

To: Girls Basketball Coaches
From: Girls Basketball Committee
Re: Tournament Format Survey
Date: October 25, 2006

The CIAC Girls' Basketball Committee is reviewing our current tournament format, (based solely on enrollment), and is looking for input from the coaches regarding any possible changes. We also want feedback regarding a shot clock. We are hoping to get responses from 100% of head coaches.

Are you in favor of adding the shot clock? YES _____ NO _____
If yes, mark preference: 35 seconds _____ 40 seconds _____ 45 seconds _____

Are you in favor of continuing with the tournament format as it is currently structured?

YES _____ NO _____



If NO, continue the survey. Please choose the option you are most in favor of (check only one of the five options).

1. _____ Adopt the same format the boys' tournament will be using for the 2006-2007 season? The new tournament structure the boys' tournament will be using is as follows:

Under the new format the tournament classes (LL, L, M, and S) will be established using the following criteria:

- a. Enrollment – boys enrolled in grades 10, 11, 12, as of October 1, 2005.
- b. Enrollment with a multiplier of 2 x boys enrolled in grades 10, 11, and 12 for State defined schools of choice (except vocational technical and vocational agriculture/aquaculture high schools) and all member tuition high schools.
- c. A weighted factor* for schools that advanced to the semi-finals or finals in the State tournament over the past four years. Points earned will be added to the school base enrollment.

*** Factor (over the past four years)**

- 10 points Added each time a team reaches the semi-finals
- 25 points added each time a team reaches the finals
- 50 points added each time a team won the championship.

Tournament classes will be equally distributed after enrollment (plus factor) is determined. A team may “opt-up” to the LL tournament for a one year period. Request to move up must be received in writing by October 1, 2006. Classes (L, M, and S) will not re-balance if schools opt to move up.

2. _____ I am in favor of option #1, but would only count the weighted factor for the:
Past 1 year _____ Past 2 years _____ Past 3 years _____

3. _____ Teams are automatically moved up one division if they play 75% of their games versus teams two classifications above their own?

4. _____ Past Performance System in which any school of choice that reaches the semi-finals in their respective classification would be moved up the following year?

Example: A Class S school that reaches at least the semi-finals in Class S during year 1 would move to Class M in year 2. If they reached at least the semi-finals of the Class M tournament in year 2, they would move to Class L in year 3. A Class S school could eventually move up to Class LL.

Any teams that are moved up by this formula would remain in the larger classification the following year if they win at least two tournament games. If they fail to win two games, they would move back toward their respective class one step at a time.

Example: A Class S school that had moved to Class M in year 2, and then to Class L in year 3, would move back to Class M in year 4 if they were beaten in the first or second round.

5. _____ I agree the tournament format should change, this is my suggestion:

Head Coach _____ School _____

Head coaches only, ONLY ONE VOTE PER SCHOOL
Please Respond by 12/15/06

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