

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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2007-08 ANNUAL GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT

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ALERT

- NFHS changes in rules for girls' gymnastics
- Restructuring of the CIAC tournament for girls' gymnastics

NFHS RULES CHANGES

Rules changes in high school girls' gymnastics dealing with matting and padding specifications have been approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Board of Directors with immediate implementation for the 2007-08 school year.

1. A manufactured sting mat no longer will be permitted to be placed on the runway for vaulting. Instead, one manufactured hand placement mat may be used on the runway (not on the board) for any vault. This mat, which is to be used for assistance in hand placement and extra cushioning, may be 36 inches x 36 inches x 1 3/8 inches or 36 inches x 54 inches x 1 3/8 inches.
2. The pistons/pedestal (vertical uprights) of the vaulting table must be padded with the manufacturer's protective padding. If a gymnast performs a vault without the pistons/pedestal of the vaulting table padded, the vault is voided and a score of zero is given. A retrofit table must use manufactured protective padding designed for this purpose.

CIAC TOURNAMENT

1.0 DIVISIONS

Only institutional members of the Conference may enter this tournament which will be in three (3) divisions: Division I, Division II, Division III.

Divisions will be determined at the seeding meeting in February based upon the top 24 team averages. Enrollment figures of the previous school year will be used (dividing them into three equal groups (divisions)).

2.0 DATES

- 2.1 Practice may commence on, but not before, **Monday, November 26, 2007**
- 2.2 Competition may commence on, but not before, **Wednesday, December 12, 2007.**
- 2.3 The last date for meets to count for the 2008 Gymnastics Tournament will be **Monday, February 18, 2008.**

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**2007-08 GIRLS GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT
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THE GIRLS GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION IS ARRANGED IN NINE (9) SECTIONS.

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3.0 TOURNAMENT DATES

- 3.1 The **Team Division Championship Tournament** will be held on Friday, February 22, 2008 (snow date February 23) and Saturday, February 23, 2008 (snow date February 24). Dates and times for the three divisions will be announced after the seed meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 -- Information will be available on the CIAC web site.

DIVISION I TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

JONATHAN LAW HIGH SCHOOL, MILFORD
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DIVISION III TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

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DIVISION II TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

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- 3.2 The **Open Individual Championship** will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008 (snow date March 2)
 POMPERAUG HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHURY
 Meet Director - Pat Simon - Jonathan Law High School
 Telephone - W - (203) 783-3412 / H - (203) 874-2260 / E-mail: psimon@milforded.org
 Coaches Meeting 10:00 a.m. / Warm-up 9:45 p.m. / Competition 10:30 a.m.

3.3 NEW ENGLAND TOURNAMENT - SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008

JONATHAN LAW HIGH SCHOOL, MILFORD
 New England Gymnastics Coordinator - Pat Simon
 E-mail: psimon@milforded.org

4.0 QUALIFYING

- 4.1 To be eligible for consideration for the **Team Divisional Championship Tournament**, a team must have participated in a minimum of six (6) meets during the regular season. Only the first two meets with any single full team will count for tournament purposes.
- 4.2 Dual, tri, quad meets shall count. Each score from these meets shall count as ONE SCORE toward championship meet qualification. Do not, for example, count your score from a tri-meet two times.
- 4.3 Individual and team scores must be submitted after each meet using the CIAC password protected eligibility center.
- 4.4 All meet scores to be considered for team and individual tournament qualification, shall have at least one rated official per event. (If more than one event is going on at one time, use at least one rated official at each event.)

- 4.5 Gymnasts, including members of One Person teams must have been members of their school team for a minimum of six meets during the regular season to be eligible for participation in the Division Team Tournament or in the Individual Open Tournament.
- 4.6 Gymnasts who have been approved to participate as One Person Teams shall only compete for CIAC tournament qualification in CIAC regular season competitions that are scheduled by the “receiving school” with which the one person team gymnast(s) participates. (A receiving school is the school that accepts the approved participation of the “one person” team.)
- 4.7 The home school for One Person Teams is responsible for submitting all CIAC information and must ensure supervision of their athletes at all meets and tournaments.
- 4.8 Gymnastics teams of CIAC member schools may compete for qualifying purposes with schools in these categories:
- * Schools which are members of CIAC.
 - * Out-of-state schools which are members of their state association
 - * The American School for the Deaf

NOTE: Girl gymnasts on CIAC member school teams are permitted to participate in a maximum of four (4) USGA-sanctioned meets during the course of the interscholastic girls’ gymnastics season as unattached participants. (See “unattached” definition in CIAC Handbook.) Requests for permission to participate must be made to CIAC through the individual gymnast’s school principal. CIAC weekly and seasonal limitations must be observed. Failure to receive permission violates Rule II.E. of the CIAC Code of Eligibility.

5.0 TEAM DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

- 5.1 Twenty-four school teams are invited to participate in the Team Divisional Championship Tournament. Athletes who are members of One Person Teams are eligible to qualify for the Open Individual Championship throughout the regular competition season. The Team Divisional Championship Tournament is for school teams with 4 or more members.
- 5.2 Process used by the committee at the end of season seeding meeting to determine qualifying teams for the Team Division Championship tournament:
- * Team averages are listed from highest to lowest, based on the top six (6) team scores achieved during the regular season.
 - * School teams with the top 24 averages are identified.
 - * This list is then divided into three divisions of eight (8) schools each, based on enrollment (girls grades 10-12) from the previous year.
- 5.3 During the Team Divisional Championship tournament the top four (4) scores per apparatus for each team will count toward the team score. Each team may compete a maximum of six (6) gymnasts per event. Competitors must be designated prior to the seeding meeting.
- 5.4 The team divisional championship tournament will be run as a team meet with all six (6) gymnasts from one school competing as a team at each event.

6.0 INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATION -- OPEN INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

- 6.1 Participation in the Open Individual Tournament is available to gymnasts who have met the qualifying standard(s) during regular season competition. These qualifying standards are established by the committee annually. For 2008 the qualifying standard is set at the 20th best score average on each apparatus as achieved during the 2007 State Open. For the 2008 Individual State Open, qualifying marks are as follows: vault = 8.65, bars -- 8.15, Beam = 8.275, Floor = 7.9.

In order to qualify for the Open Individual Tournament, **the average of the best five scores (per individual/per event) achieved during the regular season competition must meet or exceed the published qualifying mark.**

- 6.2 If a gymnast was unable due to an injury to record a minimum of five scores in order to qualify according to the regulations, a request for a "bye" into the Open Individual Tournament may be submitted for consideration by the CIAC Girls Gymnastics Committee.

- * The request must be submitted in writing by the athletic director of the school for which the gymnast competes;
- * The request must be accompanied by medical documentation testifying that the gymnast was unable to compete;
- * The gymnast must have participated in at least three meets;
- * The average of the gymnast's scores must meet or exceed the qualifying mark;
- * The decision of the Committee is final.

- 6.3 A gymnast who meets the qualifying standard in all four events during the regular season, will be automatically entered into the All-Around competition. A gymnast who participates in the all-around is eligible to receive a medal in each event.

- 6.4 **New England Tournament** -- Top two (2) scoring teams at Team Divisional Championships and medalists from the Open Individual Tournament.

7.0 ENTRY PROCEDURE

- 7.1 **Entry Forms** -- All entry forms must be submitted via the CIAC password protected on-line eligibility center by February 18, 2008.

- 7.2 **ALL SCORES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 18 BY 10:00 P.M.**

*** It is imperative that all entry forms be submitted regardless of state team qualifications or individual qualifications for the purpose of ranking all teams and individuals in the state. ***

- 7.3 **Entry Fee**

\$125.00 for each school entering the Team Divisional Championship; and
\$15.00 per individual/per event for entering the Open Individual Championship

Make checks payable to CIAC and mail to the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410.

8.0 EXPENSES/TICKETS

8.1 Charges for admission to tournament games

Children five (5) and under – Free; Senior Citizens (age 65 and older) – \$5.00;
Students (grades 1-12) – \$5.00; Adults (All others not in the above categories) – \$7.00

Pre-sale tickets will be available for events which require advanced sales for proper management of the event. All pre-sale tickets will be sold at the above prices. There will be no discounting of pre-sale tickets.

A maximum of two non-participating members of a qualifying team, who are assisting a coach and dressed in a warm-up jacket, shall be admitted free of charge.

8.2 During the 2008 Tournament, the following passes will be honored at all games where an admission is charged.

- a. CIAC Gymnastic Pass (gymnastic coaches must request from CIAC and provide a self-addressed stamped envelope)
- b. Principal (or designee) of participating schools with CAS membership card
- c. Press Card
- d. CIAC Gymnastics Officials Pass

No other complimentary admissions will be permitted.

8.3 Schools will bear all traveling expenses.

9.0 FORFEITS

9.1 Member schools are required to submit a schedule of gymnastic meets. A forfeit meet shall count as a victory for the team declared the winner and as a loss for the team declared a loser in determining tournament qualifications and ratings. For tournament qualifications only the following reasons for a forfeit shall be accepted.

9.2 A team shall forfeit a meet or meets if through a violation it is required to do so under the CIAC Rules of Eligibility.

9.3 A team shall forfeit a meet if the meet official declares the meet a forfeit as a result of a National Federation rule violation, or a team refuses to participate after being instructed to do so by the meet official.

9.4 Forfeitures will be honored when there is mutual agreement between the Principals of the two schools involved in the meet not held. Each Principal must submit on the official CIAC Canceled Game - Forfeiture Form his/her decision and it must be received in the CIAC office within 72 hours following the time of the scheduled meet. On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures (72 hours) if a question of team forfeiture arises the Executive Director or his designee, in consultation with the Chairman of the sports committee affected and the Principals of the two schools will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interests of the tournament as a whole.

- 9.5 All games listed on the original schedule and submitted to the CIAC which are not played and have not been forfeited in accordance with this policy will be considered by each sport committee as No Contest and shall not count for tournament qualification and ratings unless it affects the minimum number of meets required to qualify for tournament participation. In this instance the sport committee shall review the evidence submitted by the teams involved and may grant an exception from the minimum meet requirement.

10.0 PROTESTS

- 10.1 Each sports committee will establish a protest committee whose purpose will be to adjudicate all protests relating to the operation of the tournament, including the application and administration of tournament regulations. National Federation or CIAC meet rule interpretations and judgments by the meet officials cannot be protested. The Protest Committee for each sport shall consist of the Assistant Executive Director for CIAC, the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, an administrator member of the sports Committee, the Tournament Director, and the Coaches' Chairman on the sport Committee. All Protest Committee decisions are appealable to the CIAC Board of Control as provided in the CIAC By-laws.
- 10.2 On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures and Board of Control hearings, if a question of interpretation of tournament regulations or the operation of the tournament arises, the Chairman of the CIAC Board of Control, the Executive Director of CIAC, and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee in question will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interest of the tournament as a whole.
- 6.3 DECISIONS BY MEET JUDGES -- Protests arising from the decisions, interpretations and misapplication of the National Federation or CIAC meet rules by the judges during the meet will be considered upon a written inquiry. A \$5.00 fee must accompany the inquiry. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the judges on the inquiry are final. The record of the official scorekeeper at the conclusion of the championship is final unless an error is discovered. Such error shall be corrected as covered by specific meet rules. Any team leaving the contest area before the conclusion of the contest because of dissatisfaction with the officiating will render the school liable to disciplinary action by the conference.

11.0 SUPERVISION/SPORTSMANSHIP

- 11.1 In the interest of crowd control and proper supervision the CIAC Board of Control has approved the tournament regulation requiring the principal of the participating schools or his/her designee to attend all tournament games. The school administrator should identify him/herself to the site director.
- 11.2 When a member school's coach is ejected from a meet for an infraction as prescribed by the rules, the meet may not continue until the member school replaces the ejected coach with a certified coach. If this cannot be accomplished within 15 minutes after the ejection, the official in charge will declare the entire team disqualified.
- 11.3 Use of tobacco products or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind, including champagne, are not permitted at a meet. The principal or his/her designee at the game shall see that this rule is enforced and adhered to by the teams.

12.0 TOURNAMENT RULES/PROCEDURES

- 12.1 At the Open Individual Tournament and the three Team Divisional Championships four (4) events will be run concurrently, with two judges per event.

12.2 Regular Season Meet Guidelines:

- a. Order of events if possible: vault, bars, beam and floor.
- b. If two events run at once the order is vault and bars; beam and floor.
- c. Maximum six (6) official gymnasts per event with the top four (4) scores added to determine the team score. Quadrangular meet -- maximum six (6) official gymnasts per event, with two events going on at once and four (4) judges.
- d. Provide 1/2 hour warm-up time to the competing teams in dual meets and 45 minutes warm-up time in tri and quadrangular meets. Start meets as scheduled.
- e. **HOST SCHOOLS MUST BE CERTAIN THAT ALL EQUIPMENT CONFORMS TO NATIONAL FEDERATION SAFETY STANDARDS. (CONSULT 2006-08 NATIONAL FEDERATION RULE BOOK.)**

12.3 All meets including tournaments shall be scored and governed by the current National Federation Official High School Girls Gymnastics Rules.

12.4 A rotational and timed warm-up will precede each event at the Team Divisional and Individual Open competition. Specifics of this rotation and warm-up period will be determined at the coaches meeting prior to the competition.

12.5 Awards:

- * The Team Divisional Tournament will award plaques and medals as follows
 - a) The first place team will receive the Ro Carlucci award and individual gold medals
 - b) The second place team will receive a plaque and individual silver medals
 - c) The third team will receive individual bronze medals
- * The Open Individual Tournament will award medals to the top six gymnasts in each event, including the All Around.

12.6 CIAC LATE ENTRY 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.**

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS VIOLATIONS

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 \$50 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed

The CIAC Gymnastic Committee 2007-08:

Ann Jarvis, Assistant Principal, Glastonbury High School - CH

Coaches:

Sue Hopkins Terrell, Norwich Free Academy

Bethany Mihaly, New Milford

Melissa Arms, Daniel Hand, Madison

Hal Rettstadt, Pomperaug, Southbury

Patrick Simon, Jonathan Law, Milford (Tournament Director)

Consultants:

John Lawless, Nonnewaug, Woodbury

John Krot, Killingly - CAAD

APPENDIX A

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2007-08 GIRLS GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

All CIAC member schools are to report their 2007-08 schedule for gymnastics on this form via the password-protected online eligibility center. This information will be used to verify petition of entry forms when they are submitted.

APPENDIX B

2007-08 CIAC GIRLS GYMNASTICS

State Team Rank Form

State team rank form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by February 18, 2008.

APPENDIX C

2007-08 CIAC GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Petition for Non-CIAC Competition

This form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center not later than Saturday, February 16, 2008.

I understand that the above named gymnast can compete in a maximum of four (4) non-CIAC meets and must compete unattached from any team and her score cannot be used for team scoring in a non-CIAC meet.

I also understand that the above named gymnast must maintain the CIAC rule of two (2) meets per week with Sunday as the first day of the week and no more than fourteen (14) meets during her high school schedule which starts with the first high school meet and ending with the New England Meet.

GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT FORMS LISTING

All tournament forms must be submitted via the online eligibility center section of the CIAC website located at <http://www.casciac.org/elig/eligibility.cgi>. This area of the site requires the school's username and password for entry.

Worksheets for collecting the information needed to submit the online forms can be found on the following pages. These worksheets are intended for giving to coaches to provide information for submission to the school officials who will be filing the information online. Under no circumstances will printed forms be accepted in lieu of submissions via the eligibility center.

The following forms must be submitted for the sport of gymnastics:

1. Petition for non-CIAC competition (if necessary)
2. State Team Ranking Form *
3. Meet Scores^{1*&}
4. Open Qualifier Meet-By-Meet Results

¹ Game results must be submitted on a weekly basis. Scores of all games through a Saturday must be submitted by the following Monday (Tuesday if Monday is a school holiday).

* For these forms, you may find it easier to print out a copy of the actual web form, instead of using the worksheet, since the web form will be filled in with your eligible players and/or game schedule. Any form in the online eligibility center can be printed without being submitted.

& If schools choose to do so, they may set up access codes which allow coaches to enter game results without having the main school eligibility center password. Access codes can be set up in the online eligibility center by selecting the appropriate option from the "Administrative Actions" menu. Once the code is setup and the schedule is entered in the eligibility center, results may then be entered at http://www.casciac.org/scripts/submit_scores.cgi.

CIAC ONLINE ELIGIBILITY CENTER WORKSHEET

FORM: Petition for non-CIAC Competition

MENU: Gymnastics → Petition for non-CIAC competition

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Name of Gymnast:

Requested non-CIAC meets:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

CIAC ONLINE ELIGIBILITY CENTER WORKSHEET

FORM: State Team Ranking Form

MENU: Gymnastics → Submit State Team Ranking Form

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Name	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All Around

School Medical Official:

CIAC ONLINE ELIGIBILITY CENTER WORKSHEET

FORM: Gymnastics Results

MENU: Gymnastics → Submit Schedule/Results

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Game Results

Date MM/DD/YYYY	Opponent(s)	Your Numerical Score For Ranking Purpose	Opponent's Score(s)
1.			
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Head Coach Name:

Home Phone:

School Phone:

This worksheet is intended only for collecting information to be submitted via the password protected online eligibility center. Under no circumstances will printed forms be accepted in lieu of online submissions.