To: High School Principals and Athletic Directors

Re: **Changes in the 2021-2022 CIAC Handbook and Information**

From: CIAC Staff

Date: August 2021

Please note the following changes/updates in the 2021-2022 Handbook:

## Section 1.0 CIAC Story

No Changes

## Section 2.0 CAS Constitution

* **2.1 Whom to Speak to in the Central Office, CIAC Staff-Sport Committee Responsibilities, CIAC Staff- Sport Committee Responsibilities**

All information updated.(Page 29)

* **2.8.b. Finances**

**Removed** “CIAC will pay traveling expenses by car at the CIAC established rate” CIAC will no longer reimburse mileage.

## Section 3.0 CIAC By-Laws

**CHANGES TO CIAC BY-LAWS** (Changes in ***bold italics*** – deletions in ~~strikeout~~)   (As adopted by the membership, May 2021.)

**#1 – Article XII (In Season / Out-of-Season Rules) Section 2.2**

Explanation of Change:   The CIAC Board of Control approved an exception to Bylaw 2.2.a., for the CIAC Summer Series Camp only, to allow coaches and student-athletes an opportunity to work together as an exclusive team unit in CIAC-sponsored, managed, controlled, and supervised education-based camps.

**Article XII – In Season / Out-of-Season Rules**

**Section 2.2 Camps Which Team the Skills of a Specific CIAC Sport**  (Camp – An organized non-school program, usually held in the summer months, whose purpose is improving the skill level of athletes in a specific sport.  The camp must have liability insurance, open registration and there must be a registration fee to participate.)  \****CIAC run and operated camps and clinics only are exempt****.*

Rationale for Change:  The CIAC Summer Series is an education-based experience designed to address all administrative concerns that are the basis for the out-of-season coaching rule; promote the growth of sport participation by providing student-athletes with instruction from a variety of coaching experts; reduce the opportunity gap for summer camp participation; and provide opportunities for the development of new meaningful relationships or deepening of those that already exist.

* **ARTICLE VII– Tournaments, Meets and Games (Pages 49-53)**

Remove number two and replace with language below which more currently reflects process used by the CIAC**.**

Former language

Section E. Divisions for CIAC Tournament Play

2. A school may make application to the Board of Control for entrance to a larger or smaller membership classification for the current year no later than October 1. The Board of Control may approve or reject the request in accordance with the evidence submitted in support of each application. A school having been reclassified at its own request must participate in the CIAC tournament where the competitive divisions are based on the membership classification.

New language

2. The CIAC Board of Control has empowered the CIAC Sport Committees to establish the process for moving up a division in that sport. If committees allow schools to move up a division, the change of division form is located on the CIAC Eligibility Center under sports options.

* **ARTICLE XII– IN SEASON/OUT OF SEASON RULES (Pages 70-82)**

Former language with clarifying language in **bold**

1.3 Lessons

A student-athlete is permitted to receive individual lessons **with no other student present** in his/her sport(s) during the season.

## Section 4.0 Athletic Administration

4.5.E. ONE PERSON TEAM (1-3 STUDENT-ATHLETES)(P. 89)

Changes in language in **bold**

If a school does not sponsor a team in a specific sport, but does have one, two or three student-athletes wishing to participate in that sport, an option available to schools is to sponsor a one-person team**. If a school has more than three student-athletes in a sport they should consult with CIAC staff about program options.** The following information must be followed in order to sponsor one-person teams:

6. One person teams are permitted in the sports of cross country, gymnastics, golf, track and field, tennis, wrestling and swimming**. One person teams can not qualify for the CIAC Tennis State Tournament.**

4.6A. DISQUALIFICATION/EJECTION RULE-ATHLETE/COACH (P. 90)

Changes in language in **bold**

8.Any CIAC varsity team that accumulates five (5) or more disqualifications **in more than one contest** during the regular season including the league’s tournament will be barred from CIAC post-season competition. **In the event that five or more disqualifications occur in a single game, CIAC staff will evaluate whether schools will be barred from CIAC post-season competition.** All disqualifications must be reported to CIAC by the school and the officials group. Any misconduct or disqualification of a coach will count towards the team’s total number of disqualifications. Multiple disqualifications during CIAC tournaments are subject to disciplinary action by the CIAC sports committee and the CIAC Board of Control.

4.28 PROCEDURES FOR WELCOMING/TREATMENT OF OFFICIALS(P. 111)

The CIAC Sportsmanship Committee developed procedures for welcoming/treatment of officials which has been added to the handbook.

## Section 5.0 Committees

5.5.D. UNATTACHED STATUS(P. 119)

The following line was added to more clearly define whether times/performances can be used by an unattached athlete.

**8. Times and/or performances may not be used for CIAC tournament seeding purpose**.

5.5.I. SCRIMMAGE (DEFINITION)(P. 121)

Language in this section was changed to more accurately reflect CIAC rules on scrimmages.

Changes in **bold**

1. Scrimmages are informal practice competitions where the coach(s) will interrupt play to provide instruction.
2. Scrimmages are not bound by length of game regulations.
3. Scrimmages are practices; therefore, they are not bound by National Federation Rules.
4. Scrimmages may be conducted any time during the season including the post-season – the period from the conclusion of the regular season to the end of the tournament.
5. A school may not enter a tournament and call the game(s) a scrimmage.
6. ***Admission is not charged.(Removed)***
7. Game uniforms **should** only be worn in the last scrimmage prior to the start of the season.
8. Officials may be used.
9. A scrimmage must be considered a scrimmage by both teams – no one may count a scrimmage as a regular season game.  This includes scrimmages with out-of-state teams.
10. **Results of scrimmages will not be reported to the media.(Removed)**
11. Scores are usually kept by quarter / period / inning and not as a regular game.

Any contest, including a tournament that is called a scrimmage that is actually played as a game will be considered a CIAC violation.

5.5.J. JAMBOREE(P.122)

Language in this section was changed to more accurately reflect CIAC rules on jamborees.

Changes in **bold**

1. Formal contest that simulates game conditions, officials are present.
2. Team may not play more than the total regulation time for that sport and no more than ½ of the regulation time against any one opponent.
3. Published on an announced schedule.
4. Must meet all game conditions established by CIAC.
5. May not be held earlier than the 3rd day of practice.
6. **May not be more than one per sport per year**. **(Removed)**
7. Must be sponsored by a CIAC member school.
8. Admission to contests may be charged.
9. Usually announced in newspapers and results reported in newspapers.
10. Uniforms usually worn, score and time usually kept.
11. May not be conducted after the first scheduled contest of the regular season.

## Section 7.0 Fees and Finance

Updates to fees.

## Section 8.0 National Federation

No Changes

## Section 9.0 Personnel

No Changes

## Section 10.0 Policy Statements

No Changes