

**The following schedule identifies start dates and contest dates for each spring sport.**

A list of CIAC staff responsible for spring sport committees can be found in the CIAC handbook ([https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciachandbook\\_2021.pdf](https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciachandbook_2021.pdf)).

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date	Max. Number of Regular Season Games	Max. Number of Games Per Week	Last Date to Count Tournament	Minimum Number of Games to Qualify	CIAC Tournament
Baseball	March 27 March 20— Pitchers and Catchers	April 10	20	3	May 27	10	Begin June 1 Finals June 11/12
Golf	March 27	April 10	16	3	June 2	8	All Classes June 7,8,9 Open TBA
Lacrosse	March 27	April 10	16	*2	May 26	8	Begin June 1 Finals June 12
Tennis	March 27	April 10	20	3	May 26	10	(Boys)Class May 28, 29 June 1, 2, 3 Open June 5, 7,8 (Girls) Class May 28, 29 June 1, 2, 3 Ind. June 5, 7, 8,9
Track	March 27	April 10	16	2	May 26	1	Class June 1,2,3 Open June 7 Decathlon TBA Heptathlon TBA
Boys Volleyball	March 27	April 10	20	3	May 27	10	Begin June 1 Finals June 10
Softball	March 27	April 10	20	3	May27	10	Begin June 1 Finals June 11/12

\*Three (3) games can be scheduled in a week four times during the regular season

Any equipment that is used throughout conditioning and the spring season must be maintained and sanitized in accordance with the ReOpen CT sector rules for sport:

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid\\_Business\\_Recovery-Phase-2-1/CTReopens21\\_Sports\\_FitnessCentersFeb.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid_Business_Recovery-Phase-2-1/CTReopens21_Sports_FitnessCentersFeb.pdf)

Home or away games vs. out-of-state schools are not permitted at this time. The CIAC Board of Control will review this restriction based on Governor Lamont’s February 18<sup>th</sup> statement allowing of out-state-competition for youth sports.

Member schools may schedule league and/or non-league games in the spring season. Geographic location should be a primary consideration in scheduling.

At this time, multi-team events are not permitted. The CIAC will continue to collaborate with the CSMS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and the Connecticut State Department of Health as to when multi-team events will be permissible.

Masking wearing continues to be a focus of CIAC’s and DPH’s collaborative discussions. To begin the spring season, all teams and athletes should expect to continue with mask wearing as is currently implemented in the winter season. The CIAC will continue to collaborate with the CSMS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and the Connecticut State Department of Health as to when, and in which sport activities, masks will no longer be required.

Student-athlete conditioning should be a priority when considering scheduling scrimmages and games. All sports teams and individual athletes must have a minimum of ten (10) physical/exertional practice days with their school before the date of the first scheduled competition. No team/athlete shall practice/compete with their school more than six (6) consecutive days to provide a day of rest. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays may be used unless prohibited by local board policy. Teams must have a minimum of three days of practice prior to holding a full team scrimmage. All scrimmages should be held with schools located geographically close to one another.

Teams with a winning percentage equal to or higher than the qualifying level in their sport that are unable to play the minimum number of games due to COVID-related reasons will be considered for inclusion in the state tournament on a case-by-case basis.