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52nd ANNUAL PIAA FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three champions will be crowned.

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. – The 2026 PIAA Girls' Field Hockey Championships will take place Saturday, November 21, at Chapman Field on the campus of Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg, Pa. This year marks the 52nd annual PIAA Field Hockey Championship, continuing a tradition that spans more than five decades of championship competition.

The PIAA Board of Directors approved field hockey in November 1973, with the inaugural championship held in the spring of 1974. Elizabethtown High School claimed the first state championship, defeating Emmaus High School, 1-0, to etch its name into PIAA history.

Since its inception, the championship has been contested at venues across Pennsylvania, with Chapman Field at Cumberland Valley High School serving as the championship site since 2022. The championship has been held at nine venues throughout its history, with Zephyr Sports Complex hosting the most championships.

PIAA Field Hockey Championship host sites:
14: Zephyr Sports Complex, Whitehall (2008-2021)
9: Shippensburg University (1975-1977, 1981-86)
9: Ursinus College (1987-95)
6: Messiah University (1997-2001, 2003)
5: Cumberland Valley High School (2022-present)
3: Governor Mifflin High School (1987-89)
3: J. Birney Crum Stadium, Allentown (2005-2007)
2: Wissahickon High School (2002, 2024)
1: Villanova University (1996)

The 1974-75 school year marked a significant milestone in the growth of girls' athletics throughout Pennsylvania. The PIAA Board of Directors adopted six girls' sports for inaugural seasons, including golf, cross country, field hockey, volleyball, softball and track and field.

Field hockey began its championship history with a single classification in 1974. As participation and competition continued to grow, the sport expanded to two classifications just seven seasons later. The most recent classification expansion took place in 2016, further reflecting the continued growth of the sport across the Commonwealth.

3A Field Hockey Champions: *Council Rock/Emmaus co-champs in 1994; Palmyra/Penn Manor co-champs in 2014.*
25 different 3A Champions have been crowned.

16: Emmaus (1991-92, 1994, 1996-97, 2001, 2004-05, 2007, 2010, 2015-16, 2020-21, 2023, 2025)
7: Lower Dauphin (1993, 1998, 2006, 2009, 2012-13, 2022)
3: Warwick (1987, 1999, 2000), Penn Manor (2008, 2014, 2017)
2: Haverford (1975, 1982), Neshaminy (1983, 1990), Central Bucks East (1986, 2002), Methacton (1989, 1995)
1: Elizabethtown (1974), Manheim Central (1976), Cedar Crest (1977), Delaware Valley (1978), Great Valley (1979), Stroudsburg (1980), Central Bucks West (1981), Unionville (1984), East (1985), Downingtown (1988), Council Rock (1994), Wyoming Valley West (2003), Hempfield (2011), Palmyra (2014), Hershey (2018), Wilson (2019), Conestoga (2024)

2A Field Hockey Champions: *Three teams have won back-to-back titles.*
23 different 2A Champions have been crowned.

6: Wyoming Seminary (2001, 2006, 2008, 2010-11, 2013)
5: Crestwood (1988, 1999, 2003-04, 2012), Villa Maria Academy (1993-94, 2014, 2017, 2023)
3: Upper Moreland (1989, 1991-92), Palmyra (2005, 2020, 2025)
2: Oley Valley (1997, 2000), Twin Valley (2015, 2021), Donegal (2016, 2018)
1: Reading Holy Name (1981), Littlestown (1982), Springfield (Montco) (1983), Moravian Academy (1984), Lackawanna Trail (1985), Perkiomen Valley (1986-87), Northwestern Lehigh (1990), Middleburg (1995), Lake Lehman (1996, 2002), Southern Lehigh (1998), Mifflinburg (2007), Lehighton (2009), Wyoming Valley West (2019), Mechanicsburg (2022), Warwick (2024)

1A Field Hockey Champions: *Wyoming Seminary is the team to win consecutive titles.*
7 different 1A Champions have been crowned.

2: Wyoming Seminary (2018-21)
1: Moravian Academy (2016), Greenwood (2017), Boiling Springs (2022), Oley Valley (2023), West Perry (2024), Susquenita (2025)

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All media members are asked to familiarize yourself with the PIAA Handbook, Section II Policy and Procedures, pages 97-102. The championship schedule can be found here and a full list of any previous championship results.

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