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## 2011 BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# PLAY AND RULES FOR 2011 GOLF SEASON

To maintain uniformity in interscholastic golf competition, the following stroke play format must be used by every CIAC school which wishes to qualify for the 2011 State Golf Tournament.

- 1. Stroke play is to be used for all matches.
- 2. A maximum of four (4) players' scores count for any one match. This may include invitational tournaments where the entire team plays. Teams may play five (5) players and count the four (4) lowest scores towards state tournament qualification.
- 3. The CIAC Golf Committee recommends the use of the state qualifying format for all matches. Low score wins.

## Dates to Remember

First Practice Date Monday, March 21, 2011 Wednesday, April 6, 2011 First Match Date Last Match Date for Girls/Boys Wednesday, June 1, 2011 Tournament Forms Due for Girls/Boys Wednesday, June 1, 2011

State Tournament:

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 Girls Division Monday, June 6, 2011 Division I - II - IV **Division III** Wednesday, June 8, 2011

New England Tournament Monday, June 20, 2011

Maximum Number of Playing Dates 16 Matches Per Week on Original Schedule 3

\*\*\* REMINDER: Proper golf attire, **spikeless** golf shoes, shirts with collars, golf shorts and slacks -- is mandatory for all players. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted. The inseam of the shorts must be at least four inches. Players may wear slacks or shorts at the individual's discretion. No tennis, gym, or cutoff shorts will be allowed. Denim is not considered appropriate attire. HATS WITH VISORS MUST FACE FORWARD AT ALL TIMES.

Advertising of beer, wine, liquor or tobacco products on golfer clothing or equipment WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

### 2011 CIAC BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

# **ALERT PAGE**

## 1. USGA HANDICAP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FACULTY

The CIAC Golf Committee, in partnership with the Connecticut State Golf Association, is pleased to provide a USGA handicap system for students, teachers and administrators. Log on to <a href="https://www.csgalinks.org">www.csgalinks.org</a> – click on "Become a Member," fill out the profile information and it's that easy. There is NO COST for students below the age of 18.

- 2. Girls who participate on boys' teams, because the school does not offer a girls program in that sport, may enter either the boys or the girls tournament, but not both. Girls who choose to participate on a boys' team when the school offers a girls' team in that sport, may only enter the boys' tournament.
- 3. ONLY SCORES ATTAINED DURING THE REGULAR SEASON MAY BE USED FOR TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION. LEAGUE TOURNAMENT SCORES CANNOT BE USED FOR TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION PER CIAC BY-LAWS. However, in golf, league tournaments may be used to make-up matches that were on the school's original schedule but were postponed due to weather and/or course conditions and could not be rescheduled prior to the league tournament.

# 4. <u>INDIVIDUALS MAY QUALIFY FOR THE CIAC GOLF TOURNAMENT</u>

If a school's team does not qualify, it may enter any golfer for individual honors, provided the golfer has attained an average score of the course rating, plus five (5) strokes or less per 9 holes for boys and 10 strokes or less for 9 holes for girls. This must be an average of the best ten (10) varsity scores attained on Connecticut State Golf Association approved courses, and must be attested to by the golf coach. This average must be certified by his/her principal. Of these, the top eight (8) will qualify as individuals. Girls who play for a boys team from the boys tees, where a girls' team does not exist, will have their average course rating adjusted using the women's rating adjustment table from the USGA. See <a href="https://www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/manual/tables/section5womensadjusttees.html">www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/manual/tables/section5womensadjusttees.html</a>

5. <u>WEATHER DELAY / SUSPENSION / POSTPONEMENT</u> – Teams/individuals should come prepared to withstand weather delays. Further, it is to be clearly understood by all that the managers of the courses make the decisions about play or no play; the tournament director does not have control over any aspect of that decision.

Teams / individuals should also be prepared for the tournament to be suspended from an 18 hole event to a nine hole event should conditions warrant that. Every effort will be made to complete play on the scheduled date – so come prepared.

## 6. **ACCOMMODATIONS**

The CIAC Golf Committee will make reasonable accommodations for disabled athletes in our tournament. Please alert the tournament director with such requests in advance of the tournament.

- 7. No electronic distance measuring devices will be allowed in any tournament play.
- 8. "X RULE" REVISION Attention Girls Golf Coaches: The "X Rule" has been modified for the 2010-11 season.

Players who have not holed out by double the par on any given hole will pick up and apply a <u>one</u> stroke penalty. Example: Par 3 – A player not in the hole by 6 strokes will pick the ball up and apply a one stroke penalty for a 7. Par 4 – A player not in the hole by 8 strokes, will pick up for a score of 9. Par 5 – A player not in the hole by the 10<sup>th</sup> stroke, will pick up for a score of 11.

Please note that the X rule will be used in all regular season matches and conference tournaments. *The X rule will NOT be in effect for the State Tournament*.

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# 77th ANNUAL BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

\*\* Limited to Members of the Conference \*\*

Girls Division -- June 7, 2011 - Orange Hills Country Club
Division I -- June 6, 2011 - Timberlin Golf Club, Kensington
Division II -- June 6, 2011 - Crestbrook Park, Watertown
Division IV -- June 8, 2011 - Fairview Farms, Harwinton
Division IV -- June 6, 2011 -- Tallwood Country Club, Hebron

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Golf Championship will consist of four tournaments of eighteen (18) holes for boys and one 18-hole tournament for girls. The team with the lowest total score will be awarded the championship in each division. The second lowest score in each division will be considered the runner-up. In the event of a tie for first place, a 3-hole playoff will be held to determine the championship team.

To qualify: Division I -- Schools with 671 and over

Division II -- Schools with 492 - 670 Division III -- Schools with 315 - 491 Division IV -- Schools with up to 314

(Based on grades 9-12 boy enrollment as of 2009-10)

Girls Division -- Schools listed

- 1. A TEAM MUST PLAY A MINIMUM SCHEDULE OF <u>TEN (10) VARSITY PLAYING DATES</u> AGAINST CIAC SCHOOLS.
- 2. A team consists of five (5) players, each of which is considered an individual honors entrant. If a team wishes, they may bring only four. Champions in each division shall be determined by the best four of five scores.
- 3.a. A boys team must be one of a maximum of 20 ranked teams whose rankings will be determined as follows: Teams meeting qualification 1 and 2 above will be ranked on the basis of their average difference of strokes from the average rating of courses played from APRIL 6, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 1, 2011.

  Only scores attained during the regular season may be used for tournament qualification. League tournament scores cannot be used for tournament qualification unless the league tournament is one of the school's sixteen (16) allowed matches and it is listed on the school's original schedule per CIAC By-laws. However, in golf, league tournaments may be used to make up matches that were on the school's original schedule, but were postponed due to weather and/or course conditions and could not be rescheduled prior to the league tournament. The team with the lowest average difference from its average rating will be ranked #l; the team with the next lowest average difference #2, etc. Teams tying for the twentieth place will qualify.
  - b. A girls team must be one of a maximum of fifteen (15) ranked teams whose rankings will be determined as follows: Teams meeting qualification 1 and 2 above will be ranked on the basis of their average difference of strokes from the average rating of courses played from APRIL 6, 2011 through June 1, 2011. Only scores attained during the regular season may be used for tournament qualification. League tournament scores cannot be used for tournament qualification unless the league tournament is one of the school's sixteen (16) allowed matches and it is listed on the school's original schedule per CIAC By-laws. However, in golf, league tournaments may be used to make up matches that were on the school's original schedule but were postponed due to weather and/or course conditions and could not be rescheduled prior to the league tournament. The team with the lowest average difference from its average rating will be ranked #1; the team with the next lowest average difference #2, etc. Teams tying for 15th place will qualify.

- Note: **An individual girl** may play as a non-scoring member of her home school's boys team if granted permission to do so by the coach of that team. In such cases, the girl would play with the team's #5 boy player and have her score attested accordingly. The purpose is to provide an additional opportunity for individual girl players to participate in matches for tournament qualifying.
- "X Rule" Revision Attention Girl's Golf Coaches The "X Rule" has been modified for the 2010-11 season. Players who have not holed out by double the par on any given hole will pick up and apply a <u>one</u> stroke penalty. Example: Par 3 A player not in the hole by 6 strokes will pick the ball up and apply a one stroke penalty for a 7. Par 4 A player not in the hole by 8 strokes, will pick up for a score of 9. Par 5 A player not in the hole by the 10<sup>th</sup> stroke, will pick up for a score of 11.
- 4. Matches played after June 1 for girls and boys will not count toward qualification for the tournament. No exception will be made for postponed matches.
- 5. The last date to count for tournament ranking purposes will be the day prior to the pairings. Pairings will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011.
- 6. The scores made in any match during the regular season will count only once for tournament qualification. FOR QUALIFICATION, ALL MATCHES PLAYED WITHIN THE SEASON LIMITATION DATES MUST BE REPORTED. ONE SCORE PER DATE MAXIMUM 16 DATES / MINIMUM 10 DATES FOR QUALIFICATION. PLEASE PUT IN THE DATE AND THE SCORE. League tournament scores CANNOT be used for tournament qualification.
- 7. Qualification will be based on the BEST TEN (10) varsity scores during the regular season. <u>Teams</u> that play 18 hole matches must submit scores for the first 9 holes played only. ALL TEAM SCORES MUST BE SUBMITTED.
- 8. The first 16 match dates played count for tournament ranking, regardless of the original schedule.
- 9. At its meeting on November 16, 1995, the CIAC Board of Control approved for CIAC golfers the opportunity to participate in a maximum of four (4) matches as "unattached players". These matches must conform to weekly limitations and all other "CIAC unattached" regulations as stated in the CIAC Handbook. At its meeting on December 14, 2002, the CIAC Board of Control approved a girls tournament with one division playing for a state championship.

# **INDIVIDUALS MAY QUALIFY!**

If a school's team does not qualify, it may enter any golfer for individual honors, provided the golfer has attained an average score of the course rating, plus five (5) strokes or less per 9 holes. For girls 10 strokes or less for 9 holes. This must be an average of the best ten (10) varsity scores attained on Connecticut State Golf Association Approved Courses, and must be attested to by the golf coach. This average must be certified by his/her principal. Of these, the top eight (8) will qualify as individuals. **Girls who play for a boys team from the boys tees will have their average course rating adjusted using the women's rating adjustment table from the USGA web site – www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/manual/tables/section5womensadjusttees.html Please see appendix A for conversions.** 

A school should enter either a team or as many individuals that qualify. Each of the team entries is eligible for individual honors.

Plaques will be given to the winning school and the runner-up school in each division. Medals will be awarded to the winning team members and the winning individual player and the runner-up in each division. In the event of a tie for a team championship, a three-hole aggregate score playoff will be used to determine the champion. If this does not resolve the championship, **co-champions will be declared**. In the event of a tie for individual honors, duplicate medals will be awarded to each individual involved in the tie.

Teams must have a coach or bona fide faculty member as advisor with them. COACHES OR OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY THE COURSE. COACHES OR OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING TEAMS SHALL ACCEPT MARSHALING ASSIGNMENTS AS ASSIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE/SITE DIRECTOR.

Any individual entering the tournament shall have a faculty member with him as an advisor. Another advisor from a school in competition may act in this capacity as long as the tournament chairman is so advised IN WRITING IN ADVANCE. UNACCOMPANIED TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Contestants must conform in every respect to the eligibility rules of the Conference and be vouched for by the signature of the principal of the school. FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRANSMITTING OF THE COMPLETED ENTRY FORM RESTS SOLELY WITH THE COACH.

Schools will bear their own expenses going to and from the tournament.

CONTESTANTS MUST REPORT AT 7:30 A.M., D.S.T., AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE UNLESS NOTIFIED OF A DEFINITE STARTING TIME.

U.S.G.A. and local rules will govern the Tournament.

No practice or play will be allowed on the tournament course, except on the putting green or practice fairway (if available) on the day of the tournament. No caddies or caddy wagons are allowed unless granted a waiver by the CIAC Golf Committee. Coaches are not permitted to accompany team members of his/her team on the course.

# **BOYS NEW ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

To Qualify -- The top three (3) boys and ties from CIAC Division I, II, III, and IV will represent Connecticut in the New England Individual Golf Tournament. If one or more cannot participate -- we will select the next boy from that division.

The New England Individual Golf Tournament will be held at Bretwood Golf Club North Course, Keene, New Hampshire on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. All information pertaining to the New England's will be handed to the individual golfers representing Connecticut at their division tournament.

# GIRLS NEW ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

*Eligibility* -- Girls listed on the school's golf team eligibility form will be eligible to compete in the Girls New England Tournament which will be conducted in conjunction with the Division I, II, III and IV CIAC Golf Tournaments. The top seven (7) from the CIAC girls championship will qualify.

To Qualify -- Any girl competing in the CIAC Division I, II, III or IV golf tournament on a boys team will have her score considered for possible advancement to the New England Tournament. Individuals may qualify provided she has attained an average score of the course rating, plus ten (10) strokes or less per 9 holes for all dates played. This must be an average of at least ten (10) scores attained on Connecticut State Golf Association approved courses, and must be attested to by the golf coach. Of these the top seven (7) will qualify as individuals and play in this New England Qualifier. NOTE: The plus ten strokes per nine holes calculated using the women's tees. Girls using men's tees will be granted additional strokes in accordance with the course ratings for men versus women (3.0).

All girls wishing to participate in the New England Tournament <u>MUST</u> enter their scores on the Girls Golf Individual Entry Form. Last day to count – Wednesday prior to pairings. State tournament qualifies first seven (7) positions. Next five (5) entries will be from entry form.

Matches played after Wednesday, June 8, 2011 will not count towards qualifications for the New England Tournament. Tournament rosters must be submitted to the CIAC by June 8, 2011.

The New England Individual Golf Tournament will be held at Bretwood Golf Club North Course, Keene, New Hampshire on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. All information pertaining to the New England's will be handed to the individual golfers representing Connecticut at their division tournament.

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To help minimize the loss of school time for golfers and coaches, we recommend the following:

- a. All practice sessions (including before matches) should be after school hours.
- b. Establish starting times for home matches with the principal and athletic director. (These should be after school wherever possible.)
- c. Student-athletes are responsible for any and all work missed due to athletic events. Teachers should know if any early dates are required for athletic events.
- d. TEAMS SHOULD SCHEDULE TO MINIMIZE LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME FOR AWAY MATCHES.
  - **Example** -- Schedule three (3) matches the week of school vacation, league matches should be scheduled during daylight savings hour.
- e. Limit the number of tournaments the team may enter. This should be established between principal, coach and athletic director.
- f. Point out to all parties involved the problem of finding courses to play. Golf is one of the few if not the only sport that is not played on school property. Schools are often subject to the rules and regulations of municipal or private clubs. Try to emphasize to coaches and golf course managers the problems we are faced with and urge them to make necessary adjustments to insure that later starting times when necessary for some schools be made available.
- g. Individual leagues determine the starting time for home matches.
- h. Playing in the state tournament is an all day affair, but it is also representing your school on a state level and the competition is the thrill of a lifetime and limited to the top twenty (20) teams for boys in Division I, II, III and IV and top fifteen (15) teams for girls.

# 2011 CIAC GOLF TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS

# <u>Division I - 671 and over (41)</u> <u>Division II - 492 - 670 (41)</u>

Bridgeport Central	1091	Avon	563
Bridgeport - Warren Harding	801	Berlin	512
Bristol Central	725	Branford	541
Cheshire	842	Bridgeport - Bassick	634
Danbury	1432	Bristol Eastern	602
East Hartford	955	Brookfield	508
Fairfield Ludlowe	693	Colchester - Bacon Academy	509
Fairfield Prep	921	Darien	639
Farmington	671	East Lyme	611
Glastonbury	1076	Enfield - Enrico Fermi	564
Greenwich	1427	Fairfield Warde	633
Hamden	1045	Groton - Fitch	629
Hartford - Bulkeley	730	Guilford	547
Manchester	982	Hebron - RHAM	599
Middletown	672	Madison - Daniel Hand	634
Middletown - Xavier	867	Manchester - Cheney Tech.	516
Naugatuck	730	Meriden - Maloney	608
New Britain	1481	Meriden - Platt	526
New Haven - Wilbur Cross	775	Milford - Jonathan Law	492
New Milford	786	Milford - Foran	492
Newington	765	Milford - Platt Tech.	590
Newtown	861	Monroe - Masuk	670
Norwalk	745	New Canaan	633
Norwalk - Brien McMahon	825	New Haven - Hillhouse	502
Norwich Free Academy	1151	New London	515
Ridgefield	910	North Haven	619
Shelton	832	Storrs - E. O. Smith	614
Simsbury	848	Stratford - Bunnell	600
South Windsor	843	Tolland	492
Southbury - Pomperaug	731	Torrington	618
Southington	1014	Torrington - Wolcott Tech.	510
Stamford	886	Wallingford - Lyman Hall	522
Stamford - Westhill	1117	Wallingford - Sheehan	500
Trumbull	1000	Vernon - Rockville	531
Waterbury - Crosby	695	Waterbury - Wilby	629
Waterbury - Kennedy	677	Waterford	500
West Hartford - Conard	791	Watertown	504
West Hartford - Wm. Hall	791	West Haven - Notre Dame	637
Westport - Staples	898	Wethersfield	597
Windsor	708	Wilton	661
Woodbridge - Amity	844	Woodstock Academy	544

No Team No Team

Hartford Public (737)
West Haven (774)
New Fairfield (521)

# **Division III - 315 - 491** (42)

# **<u>Division IV - up to 314</u>** (42)

Ansonia - O'Brien Tech.	364	Bolton	131
Ansonia / Derby *	394	Bristol - St. Paul	163
Beacon Falls - Woodland Reg.	414	Canton	291
Bethel	481	Chaplin - Parish Hill	77
Bloomfield	343	Clinton - Morgan School	287
Bridgeport - Bullard Havens	426	Coventry	
Burlington - Lewis Mills	434		
Danbury - Abbott Tech.	460	Danbury - Immaculate	310 186
East Haven	470	Deep River - Valley Reg.	312
Ellington	375	Durham - Coginchaug	280
Enfield	428	East Granby	129
Granby Memorial	394	East Haddam - Hale Ray	182
Griswold	369	East Hampton	282
Groton - Grasso Southeastern Tech.	338	East Windsor	196
Hartford - Weaver	409	Fairfield - Notre Dame	233
Higganum - Haddam-Killingworth	363	Falls Village - Housatonic Valley	258
Killingly	369	Hartford - A.I. Prince Tech.	314
Killingly - Ellis Tech.	420	Hartford - Capital Prep. Magnet	63
Ledyard	433	Hartford - Classical	165
Meriden - Wilcox Tech.	484	Lebanon - Lyman Memorial	242
Middletown - Vinal Tech.	432	Litchfield	200
Montville	411	Manchester - East Catholic	314
New Britain - Goodwin Tech.	348	New Haven - Career	253
North Branford	336	No. Stonington - Wheeler	120
Norwich Tech.	382	Old Lyme	215
Plainfield	417	Old Saybrook	258
Plainville	440	Oxford	298
Redding - Joel Barlow	464	Portland	188
Rocky Hill	398	Putnam	176
Seymour	340	Somers	291
Stonington	418	Stamford - Trinity Catholic	218
Stratford	457	Stafford	253
Suffield	416	Terryville	265
Trumbull - St. Joseph	390	Thomaston / Wamogo *	178
Waterbury - Holy Cross	397	Thompson - Tourtellotte	182
Waterbury - Kaynor Tech.	443	Uncasville - St. Bernard	173
Weston	379	Washington - Shepaug Valley	180
Windham	468	Waterbury - Sacred Heart	194
Windham Tech.	357	West Hartford - N.W. Catholic	313
Winsted - N.W. Reg.	380	Westbrook	167
Wolcott	429	Windsor Locks	275
Woodbury - Nonnewaug	385	Winsted - Gilbert School	171
		Hartford - SMSA (JV)	202

# No Team

Eli Whitney Tech., Hamden (352)

No Team - S Kolbe-Cathedral, Bridgeport (142) University, Hartford (219) Amistad, New Haven (78) Hyde Leadership, New Haven (150) Stamford Academy (72)

# SCHOOLS WITH GIRLS GOLF TEAMS Spring 2011

# Ladies Division (55)

Avon Berlin Brookfield

Burlington - Lewis Mills

Canton

Chaplin - Parish Hill

Cheshire

Colchester - Bacon Academy

Danbury Darien

Durham - Coginchaug

East Hampton Ellington

Fairfield - Ludlowe Fairfield - Warde Farmington

Glastonbury Greenwich

Hamden - Sacred Heart Academy Higganum - Haddam Killingworth

Ledyard

Madison - Daniel Hand

Manchester

Manchester - East Catholic

Meriden - Maloney

Middletown

Middletown - Mercy Milford - Lauralton Hall Milford - Jonathan Law

Monroe - Masuk

Montville New Britain New Canaan Newington

Brien McMahon/Norwalk Co-op

Norwich Free Academy

Oxford

Redding - Joel Barlow

Ridgefield Rocky Hill Simsbury

Stratford - Bunnell

Suffield Trumbull

Trumbull - St. Joseph Uncasville - St. Bernard Wallingford - Lyman Hall West Hartford - Conard West Hartford - Wm. Hall West Hartford - N.W. Catholic

Weston

Westport - Staples Wethersfield Wilton

Woodstock Academy

**2011 GOLF SCHEDULE** -- Must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center. Game results must be submitted on a weekly basis (scores for all matches through a Saturday must be entered no later than the following Monday) via the password-protected online eligibility center. Regardless of regular season postponed matches, the date of Wednesday, June 1, 2011 must be the final day to count for the tournament for both boys and girls golf teams.

Minimum number of varsity playing dates is ten (10) in order to qualify for CIAC tournament. Both team and individuals. League tournament scores cannot be used for tournament qualification except for make-up matches as noted on the alert page.

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.

### **CIAC LATE FEE POLICY**

- No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control.
- Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the web site, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.
- All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center. **No phone request will be considered**.

<u>TOURNAMENT REGULATION VIOLATIONS</u> – If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC board of control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee of \$500 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.

<u>TOURNAMENT ROSTERS</u> -- Must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by June 1 for both boys and girls teams and/or individuals.

Scores of varsity matches played and rating of courses played on June 1 must be reported via the password-protected online eligibility center by June 2 at 8:30 a.m.

The golf committee will meet on Thursday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m. to draw up pairings for the girls and boys tournaments. All pairings will be put on the CIAC web site for all teams on Thursday, June 2, 2011. All qualifiers will be given a starting time, individual and team.

If the school team does not qualify and any team member does qualify, please indicate under entry - individual the golfer(s) to participate as individuals. The appropriate entry fee will be taken from the team entry fee and the balance returned to the school.

Girls who participate on boys' teams, because the school does not offer a girls program in that sport, may enter either the boys or girls tournament, but not both. Girls who choose to participate on a boys' team when the school offers a girl's team in that sport, may only enter the boys' tournament. Boys may not participate on girls teams. Individual entry forms must be submitted by Wednesday, June 1, 2011 for girls participating on boys teams, where a girl's team does not exist, indicating which tournament (boys or girls) they intend to participate in.

An individual girl may play as a non-scoring member of her home school's boys team if granted permission to do so by the coach of that team. In such cases, the girl would play with the team's #5 boy player and have her score attested accordingly. The purpose is to provide an additional opportunity for individual girl players to participate in matches for tournament qualifying.

List varsity matches played in order of play -- Use course rating for specific 9 holes played -- Minimum of 10 playing dates required to qualify for CIAC tournament. List scores for ALL playing dates. League tournament scores cannot be used for tournament qualification except for make-up matches as noted on the alert page.

It is recommended that any individual that has a course rating average differential of 5.0 or less -- individual entry form should be included with the team entry form.

**ENTRY FEE** -- \$100 per team or \$20 per individual qualifier. Entry fee should be mailed to the CIAC, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410. If a school needs an invoice in order to pay its tournament fee, one can be downloaded by using the "Generate Tournament Invoice" link under the golf options in the password-protected online eligibility center.

**PROPER DRESS -- REMINDER**: Proper golf attire, golf shoes, shirts with collars, including mock and turtleneck shirts, golf shorts and slacks -- is <u>mandatory for all players</u>. Walking or bermuda shorts are permitted. The inseam of the shorts must be at least four inches. Players may wear slacks or shorts at the individual's discretion. No tennis, gym, or cut-off shorts will be allowed. Denim is not considered appropriate attire. <u>Hats</u> with visors must face forward at all times.

Advertising of beer, wine, liquor or tobacco products on golfer clothing or equipment will not be permitted.

All tournament courses will be spikeless.

No electronic distance measuring devices will be allowed in any tournament play.

# CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT AND RETURN TO PLAY REQUIREMENTS

# "WHEN IN DOUBT - SIT IT OUT"

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury or (TBI), "that changes how the cells in the brain normally work. A concussion is caused by a blow to the head or body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the skull. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. Concussions can also result from a fall or from players colliding with each other or with obstacles, such as a goalpost" (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009).

## PART I -- SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION

- A concussion should be suspected if any one or more of the following signs or symptoms are present, or if the coach/evaluator is unsure.

# 1. Signs of a concussion may include (what the athlete looks like):

- Confusion / disorientation / irritability
- Trouble resting / getting comfortable
- Lack of concentration
- Slow response / drowsiness
- Incoherent / slurred speech
- Slow / clumsy movements
- Loss of consciousness
- Amnesia / memory problems

- Act silly / combative / aggressive
- Repeatedly ask same questions
- Dazed appearance
- Restless / irritable
- Constant attempts to return to play
- Constant motion
- Disproportionate / inappropriate reactions
- Balance problems

# 2. Symptoms of a concussion may include (what the athlete reports):

- Headache or dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurred or double vision

- Over sensitivity to sound / light / touch
- Ringing in ears
- Feeling foggy or groggy

Note: Public Act No. 10-62 requires that a coach MUST immediately remove a student-athlete from participating in any intramural or interscholastic athletic activity who (A) is observed to exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following a suspected blow to the head or body, or (B) is diagnosed with a concussion, regardless of when such concussion or head injury may have occurred.

## PART II – RETURN TO PARTICIPATION (RTP)

Currently, it is impossible to accurately predict how long concussions will last. There must be full recovery before someone is allowed to return to participation. Connecticut Law now requires that no athlete may resume participation until they have received written medical clearance from a licensed health care professional (Physician, Physician Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Athletic Trainer) trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

### **Concussion management requirements:**

- 1. No athlete SHALL return to participation (RTP) on the same day of concussion.
- 2. Any loss of consciousness, vomiting or seizures the athlete MUST be immediately transported to the hospital.
- 3. Close observation of an athlete MUST continue following a concussion. This should be monitored for an appropriate amount of time following the injury to ensure that there is no escalation of symptoms.
- 4. Any athlete with signs or symptoms related to a concussion MUST be evaluated from a licensed health care professional (Physician, Physicians Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Athletic Trainer) trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.
- 5. The athlete MUST obtain written clearance from one of the licensed health care professionals mentioned above directing them into a well defined RTP stepped protocol similar to one outlined below. If at any time signs or symptoms should return during the RTP progression the athlete should cease activity\*.
- 6. After the RTP protocol has been successfully administered (no longer exhibits any signs or symptoms or behaviors consistent with concussions), final written medical clearance is required by one of the licensed health care professionals mentioned above for them to fully return to unrestricted participation in practices and competitions.

## Medical Clearance RTP Protocol (Recommended one full day between steps)

Rehabilitation stage Funct	tional exercise at each stage of rehabilitation Obj	ective of each stage
1. No activity	Complete physical and cognitive rest until asymptomatic. School may need to be modified.	Recovery
2. Light aerobic activity	Walking, swimming or stationary cycling keeping intensity, <70% of maximal exertion; no resistance training	Increase Heart Rate
3. Sport Specific Exercise	Skating drills in ice hockey, running drills in soccer; no head impact activities	Add Movement
4. Non-contact training drills	Progression to more complex training drills, i.e., passing drills in football and ice hockey; may start progressive resistance training	Exercise, coordination and cognitive load
5. Full Contact Practice	Following medical clearance, participate in normal training activities	Restore confidence and assess functional skills by coaching staff

<sup>\*</sup> If at any time symptoms should return during the RTP progression the athlete should stop activity that day. If the athlete's symptoms are gone the next day, s/he may resume the RTP progression at the last step completed in which no symptoms were present. If symptoms return and don't resolve, the athlete should be referred back to their medical provider.

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