



The National Field Hockey League (NFHL) is committed to keeping our players, staff, spectators and volunteers safe as we continue to manage the global public health situation around the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). We appreciate everyone's time and patience as we awaited announcements from colleges and universities on what restrictions would be in place for the fall semester. Although there are a couple of schools in our league who have not announced their fall plans, the majority of our teams have confirmed that they will **not** be allowed to play against other teams and participate in the NFHL 2020 fall season.

In compliance with these school restrictions, and to support the global effort of slowing the spread of COVID-19, **the National Field Hockey League has decided to suspend the Fall 2020 season and will not be hosting the 2020 NFHL Fall Championship.** However, all teams are required to complete any surveys sent out this fall and to complete the virtual annual meeting (rescheduled to later this fall - more details will be sent out in September/October). **Team accounts will only remain active if surveys are completed and the virtual annual meeting is attended.**

The NFHL will continue to support and engage teams (through surveys, social media opportunities, and more) this fall, and we are exploring different options for team participation in the spring of 2021. One option we are considering is a spring season and spring championship - this would look similar to our regular fall season, with a 16-team championship in April. This would be in addition to our normal Spring Tournament.

The NFHL will continue to monitor the situation with COVID-19 and safety will be our #1 priority when assessing whether a spring season and Spring Tournament is an option.

FAQs

Our team was supposed to attend the 2020 Spring Tournament. What happened to our dues that we paid?

For teams who were scheduled to attend the 2020 Spring Tournament, there is a \$500 credit on your account that can be applied to a future Spring Tournament.

My school is allowing us to travel and play games. Are we allowed to play other NFHL teams?



For teams who are attending schools that are allowing them to travel and play against other teams this fall, teams must be in full compliance with school rules and policies. Games must be reported to the NFHL at least 14 days in advance, and all players must follow any regulations (social distancing, sanitizing, masks, etc.) set forth by both schools. Scores should not be reported for these games, however the league must be notified in advance that the game is taking place.

Will we need to pay fall 2020 dues?

Dues will be waived for the fall 2020 season. If there is a spring 2021 season, dues will be collected for participation in that season. Full membership will be \$300 and Honorary membership will be \$100.

Do we need to complete any surveys sent out by the NFHL this fall?

Yes, all teams are required to complete any surveys sent out this fall. Although the fall 2020 season is suspended, the NFHL still needs active, virtual participation from its members. By completing our surveys, your team account will remain active until the spring.

Will there be a virtual annual meeting?

Yes, but the annual meeting is postponed until further notice. The NFHL officers will revise the annual meeting content based on whether we can host a spring 2021 season. More information will be sent out via email this fall.

Will there be a spring 2021 season or 2021 Spring Tournament?

The NFHL officers will continue to monitor and evaluate the options for a spring 2021 season, and will send out regular communications via email to all teams throughout the fall. A spring season or Spring Tournament is largely dependent on whether schools allow teams to play games, so we will need to wait to see what each school decides. More information about the Spring Tournament will be posted [here](#).

I still have questions. Who can I contact?

Please contact us at info@nationalfieldhockeyleague.com with any questions you may have.