CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

# 2020 BOYS / GIRLS SOCCER INFORMATION

## ALERT

1. It is strongly recommended to make sure someone is at the scorer’s table for all varsity games.
2. ***IN CIAC TOURNAMENT PLAY, the clock shall be stopped when a substitute by the team in the lead is beckoned onto the field in the final five minutes of the second period and the final five minutes of the second overtime.***
3. The Boys/Girls Soccer Committee strongly recommends that member schools demonstrate good sportsmanship in games where the scoring margin becomes excessive.
4. **Individual cards will reset for league tournaments. The cards for individuals resets for the state tournament. Cards for the league tournaments still must be reported to the CIAC. The penalty that would apply in the state tournament now applies to league tournaments. Example: If you collect two cards in a league tournament you must sit in the next league tournament game.**
5. **Yellow cards will be set to zero (0) at the start of the CIAC tournament. An athlete or coach who receives their second cumulative yellow card during the tournament is disqualified and must sit out the next game.**
6. **Reporting Regular Season Scores** – In order to ensure that standings and rankings on both the CIAC’s websites and other sites which draw their data from us are timely and accurate, all regular season scores must be entered online within four hours of the game’s completion.

Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the “submit Scores/Forms” option of the “CIAC for Coaches” menu at ciacsports.com, or the “Submit Scores” button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coaches or scorekeeper’s access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from a school’s athletic director.

Additionally, all schools are required to complete the CIAC summation report of all red, yellow cards and disqualifications at the time of the infraction and not wait until the end of the season, but no later than November 16, 2020.

1. Officials **will report all red and yellow cards online to CIAC after each game**. Each school assumes the responsibility of recording all penalty cards into their respective score books for every game and reporting both red and yellow cards when posting their score online.
2. **SCORES OF TOURNAMENT GAMES AND PENALTIES MUST BE REPORTED ONLINE IMMEDIATELY AT THE END OF THE GAME AND CONTACT BY PHONE THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.**
3. Higher ranked team must wear dark shirts (home uniform).
4. **Trainers** – Schools must provide their own trainer at all CIAC semi-final and championship final contests.
5. **Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest/make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.**

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1. **If a tie exists at the end of regulation up through the semi-finals, two ten minute overtime periods will be used. After the first overtime period, a second ten minute overtime period will be held after which penalty kicks will be used. There will be no “sudden victory” used in the overtime period. IN THE FINALS ONLY, after two fifteen (15) minute overtime periods if the score remains tied, co-champions will be declared. There will be no sudden victory in the overtime periods.**

1. **The Boys and Girls Soccer Committee voted to apply a success in tournament factor when placing schools\* that draw students from outside their school district boundaries in tournament divisions. The Committee will first place schools in their divisions by enrollment and then use success in tournament to move schools up in division and then rebalance the divisions. Schools that draw from outside their school district boundaries who have been in the semi-finals or above two of the last three years will move up one division. Schools that have been in the semi-finals three of the last three years will move up two divisions. The most any school could move would be two divisions. Each year the committee will review results from the past three years and make adjustments as appropriate. Schools can move up or down depending on their success in tournament play.**

**\*Charter, magnet, parochial, vocational technical, vocational agricultural and Project Choice schools that have more than 25 each of male/female students from out-of-district.**

1. The CIAC Board of Control has approved concussion management and return to play guidelines that conform to the new State statute that all coaches will be required to follow.
2. **Postponements** – If there is a weather-related postponement in rounds one or two of the tournament the school will be required to play the next day.
3. **Official Ball** –**Spalding TF-5000**
4. **Scrimmages** – **Teams must have a minimum of three (3) days of practice prior to scheduling a full team scrimmage.** 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. Sunday practices may be counted to fulfill the 10 day requirement.
5. **Players may wear soft and yielding caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color**.
6. **Students with Special Needs - Coaches are reminded to inform contest officials prior to each competition of any student with special needs who could be competing in the contest when his/her disability could impact the individual’s performance or the conduct of the competition.**
7. **CIAC Tournament Site Media Policy** – The CIAC places tremendous value on the role the media plays in promoting and highlighting high school sports. To that purpose CIAC tournament venues and hosts should make every effort to provide a working environment conducive to all media (print, broadcast and internet based) covering our events. The following are minimum standards, developed in consultation with the CIAC Media Advisory Committee, which should be provided for working media at all CIAC tournament sites.
8. A minimum of one hour following the conclusion of post-game interviews to write in the press box, press area or a suitable facility in close proximity to the site of the event (i.e. office, classroom, etc.).
9. Access to electric power (shared power strip, etc.).
10. Access to wireless internet service.

Site directors should communicate these requirements to any staff person who may be responsible for the administration of the event. If for some reason a site will not be able to provide these items for a contest, a site representative should inform the CIAC in advance and work with the media on site before the game and work to provide a reasonable solution to the issue. Members of the media who will be covering events are directed to contact the appropriate site as far in advance as possible to inform them they will be at the event and discuss what arrangements will be made for working media at the site.