



SHOOTING STAR
BLIZZARD BASH

Umpire
Information Packet
February 26 – February 28, 2021



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UMPIRE INFORMATION

CHECK – IN MANDATORY

All Umpires must check- in 30 minutes before your first game at the designated Umpire Tent Please touch base with PAM HIXON!

THE SCHEDULE WITH ZEBRAWEB MANDATORY

You will receive a “Welcome Letter” from Zebraweb
Please be sure to check that your email & cell phone information is correct

UMPIRE MEETING MANDATORY

Umpire Briefing Meeting: Monday, February 22nd @ 8pm
Zoom Meeting:
LINK WILL BE SENT TO YOU

PAPERWORK MANDATORY

All NEW Umpires will be emailed links for: W9, ACH, and Background checks.
We will contact you if we need it!

UNIFORM

3 Step Sports will provide a short sleeve UMPIRE t-shirt that must be worn for all games. You can wear your own gear, if needed, under.



UMPIRE INFORMATION

UMPIRE HOSPITALITY

Please join us in the Hospitality Area for food, snacks & drinks offered throughout the tournament.

Breakfast (Sa, Su)	7:30am – 9:30am
Lunch (Sa)	11:30am-1:30pm
Dinner (Fr, Sa)	5:30pm-7:30pm

- Snacks and drinks available all day

CENTRAL HORN

3Step Sports Staff will be running a central horn

Please adhere to this for the start/stop of games and half-times

Format: 23/4/23

ALL games require a VIDEO line-up 2 minutes before game time- please assist the teams to make that happen. (10 minutes between games)



We look forward to hosting SSBB 2021. Our staff is fully prepared and ready to execute a safe event. It will require the cooperation and commitment of EVERYONE attending. Simply stated: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please be familiar with the guidelines below and share this with anyone attending.

These are NON-NEGOTIABLES! Clubs not following these protocols will forfeit the game and continued disregard of protocols will result in being removed from the Tournament completely.

HEALTH SCREENING

Everyone entering the Dome will be required to complete a self-assessment prior to entering. Entrance will also require a participant or spectator wristband. Athletes, coaches and umpired will have temperature screening before entering on the fields of play.

An email will be sent out to all participants from the 3Step Staff each morning for a self-wellness check.

ROSTERS & CHECK IN

Final Rosters due February 17, 2021 at 2pm. Edits after February 17th can only be completed at team check in on Friday, February 26th. UPDATES should be made in your Leagues Apps account

**** These will be FINAL- no adds can be made at check in. Only edits to your current players info E.G. Jersey #**

Team Check in is available Friday, February 26th @ The Dome ***Highly encouraged!** Or 1 hour before your first game

GAMES

Game Schedule in Tourney Machine: Search for Shooting Star Blizzard Bash

Format: 50-minute games: 23-minute halves – 4-minute half-time

Warm-up: There is NO stick and ball warmup permitted on the track or anywhere OFF the fields. Body warm-up are allowed on the track. After teams are admitted to the fields, you can warm-up on your half. WE WILL PROVIDE BALLS – do not bring your own! FACE COVERINGS ON during warm-up! Teams CANNOT enter the field until the field marshal meets them at the entry and conducts temperature checks.

- Video line-ups will occur 2 minutes before game time
- Teams MUST clear the bench and exit the fields immediately following the game

Flow Of Traffic: Refer to attached for Field and Facility flow of traffic, essentially flow in a clockwise pattern

Face coverings MANDATED: Sidelines, bench, half- time, team meetings & warm-up for players AND Coaches

**** Face coverings during active play on the field are always encouraged but not mandated**

Tech table: There is hand sanitizer spray at every table- please use it!

Scores: NO touch score reporting. The field marshal will only verbally confirm the score with you

Umpires & Tech Table: You MUST socially distance if you are addressing either

REMINDERS

Equipment: NO sharing of equipment. That includes corner masks. SUBS are allowed on corners

No team tents and tailgating in the parking lots. No team benches and no stands.

Face coverings are MANDATED for everyone off the fields: Spectators, Players, Coaches, Umpires, Vendors, Athletic Trainers, and Staff

Players, coaches and spectators CANNOT arrive earlier than **30-minutes before their first game** of the day and are asked to exit the Dome within **30-minutes after their last game of the day**

SPECTATORS

Each athlete will be allocated 1 wristband. Spectators MUST have this wristband ON to be at the field

**** Children <2 years do not require a wristband. Children > 2 years old must have a wristband & be masked These are SPECIFIC to the team that their child plays ON!**

All wristbands will be issued to the club coaches. It is their responsibility to distribute!

**** Extra wristbands will NOT be issued**

Face coverings are MANDATED at all times Social distancing is MANDATED at all times

WASH your hands! Hand sanitizer is provided throughout the facility

Vendor Area will be monitored to ensure traffic flow, social distancing and congestion by 3Step Staff

TRAVEL INFORMATION

COMPETITION VENUE

Hampshire Dome

34 Emerson Road
Milford, NH 03055



HOTEL INFORMATION ROOM BLOCK ENDS

We recommend: **APEX Events**



UMPIRE HOTEL:

Double Tree

2 Somerset Pkwy
Nashua, NH 03063

VISIT NEW HAMPSHIRE: WHAT TO DO?

Whether you're a first timer, a regular visitor, or a Granite State native, there are endless adventures waiting for you in New Hampshire. The best part is, it's all close by! New Hampshire has a backyard vibe you'll be pressed to find anywhere else. Go climbing to the top of a scenic mountain in the morning, and be home to surf the seacoast at sunset. Feel the rush as you swoop past the trees on a zipline canopy tour, or roar through the woods on an ATV. Paddle through family-friendly Class II rapids, or catch a chairlift up our snow-covered slopes and race your friends downhill. Last one to the bottom buys a round of hot chocolate!

Find out more on things to do in New Hampshire at: <https://www.visitnh.gov/things-to-do>



ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE:

Guarantee: 5 games – 2 x 23 minute halves – 4-minute half-time

Teams listed as the HOME team will sit on the RIGHT side of the tech table when facing the field wearing LIGHT shirt and socks.

Teams listed as the AWAY team will sit on the LEFT side of the tech table when facing the field wearing DARK shirt and socks.

SCHEDULE:

Schedules are posted on our website. The schedule and all results will be posted on our App: **Shooting Star Blizzard Bash** in Tourney Machine.

Steps to find Schedule on Tourney Machine:

1. Search the Tourney Machine App
2. Search for FH event/NH
3. Choose Shooting Star Blizzard Bash

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Shooting Star and 3Step Sports Rules & Regulations can be found on Pages 10-12.

All athletes, coaches, umpires and spectators agree to Rules & Regulations when signing waivers on LeagueApps and attending the event.



ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

SOCIAL MEDIA:

We will recognize teams throughout the tournament for creativity on social media!
Make sure you tag:



@ShootingStarFH



college.connection



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FILMING:

There is NO outside filming allowed. ALL game filming is conducted by First Scout video ONLY.



MEDICAL INFORMATION

There will be one medical tent at the facility. The location of each tent is on the facility map.

The medical tent is also marked with a **RED** Medical feather flag

Athletic trainers are available to assist with injuries that occur at the Shooting Star Blizzard Bash Showcase.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In case of emergency the Athletic Trainers or 3Step Sports Staff will blow three short blasts with the air horns.

All Games should immediately stop.

All players, staff and spectators should depart the DOME immediately and find shelter in your cars.

Follow @ShootingStarFH for ALL updates.



POLICIES, RULES & REGULATIONS

Rule Modifications for 2020

Substitutions ARE allowed on defensive corners

Field players of the same team the choice of shorts or kilt/skirt as long as the shorts/kilt/skirt are of the same color and similar design/trim and cut.

Rules Governing Games:

NCAA RULES AND REGULATIONS that are in effect for play as of 05/20

General 7v7 Rules:

50-minute games: 2 x 23-minute halves/4-minute half-time

6 field players & 1 goalie at all times Maximum of 12 athletes/2 coaches per team

No extra field player for the GK is allowed

Teams are permitted to wear reversible pinnies, #'s are encouraged but not mandated

Corners Played: Corners defended with 4 field players + the goalie – remaining players line up at opponents 25-yard line

Playing Format

Points awarded: 3 = Win 1= Tie 0 = Loss ** Any game forfeited during the tournament results in a 0-3 loss

Tie breaker criteria for placing if necessary: Total Points

Head to head

Goals For

Goal differential = Goals for – Goals against:

**** No more than an 8 goal difference will count for the differential.** If tie still exists, coin –flip decides

Team Colors:

Team listed as the HOME team and will wear LIGHT shirt and socks.

Team listed as the AWAY team will wear DARK shirt and socks.

Rules Governing Team/Player Eligibility:

Only registered players for the **SHOOTING STAR** field hockey tournament and who agree to the following, may participate in tournament games:

Players may play “up” in age groups but may NOT play “down.”

No player may compete for, or be on a roster for, more than one team during the tournament.

Any team with a player in violation of these rules will forfeit the game that this player is known to have competed in. **Any player, fan or coach ejected from a game will be prohibited from competing in his/her team's next game.** Decisions on the field will be the final ruling. Any disrespectful behavior toward an official or other tournament personnel will result in expulsion for the remainder of the tournament.

Spectators will need to show respect to all Umpires, Players, Coaches & Staff. Bad behavior will not be tolerated. Should umpires or tournament directors deem that a spectator, player, or coach needs to be removed from the tournament site(s), **it will be the responsibility of the COACH from the offender's team to remove the offender from the site. No Exceptions, No Refunds.**

Filming:

There is NO outside filming allowed. ALL game filming is conducted by First Scout video ONLY.

Team Area and Substitutions:

Team listed as the HOME team will sit at the bench and defend the goal to the RIGHT of their bench as per facing the field.

Team listed as the AWAY team will sit at the bench and defend the goal to the LEFT of their bench as per facing the field.

Up to two coaches per team are allowed in the team's area. No equipment or unauthorized persons may be in the team area.

All players who are not on the pitch are substitutes on the team's bench. Substitutions on and off the pitch must be made from the side of the pitch where the team benches are located within 3 meters of the center of the pitch.

Suspended coaches are strictly prohibited from being in the team areas and cannot participate in any kind of coaching activities until their suspension has been served.

POLICIES, RULES & REGULATIONS

Release and Waiver of Liability

Waivers were done automatically during registration through LeagueApps

Scoring & Score Reporting

Each field will be assigned a Field Marshal. They will record the score on a scorecard for each game.

At the end of each game **both umpires will confirm** final score and any misconducts or expulsions. At the end of each game **both COACHES will confirm the scorecard** to confirm final score and accuracy.

Any challenges must be made immediately following the game with the Umpires, opposing Coach and Field Marshal on that field. **Once the scorecard is confirmed by all parties, the score is considered final.**

NO TOUCH- the Field Marshal will be the **ONLY** one touching the scorecard. They will confirm the score with all parties and indicate confirmation with a check mark.

Forfeits:

If a game is forfeited, the opposing team earns a 3-0 win.

A team will forfeit a game under the following circumstances:

- A team does not show up for a match
- A team declares forfeit
- A team arrives more than 5 minutes after the start of the match time
- A team does not have proper uniform qualifications and refuses/is unprepared to change
- A team has less than 4 players dressed in proper uniform after 5 minutes grace period (7v7)
- An ineligible player participates in the game
- A suspended coach does not leave the game area within 1 minute of being suspended
- A suspended coach does not report to the tournament table within 5 minutes after the game and does not stop all team contact during the remainder of the game in which the suspension occurred
- A team refuses to play or removes their team from the field of play for any reason

Misconduct:

Green and Yellow cards will be administered per the 2020 Rules of Hockey with no modification. Coaches/team personnel can earn a Green or Red Card, and the team will not play short for cards given the coaches/personnel.

Player Green or Yellow Card

- Suspended players must report to the technical bench and sit for the suspension duration
- If no technical person is available to monitor the suspension, the team coach is responsible for the player serving the full suspension

Player Red Card

- Suspended player sits on their designated bench for the remainder of the match and the team must play short
- Suspended player is also suspended from the team's next game in that division. **If the player receives 2 red cards during the tournament, they are suspended from all play for the remainder of the tournament**
- Suspended player must report to the tournament table within 5 minutes of the end of the game in which they were suspended and return their player wristband

Coach Red Card

- Coach must leave the playing area within 1 minute of receiving the red card and cannot have any contact with the team for the remainder of the match. A replacement coach is allowed.
- Coach tournament wristband will be removed
- The team does not play short for a coach suspension
- If permanently suspended from a match, the coach is suspended from the team's next game in that division
- If the coach coaches' multiple teams, the suspension is specific to the team that the coach received the suspension with

Red Cards Administrative Procedures

- Suspended players and coaches can return to the tournament table after the team has completed its next game to receive a new tournament wristband. If applicable, a replacement coach can receive a temporary wristband for the team's next game
- Umpires will notify the Umpire Managers of any issued red cards immediately after the game in which they were given

POLICIES, RULES & REGULATIONS

Appeals Procedure for Game Protests

- Teams are granted one Challenge per tournament for the review or change of a posted score.
- If the score is posted wrongly, and confirmed on the official scorecard, the results will be updated correctly and the team keeps their one challenge to be used later in the tournament, if needed.
- If the score posted reflects the score on the official scorecard that the team is challenging, the team will lose its Challenge and is not able to challenge results for the remainder of the tournament
- For Challenge questions or concerns, contact Ainslee Lamb at ainslee@threestep.com

Refund Policy

No refund of any kind for any team that registers and withdraws anytime on or after February 12, 2021.

No refunds will be issued if the tournament is shortened in part for any reason, including inclement weather or any other "Act of God."

No refund for any team that is removed from the tournament by the tournament director for using illegal players or behavior that requires the team to be removed from the tournament.

Shooting Star or its staff will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team, club, or organization if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part.

Weather Policy

In the event of adverse weather, the tournament director reserves the right to: Reduce game times in order to catch up with schedule, finish games before inclement weather arrives, or to preserve field conditions or reschedule games, if possible.

Every attempt will be made to update cancellations on the website. However, weather conditions can change rapidly and all teams should be prepared to play as soon as weather and fields are playable. Updates will be announced on twitter [@shootingstarfh](https://twitter.com/shootingstarfh)

The directors reserve the right to cancel, shorten, or reschedule tournament games due to inclement weather, poor field conditions, or player & fan safety concerns. No refunds will be granted if these actions are necessary.

Transgender Athletes Policy** Shooting Star will adopt and implement the NCAA Policies.

The following policies clarify participation of transgender student-athletes undergoing hormonal treatment for gender transition:

1. A trans male (FTM) student-athlete who has received a medical exception for treatment with testosterone for diagnosed Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for purposes of NCAA competition may compete on a men's team, but is no longer eligible to compete on a women's team without changing that team status to a mixed team.
2. A trans female (MTF) student-athlete being treated with testosterone suppression medication for Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for the purposes of NCAA competition may continue to compete on a men's team but may not compete on a women's team without changing it to a mixed team status until completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment.

Any transgender student-athlete who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate in sex-separated sports activities in accordance with his or her assigned birth gender.

- A trans male (FTM) student-athlete who is not taking testosterone related to gender transition may participate on a men's or women's team.
- A trans female (MTF) transgender student-athlete who is not taking hormone treatments related to gender transition may not compete on a women's team.

For review, NCAA policy: http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Transgender_Handbook_2011_Final.pdf.

3STEP SPORTS/SHOOTING STAR CONTACT LIST



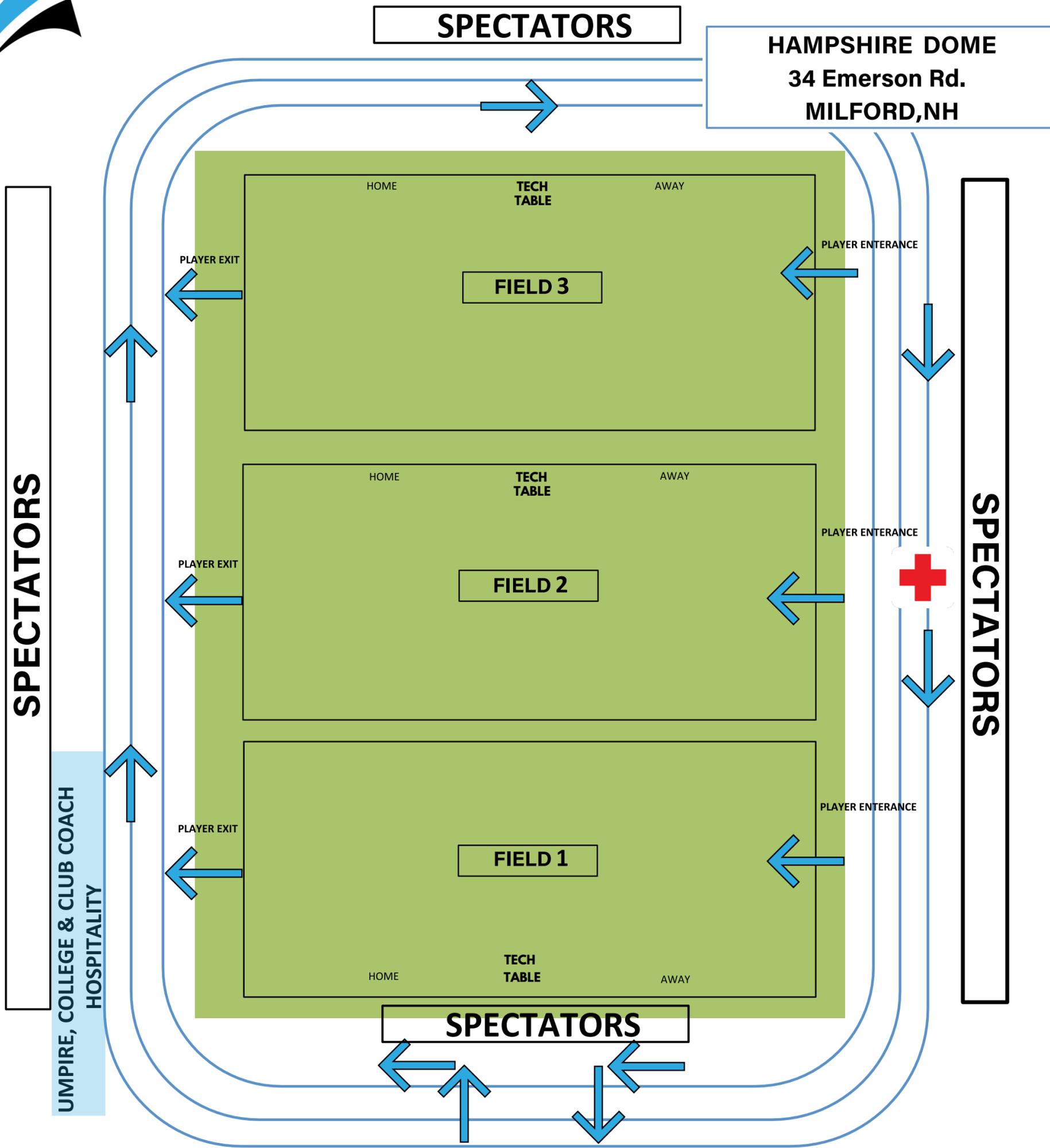
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Facility Map

SPECTATORS SHOULD BRING CHAIRS



VENDOR VILLAGE
 Presenting Sponsor - YOLO
 Shooting Star Information Table

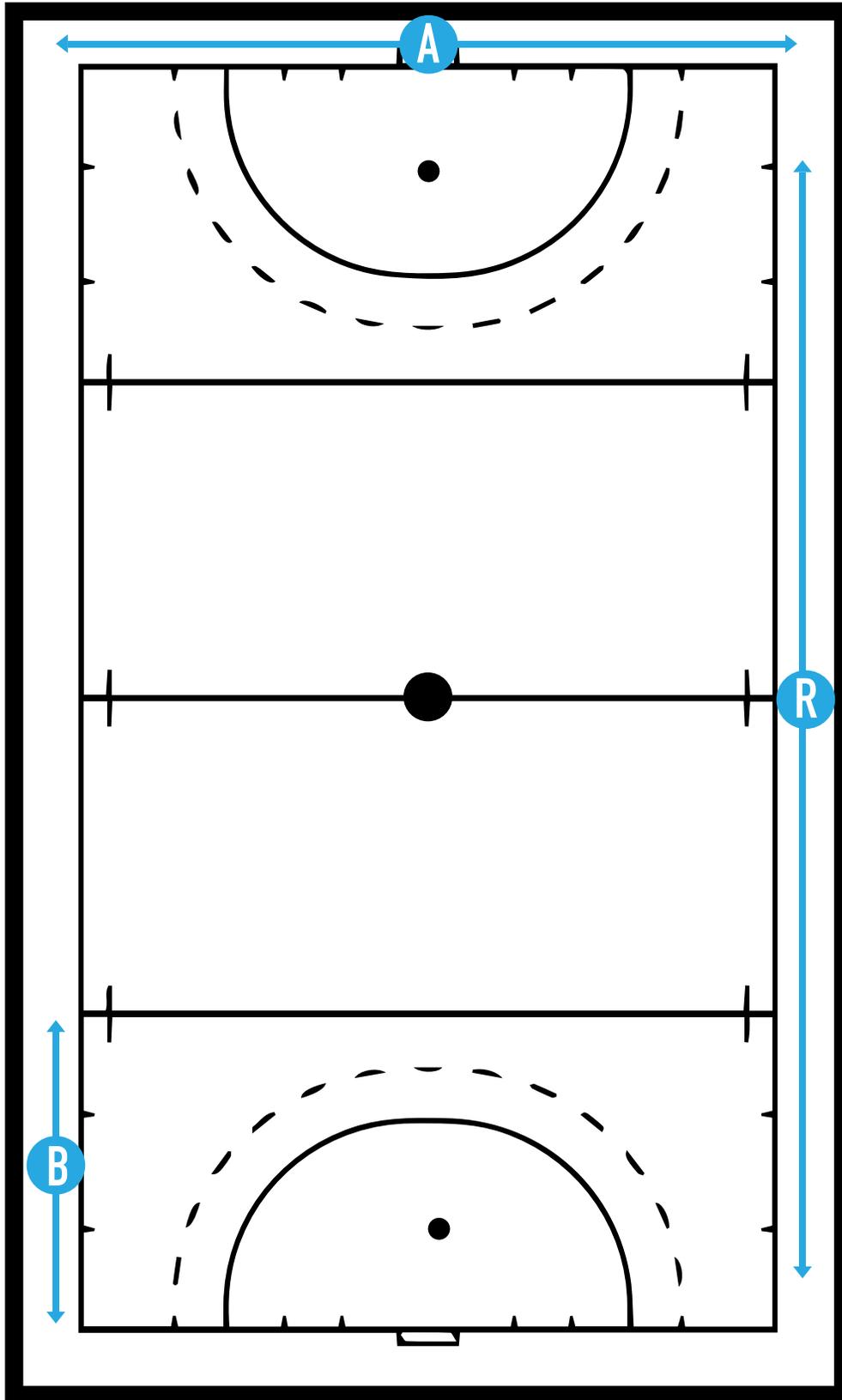
**CONCESSION/
 BATHROOMS**

ENTRANCE
 SELF-ASSESSMENT &
 WRISTBAND CHECK



SPECTATORS SHOULD BRING CHAIRS

FIELD HOCKEY HALF FIELDS-----7vs7



A=45 yd WIDTH of field
B=25 yd
R=60 yd= LENGTH of field

Defensive Penalty Corners
- FULL Defensive PC #'s
- Remaining 2 players are at the opposite 25 yard line