate based on their specific school policies.

The NFHL is a coed league and has been since its inception in 1997.

The NFHL is deeply committed to the safety and well-being of all participants in league events. **Effective 1/1/24, the NFHL adopted a zero-tolerance Code of Conduct policy** and believes that these measures will contribute towards a more positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. ***The Code of Conduct applies to anyone attending or participating in an NFHL event.***

27TH ANNUAL FALL CHAMPIONSHIP & CHALLENGE CUP

This is the 27th Annual Fall Tournament weekend, the Championship being invite-only and Challenge Cup open to all active teams. These are two highly competitive tournaments, showcasing incredible collegiate field hockey clubs from schools across the US.



ABOUT US

FALL RANKINGS

Only teams that played at least 7 regular 2024 fall season games were ranked by:

- Average game points per game (**AVE GP** = total game points / # games played)
 - Tiebreaker #1: greatest average goal differential (**AVE GD** = total goals scored – total goals against / # games played)
 - Tiebreaker #2: least average goals against (**AVE GA** = total goals against / # games played)
 - Tiebreaker #3: greatest average goals scored (**AVE GS** = total goals scored / # games played)

CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATION DETAILS

- Played minimum 7 games vs. active NFHL teams.
- Maximum 2 forfeit wins count towards record.
- Up to 2 games vs. same opponent will count towards record.
- The top 16 teams will advance to championship after the adjustments above.

CHALLENGE CUP ELIGIBILITY

- The Challenge Cup is open to all active NFHL teams. There are no minimum game requirements.

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE & SCHEDULE*

- The preliminary schedule will be released early-November. The final schedule will be released by November 15th (subject to change).
- Teams will play 4 pool play games, consisting of 23-minute halves. **Subject to change.**
- Pool play games will be held on Friday and Saturday of the tournament.
- Teams that requested a Friday exemption or late start, will be notified by email if granted.
- Six Championship and six Challenge Cup teams will advance to their respective playoffs.
- The Championship games will be held at 11:45am ET on Sunday.
- Games may need to be switched/rearranged due to reasons outside of our control.
- Teams must be available to play from 7am-7pm on Friday (unless you request a Friday exemption), 7am-7pm on Saturday, and 7am-2pm on Sunday.

**Subject to change due to inclement weather, cancellations or extenuating circumstances.*

ELIGIBILITY, TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE & SCHEDULE

**SCHEDULE -
UPDATED 11/11**

FALL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

FALL 2024 STATS

FALL 2024 RANK	SCHOOL	GAMES	WIN	TIE	LOSS	GS	GA	GD	GAME PTS	AVE GP
1	Boston College (A)	8	7	1	0	44	5	39	18	2.25
2	University of Georgia (A)	7	7	0	0	22	2	20	15	2.14
3	University of Virginia (A)	10	8	1	1	38	10	28	21	2.10
4	Penn State University (A)	13	10	3	0	58	7	51	27	2.08
5	University of Michigan (A)	7	7	0	0	52	0	52	14	2.00
6	University of Massachusetts Amherst (A)	13	11	1	1	45	9	36	26	2.00
7	Virginia Tech (A)	9	7	1	1	30	8	22	18	2.00
8	University of Maryland (A)	10	7	1	2	33	14	19	18	1.80
9	University of Vermont (A)	10	7	2	1	24	6	18	18	1.80
10	Duke University (A)	9	7	0	2	44	12	32	16	1.78
11	University of Alabama (A)	9	8	0	1	21	7	14	16	1.78
12	University of North Carolina - Wilmington (A)	8	7	0	1	37	11	26	14	1.75
13	Georgetown University (B)	7	5	1	1	22	11	11	11	1.57
14	Temple University (A)	9	5	1	3	22	8	14	13	1.44
15	Saint Josephs University (B)	9	5	0	4	15	17	-2	13	1.44
16	Northeastern University (B)	12	5	4	3	34	9	25	17	1.42

CHALLENGE CUP TEAMS

SCHOOL		
College of William and Mary	Messiah University	University of Miami
Drexel University	Quinnipiac University	University of Pennsylvania
Fairfield University	The College of New Jersey	University of Pittsburgh
George Washington University	Towson University	University of Tennessee
James Madison University	United States Naval Academy	Villanova University
Liberty University	University of Delaware	Virginia Commonwealth University
		Wake Forest University



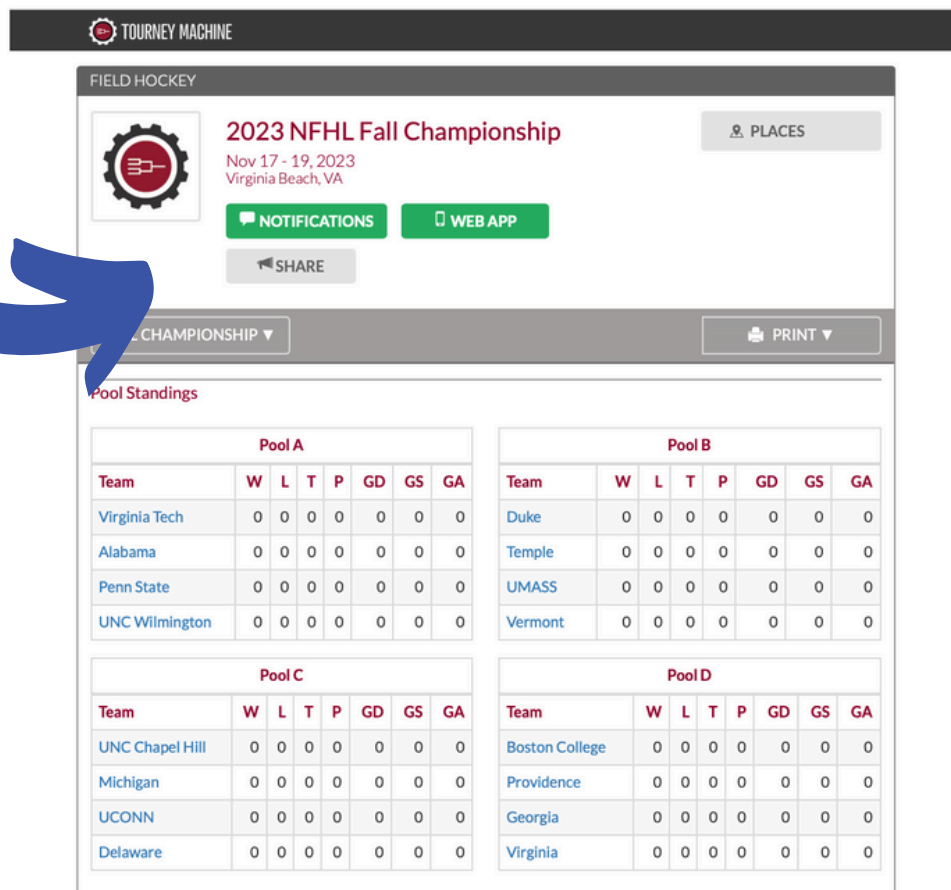
**CHAMPIONSHIP
& CHALLENGE
CUP TEAMS**

RESULTS & STANDINGS

Coaches, players and spectators can easily see live results and standings on [our website](#).

Stay even more informed by downloading the Tourney Machine app and search for our event. *More information will be released closer to the tournament.*

To follow your favorite team, click “NOTIFICATIONS”, select your team and enter your preferred contact method.



The screenshot displays the 'TOURNEY MACHINE' interface for the '2023 NFHL Fall Championship' held from Nov 17 - 19, 2023 in Virginia Beach, VA. The page features a navigation bar with 'FIELD HOCKEY' and '2023 NFHL Fall Championship' dropdown menus, and a 'PRINT' button. Below the navigation, there are buttons for 'PLACES', 'NOTIFICATIONS', 'WEB APP', and 'SHARE'. The main content area is titled 'Pool Standings' and contains four tables for Pool A, Pool B, Pool C, and Pool D. Each table lists teams and their performance metrics: Wins (W), Losses (L), Ties (T), Points (P), Goals Differential (GD), Goals Scored (GS), and Goals Against (GA).

Pool A							
Team	W	L	T	P	GD	GS	GA
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penn State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNC Wilmington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pool B							
Team	W	L	T	P	GD	GS	GA
Duke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temple	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UMASS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pool C							
Team	W	L	T	P	GD	GS	GA
UNC Chapel Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UCONN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pool D							
Team	W	L	T	P	GD	GS	GA
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

This is from last year's tournament. The new Tourney Machine will be released closer to the tournament and teams will be notified.



RESULTS & STANDINGS

APPAREL ORDERS - DUE 11/15

All apparel must be pre-ordered by November 15th. Items must be picked up at the Information Table at Field 1 (we cannot ship orders). **We do not carry a lot of inventory at the tournament, so we highly recommend you pre-order if you would like tournament swag!**

Bundle a sweatshirt and t-shirt to save 10%! Offer expires 11/10.



Bella + Canvas T-Shirt

- Heather Sky Blue
- Unisex sizing
- 3001CVC
- Sponsors listed on back

TOURNAMENT APPAREL

Champion Adult Reverse Weave® Crew and Hoodie

- Navy blue with white embroidery
- 12oz, 80% cotton, 20% polyester
- Unisex sizing
- **BUNDLE** with a t-shirt and save 10% on sweatshirt! **Offer expires 11/10**

[ORDER ONLINE](#)

CODE OF CONDUCT: ZERO TOLERANCE

- All teams will be required to send a signed [Code of Conduct](#) simultaneous with the submission of your verified roster for all NFHL tournaments and events. Please note that it is the captain/coach's responsibility to ensure that all individuals associated with your team, including, but not limited to, players and spectators, are aware of and understand the policy ahead of the tournament. The NFHL is deeply committed to the safety and well-being of all participants in league events and believe that these measures will contribute towards a more positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Key Points:

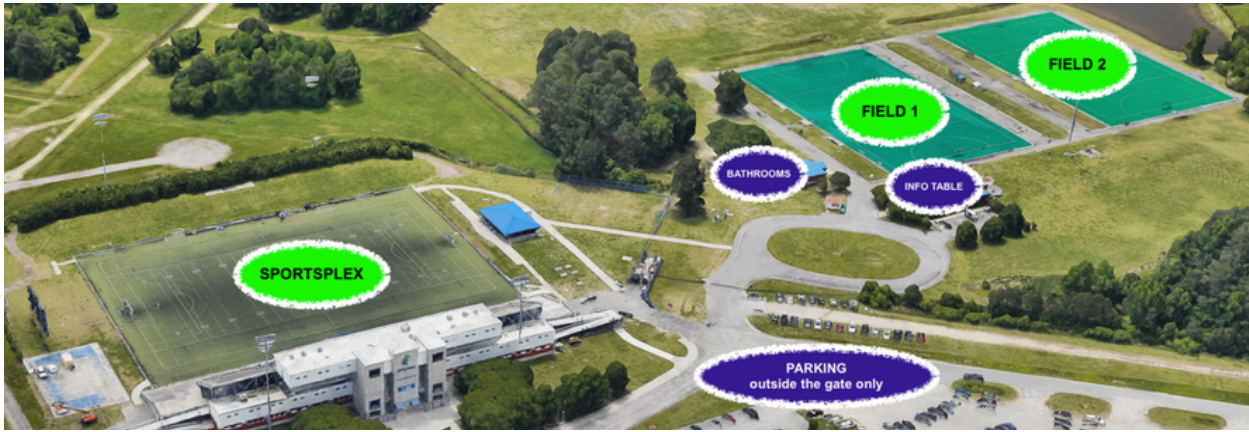
- Zero Tolerance Policy: The NFHL operates under a zero-tolerance policy for any form of discrimination, harassment, or derogatory comments based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic.
- Immediate Consequences: Any individual found in violation of the zero-tolerance policy will face immediate consequences, including removal from the premises or expulsion of their team from the tournament.
- Team Responsibility: Teams, especially coaches/captains, are responsible for ensuring that their fans/spectators adhere to the Code of Conduct. Separate incidents involving different individuals supporting the same team will result in the entire team's disqualification from the tournament.
- Reporting: All instances of misconduct or violations of the Code of Conduct should immediately be reported to the NFHL via GroupMe message, followed by a detailed email to info@nationalfieldhockeyleague.com.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us promote our mission and uphold the values of respect and sportsmanship. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the [Code of Conduct](#), please contact info@nationalfieldhockeyleague.com.

[CODE OF CONDUCT](#)



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**LOCATION 1:
FIELD HOCKEY TRAINING CENTER & SPORTSPLEX**

2181 Landstown Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Fields 1 & 2 - Water-Based AstroTurf Sportsplex - field turf

The information table, shirt pickup and NFHL staff are located at Field 1.

Dogs permitted; must be leashed, not tied to any fences or stands, and in direct supervision of owner at all times.

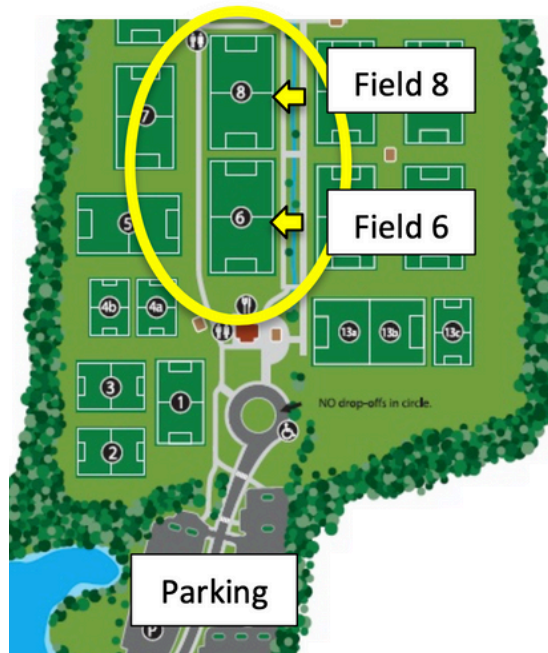
**LOCATION 2:
HAMPTON ROADS SOCCER
COMPLEX**

2276 Recreation Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Fields #6 and #8 - field turf

This location is not within walking distance from
Location 1 (5-min drive, 1.8 miles).

Dogs not permitted.



PARTNER HOTELS

all hotels are 20-25 minutes from the fields

1) **Hilton Garden Inn Town Center**

252 Town Center Dr
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
(757) 326-6200

2) **Hyatt House Virginia Beach**

Oceanfront

2705 Atlantic Ave
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(757) 428-4200

3) **SpringHill Suites Oceanfront (NEW!)**

901 Atlantic Ave
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(757) 417-3982

4) **Hyatt Place Virginia Beach Town**

Center

355 Independence Blvd
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
(757) 431-7000

5) **Hyatt Place Virginia Beach Oceanfront (NEW!)**

3601 Atlantic Ave
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(757) 300-5045

If you are arriving by bus/van, you must contact the hotel in advance to coordinate (fees may apply)!

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORMS & CHECK IN

If you will not have the credit card present with you at check-in (i.e. the rooms are being paid by a university credit card that you will not have physically with you), you must contact the hotel to request a credit card authorization form in advance. The hotel will send a credit card authorization link to the person responsible for paying for the rooms. ***If you do not complete this request prior to check-in, it will delay your ability to check in successfully upon arrival.***

To request a credit card authorization form:

- Check the website to confirm your hotel contact name and email
- Send the hotel contact:
 - Name of authorized person paying for the rooms and their email address
 - All reservation numbers for your rooms and the name on the reservation(s)



HOTELS

FRIDAY SOCIAL & VIEWING PARTY - Deadline November 15th

The Fall Tournament Social is an event to bring together all teams, their families and friends. There will be food, games, raffles, music AND a live viewing party of a NCAA D1 Semifinal game at 3pm! Parents, friends and family are invited to attend! The social will be held at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex Pavilion, next to the Training Center (Location 1). The event starts at 3pm ET! Tickets are \$12 per player and \$15 for spectators. Tickets must be purchased by November 15th.

**PUCHASE
EVENT TICKETS**

Admission includes:

- Pizza dinner party and food
- Music, games, raffle and more!
- Live viewing party (on the big screen!) for the NCAA D1 Semifinal Game (starts at 3pm)
- Cash bar for guests 21+

BOXED LUNCH DELIVERY - Deadline November 10th

If you would like to order boxed lunches for your team, delivered to the Training Center Field 1, please email korinna@beachsportsplex.com with your request. [View the menu here.](#)

RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS

- El Azteca
- Plaza Degollado
- Duck Donuts
- Huddle House
- Nando's PERi-PERi
- Pochahontas Pancake House
- Tupelo Honey Southern Kitchen
- Yard House
- Ynot Italian
- Mannino's Italian Bistro
- Eat: An American Bistro
- Beachside Social
- Pelon's Baja Grill Oceanfront
- Smokey Bones Virginia Beach

DOWNTIME ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

- Walk along the Virginia Beach Boardwalk
- Visit the Virginia Aquarium
- Visit Virginia Beach Town Center - restaurant, stores, and entertainment
- Go to Apex Entertainment Virginia Beach (bowling, go-karts, arcade, laser tag, & more)
- Play Mini Golf
- Escape an Escape Room with your team



FOOD & FUN

HOTEL/FACILITY CONCERNS

If you have any significant concerns or issues with your hotel, please contact the NFHL immediately. We are here to help! It is important to the league that we continue to have great partnerships with our hotels, so we appreciate your help in making sure your team has a great stay. Please refrain from posting any negative reviews or comments about the hotel or facilities without addressing them with the NFHL first.

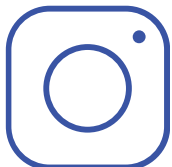
Please remember that your team represents the NFHL and your school, on and off the field. Disciplinary action will be taken against any player or team that causes damage to a hotel or facility property, or neglects any guidelines, protocols or rules.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Kristin Franck, *NFHL President*
 - (713) 396-0589
 - kristin@nationalfieldhockeyleague.com
- Lexi Rivet, *Director of Communications*
 - (978) 609-3027 or via NFHL Admin GroupMe
 - lexi@nationalfieldhockeyleague.com
- Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital - 1060 First Colonial Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23454
 - (757) 395-8000

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