

Memo: CIAC 2025 Girls and Boys Basketball Championship Dates

From: CIAC Girls and Boys Basketball Committee

To: CIAC Member School Principals and Athletic Directors

Yesterday, the CIAC Boys and Girls Basketball Committees met and voted to move the 2025 state championship finals dates to March 15 and 16 (the original schedule was March 22 and 23). This change will not affect the season start dates but will affect the end dates.

Over the past week, the CIAC Boys and Girls Basketball Committees have met to discuss next year's (2025) basketball championships at Mohegan Sun. Playing at Mohegan Sun Arena is an exceptional experience for CIAC student-athletes. The privilege of playing at one of the world's most popular and sought-after arenas also has complexities. In March 2025, the arena is unavailable on the original CIAC basketball championship dates of March 22 and 23. Therefore, the CIAC Girls and Boys Basketball Committees were faced with deciding whether to move the CIAC Basketball Championships to March 15 and 16 or keep the calendar and play the 2025 championships at another venue.

Considering this, the CIAC basketball tournament directors, several league commissioners, and the CIAC officials liaison collaborated to develop a schedule that worked within existing season limitations and maintained the ability for leagues to conduct league tournaments. The ECC was also consulted to ensure that its league championships at Mohegan Sun could be accommodated.

Consideration for alternate championship sites raised concerns about parking capacity and the ability to play five games in a day if more time was needed between contests for the flow of traffic in and out of the facility. Furthermore, the consensus was that the student-athlete experience at Mohegan Sun Arena is unparalleled. Therefore, the CIAC Basketball Committees approved a one-year (March 2025) change in championship dates. Below is a breakdown of the date changes.

Girls Basketball First Date of Practice: December 2, 2024 (no change)

Girls Basketball First Date of Contest: December 13, 2024

Boys Basketball First Date of Practice: December 5, 2024 (no change)

Boys Basketball First Date of Contest: December 17, 2024

Last Date to Count for Boys and Girls Basketball: February 25, 2025

First Round of CIAC Tournament: Saturday, March 1, 2025

CIAC Championships: March 15 and 16, 2025

Calendar of possible dates for 2024-25 CIAC Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament - Adjusted 3/26/24						
This schedule allows for 20 playing dates (plus 3 rounds of league playoffs) without scheduling 3 games in a week						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/1/2024	12/2/2024 Girls 1st Practice	12/3/2024	12/4/2024	12/5/2024 Boys First Practice	12/6/2024	12/7/2024
12/8/2024	12/9/2024	12/10/2024	12/11/2024	12/12/2024	12/13/2024 First Allowable Girls Game	12/14/2024
12/15/2024	12/16/2024	12/17/2024 First Allowable Boys Game	12/18/2024	12/19/2024	12/20/2024	12/21/2024
2/23/2025	2/24/2025	2/25/2025 Last Day to Qualify both Girls and Boys	2/26/2025	2/27/2025 Qualifying Round both Girls and Boys	2/28/2025 Discussion on being an optional date for moving up 1st Round from Sat. to Fri.	3/1/2025 Boys 1st Round: DIII & DV Girls 1st Round: L, M & 1/2 MM
3/2/2025	3/3/2025 Boys 1st Round: DII & DIV Girls 1st Round: L, L, S & 1/2 MM	3/4/2025 Boys 2nd Round: DI, DIII, DV Girls 2nd Round: L, M	3/5/2025 Boys 2nd Round: DII, DIV Girls 2nd Round: L, L, M, M, S	3/6/2025 Boys Quarterfinals: DI, DIII, DV Girls Quarterfinals: L, M	3/7/2025 Boys Quarterfinals: DII, DIV Girls Quarterfinals: L, L, M, M, S	3/8/2025 Make-up Date
3/9/2025	3/10/2025 Boys Semi Finals: DI, DIII, DV Girls Semi Finals: L, M	3/11/2025 Boys Semi Finals: DII, DIV Girls Semi Finals: L, L, M, M, S	3/12/2025	3/13/2025 Boys and Girls Press Conference	3/14/2025 Tournament Dedication Night	3/15/2023 Mohegan Sun Championship Games
3/16/2025 Mohegan Sun Championship Games	3/17/2025	3/18/2025	3/19/2025	3/20/2025	3/21/2025	3/22/2025

Thank you,

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