

CIAC SOCCER COMMITTEE MEETING

May 8, 2024

Agenda

1. Review and Approval – Boys and Girls Soccer Committee Meeting Minutes of 4/2/24
2. Fill the Brackets Survey
 - 101 schools took part in the survey with 55% not to fill the brackets and 45% in favor of filling the brackets(Girls). 52% not to fill the brackets and 48% in favor of filling the brackets(Boys).
3. Size of Divisions—2024
 - Boys S-51 M-42 L-43 LL-41
 - Girls S-42 M-39 L-40 LL-42
4. Update on Subcommittee to Look at New Card Rules and Coaches Behavior
Recommendations
 - Remove Yellow Card #22 (Other unsportsmanlike conduct) as an available option for officials to award. This will be explained to coaches as well.
 - Tighten the reporting process from schools to require cards and scores be submitted for every game at the same time.
 - a. Request automated reminders the next morning if scores/cards have not been submitted by schools.
 - Require officials to report details behind the specific card awarded to the coaches at the time the card is issued.
 - We also discussed increasing penalties and requirements for coaches who are DQ'd and who receive a 3rd yellow. We are going to hold off on these as a larger plan is being developed which impacts all sports and includes much of what we discussed.(See Attached Document)
5. Discuss Two Card Disqualification in Tournament
6. Qualifying Standard for the Tournament
7. Proposal for Weather Delays
8. Future Agenda Items
 - Report Back to Committee About Schools on Probation
 - Updated Packet and Divisions

Next Meeting May 15

CIAC Soccer Committee Meeting
Minutes
4/23/24

I MINUTES - The committee approved the minutes of the 4/2/24 meeting.

II SUCCESS IN TOURNAMENT - The committee made an annual review of the success in tournament rankings. Mr. Simon reviewed the successful impact of the current rule. A motion was made to "Create a three division move up starting at 21 points." - The motion passed. Going forward there will be the possibility of a team moving up three divisions.

III DIVISIONS - The committee established the size for divisions for next year.

IV FILL IN BRACKETS - The committee discussed the idea of filling in brackets. Gregg will send out a survey to coaches.

V SUBCOMMITTEE FOR CARD RULES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS - The subcommittee hadn't met. The CIAC sportsmanship committee may move forward with a proposal on disqualifications.

VI TWO CARD DQ IN THE TOURNAMENT - Will be discussed at a future meeting.

VII NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, Apr 30, 2024 , 2:00 pm

Coaches Disqualification Penalty Proposal

All coaches who are disqualified at any level will be suspended for the next two games(see page 91 in the CIAC Handbook), take two NFHS coaching courses(“Teaching and Modeling Behavior “ and “Sportsmanship”) and the school will pay a \$50 fine. In addition to the two-game suspension and fine, the CIAC reserves the right to review any incident that results in a coach's disqualification and may assess additional game suspensions up to and including a one-year ban. The fine and proof of taking the coaching courses must be submitted to the CIAC office before the coach can resume his coaching responsibilities.

Rationale

Coaches set the tone for sportsmanship at our athletic contests. In April 2020, the CIAC Board of Control enhanced the penalty for a coach who is disqualified changing from a one game disqualification to a two game disqualification. The board hoped that the enhanced penalty would promote better behavior by our coaches but the data does not support a positive change. Sportsmanship is one of the top priorities for our organization and coaches should be role models for their student-athletes.

Proposal for Weather Delays

When the 30-minute weather delay is implemented, the question of “how long to wait?” is asked by officiating crews, coaches, and athletic directors.

There are a number of delay considerations, including locations of the game and return travel time of visiting team. Toward this end, the CFOA proposes:

Recommended Standard

A delay or combination of delays should exceed no more than 90 minutes total, calculated from the time the field is cleared initially to the time the most recent delay is begun because of continued thunder/lightning.

1. Any combination of suspension (continued thunder/lightning) totaling 90 continuous minutes would be subject to suspending/shutting down the contest. Teams would then determine to suspend the game or accept the game score and recognize the game as complete.
2. Suspension of a contest for a second or subsequent time should not exceed an aggregate time of 90 minutes total. Teams would determine suspension or completion as in No. 1.

The decision to shut down the contest should be made in coordination with the game administration, coaches, officials, and any ADs present as under Rule 3-1-4.

This is a recommended standard to be followed by the six boards of the Connecticut Football Officials Association in cooperation with CIAC member schools, and other institutions and teams serviced by member officials.

Consideration for contests played either in the morning or afternoon can exceed this recommended standard with the agreement of the participating schools in consultation with the Referee.