

THE CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



CIAC Coronavirus Update for Tournament Play

The CIAC is collaborating with the office of the Commissioner of Education (SDE) and Department of Public Health (DPH) to stay up to date on how the coronavirus is impacting Connecticut schools. At this time, no schools in Connecticut have been closed. The CIAC is closely monitoring the latest information and reports from the SDE and DPH. Currently, we are proceeding with our boys swimming, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and hockey tournaments as scheduled. Our staff will be evaluating our tournaments on a daily basis to judge any impact of school closings or increased outbreaks and any changes will be communicated to our membership promptly. We are asking schools and facilities that are hosting games to clean the seating areas prior to participant and spectator arrival. Also, the CIAC respects the commitment of our student-athletes to their respective teams. However, we are reminding student-athletes and parents that if they are sick, they should remain home from school and the game.

Over the past two weeks, the CIAC has successfully completed our indoor track, wrestling, gymnastics, dance, and cheerleading championships. These tournaments were completed without concern due to the diligence of our schools and spectators in attendance following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Connecticut DPH preventative recommendations. These recommendations can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html> and include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Please remain diligent in your efforts to prevent the spread of germs during this time of heightened concern. The CIAC will continue to closely monitor the situation within Connecticut and update our schools and the community on any changes to our remaining tournament schedules.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Lungarini", is written over a white background.

Glenn Lungarini

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