

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

49th ANNUAL CIAC ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
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General Information

This data sheet for things to do to avoid fines and possible disqualification, may be helpful to you.

MUST BE IN THE CIAC OFFICE ON:

ITEM:

1. December 3, 2007 Historical Data Form due via the password-protected online eligibility center
2. Tuesday, February 26, 2008 Entry Form due via the password-protected online eligibility center -- Entry fee of \$50 must be mailed to the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

All those not qualifying for the tournament must submit the DNQ form via the password-protected online eligibility center.
3. Tuesday, February 26, 2008 **GAME PENALTY REPORT FORMS FOR EACH GAME PLAYED IN OR OUT-OF-STATE, HOME OR AWAY MUST BE DELIVERED TO CIAC BY 3:00 P.M.**
4. Tuesday, February 26, 2008 Non-qualifiers -- Penalty report forms must be mailed for each game played in or out-of-state for teams not qualifying for the tournament.
5. Thursday, February 28, 2008 Scores of games played on February 26 through February 28 should be reported as soon as they are completed either via the password-protected eligibility center or the "submit scores" area of the CIAC web site (schools must set up an access code to allow coaches to submit scores). Schools are strongly encouraged to submit scores of games throughout the season as they are played so that we may provide accurate rankings on the web site as the season progresses. Major penalties incurred in games played February 26 - February 28, must be reported via the CIAC web site upon completion of play. Penalty report forms for games played on February 26 through February 28 must be mailed immediately to the CIAC office.
6. Saturday, March 1, 2008 Information regarding tournament rankings and pairings will be on the CIAC web site -- www.casciac.org by 11:30 a.m.

READ TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS -- Most important

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CIAC ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

**Highlights of Tournament Regulations
2007-08**

1. Dates for the 2007-08 season are:

First practice date	Monday, November 26, 2007
First contest date	Wednesday, December 12, 2007
Last game date to count for tournament	Thursday, February 28, 2008
Tournament play begins	Monday, March 3, 2008
Tournament Semi-finals	March 10, 11, 12, 2008
Tournament Finals – Division II –	March 14, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
– Division III –	March 15, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
– Division I –	March 15, 2008 – 1:30 p.m.

2. Cost of the qualifying and first round games will be borne by the higher ranked team with the CIAC subsidizing each game at a rate of \$550 per game.

3. Complete entry information shall include a game / penalty report form for EACH game (home and away) played in or out-of-state, INCLUDING ALL TOURNAMENTS, CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES (league, CIAC, others). Incomplete forms will result in a \$50 fine and may result in disqualification from the tournament.

4. Tournament qualification / seeding teams for the purpose of pairings shall be based on the following formula:

- a. There will be three (3) defined tournament divisions with no movement outside the assigned tournament division for tournament play (included).
- b. The power point system will be used for tournament ranking within each division. The system will have two changes for the 2007-08 tournament:
 - 1) No point will be awarded for a loss
 - 2) The same number of bonus points awarded for defeating a tournament qualifier will be awarded for victories over ALL out-of-state teams. (3 points for Division I opponents, 2 points for Division II opponents, and 1 point for Division III opponents.)
- c. Teams will qualify for the tournament with win/loss records of 40% or greater.
- d. Teams on probation with 4 or more major/misconduct penalties (except equipment and 2 & 10 hitting from behind) will be disqualified from tournament participation.
- e. Teams not on probation with more than six (6) major/misconduct penalties (except equipment and 2 & 10 hitting from behind) will be disqualified from tournament participation.
- f. Teams that fulfill steps (a-e) will be seeded in tournament using the following formula:

Wins

Versus a Division I team	6 points
Versus a Division II team	4 points
Versus a Division III team	2 points
Versus an out-of-state team	6, 4, 2 points depending on placement

Ties

Versus a Division I team	3 points
Versus a Division II team	2 points
Versus a Division III team	1 point
Versus an out-of-state team	3, 2, 1 points depending on placement

Bonus Points for Wins versus Tournament Qualifiers and Out-of-State Teams

Versus Division I tournament qualifier/out-of state team	3 points
Versus Division II tournament qualifier/out-of-state team	2 points
Versus Division III tournament qualifier/out-of-state team	1 point

- g. This point system will produce a rank order list of the tournament qualified teams. The CIAC Ice Hockey Committee will use that rank ordered list of teams within each class for the annual post-season tournament that determines the three class champions.
 - h. In the event that two or more teams have identical placements in the rankings the following criteria will be used to determine tournament seeding:
 - a. number of wins
 - b. number of combined wins and ties
 - c. head-to-head competition
 - d. by lot ("coin toss" by computer)
 - i. A team that forfeits a game(s) as a result of CIAC forfeiture policy cannot accrue bonus points from the forfeited game(s) toward tournament placement or qualification. Teams that receive a victory by virtue of a forfeit shall be awarded bonus points toward tournament placement or qualification.
 - j. Beginning with the quarter-final round, CIAC will assign three on-ice officials (2 referees, 1 linesman) per game.
5. Game / penalty report forms for **EACH GAME** played in or out-of-state, home or away, as of Tuesday, February 26, **MUST** be submitted to the CIAC office. (The Ice Hockey Committee cannot perform its duties properly -- and guarantee a fair tournament -- without complete and correct information. **PENALTY REPORT FORMS ARE NOT TO BE SUBMITTED ON LINE -- HARD COPY IS TO BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED TO THE CIAC OFFICE** SO THAT THESE FORMS ARE RECEIVED IN THE CIAC OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOON, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008.
6. If a coach does not have copies of the new Game / Penalty report form approved 4/15/03 contact your athletic director as soon as possible.
7. **Check condition of student / fan seating area for existing damage. Schools which have been determined to cause damage to facilities or equipment shall be responsible to the site for payment.**

2007-08 NATIONAL FEDERATION ICE HOCKEY RULES CHANGES

- Rule 3-1-4** Change the maximum curvature from ½" to ¾" measured on the bottom of the blade from the toe to the head.
- Rule 3-3-1** Add to 3-3-1: Acceptable throat/neck protection includes: a mask with “flapper”-style protector attached or a mask with an extension worn in combination with at least one of the following: A separate neck guard providing throat protection or a neck guard as part of a manufactured undergarment providing throat protection (chest protector extensions do not satisfy the requirement).
- Rule 3-4-4** Insert wording: “All players, including goalkeepers, shall wear and have properly inserted into their mouth during the course of play a properly fitted tooth and mouth protector.” Delete: “It is required that dental guards be attached to the face mask.”
- Rule 3-4-4** Change wording: **PENALTY** for initial violation, offending player shall be immediately replaced on the ice, and the referee shall warn the offending team that subsequent violations by any player of that team shall result in the player being assessed a **MISCONDUCT. GOALKEEPER – MINOR.**
- Rule 5-5-1b5** Allows a linesman to stop play if he or she sees a high-stick infraction or puck played illegally with the hand.
- Rule 6-12-1** Revise to say that the puck will be dropped from the belt line. The official dropping the puck shall set the players and hold the puck at the belt line. When players are legally set, the official shall drop the puck. The official shall not present the puck or hold the puck away from the belt line.
- Rule 6-12-10g; 6-21-3** Change face off location to attacking zone for error in icing call by official instead of center ice.
- Signals** A new signal for “Contact to the Head” was added.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

The NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Committee continues in its belief that the main threat to the health of high school hockey is violent and reckless play. The National Hockey League has done more in the past three years to eliminate violent action in the game than any other organization. The committee wishes to address the following areas that need to be eliminated:

Obstruction

There has been an increase in the style of play that allows players to hold, hook and interfere with their opponents. The acceptance of this type of play not only rewards those who violate the rules, but also results in a less-exciting game.

The NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Committee believes that the rules in place are sufficient to restrict this type of play. The committee recommends a strict enforcement of the rules pertaining to obstruction-like infractions (holding, hooking and interference).

The committee realizes that this is not an easy step to take and that there may be some growing pains as this change in direction is implemented. It will take the cooperation, coordination and commitment of the state associations and the coaches and officials associations for this to be successful. This change will take time, but the end result will be a fair and exciting game that values both the speed and skill of the participants.

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TO: Principals, Athletic Directors and Ice Hockey Coaches
FROM: Thomas Neagle, Chair
CIAC Ice Hockey Committee

ATTENTION HOCKEY COACHES

I. Ineligibility for 2008 Tournament

Rule 13 of the CIAC Ice Hockey Tournament Rules indicates that a team will be declared ineligible if:

- a. it commits more than six (6) major/misconduct penalties;
- b. it commits four (4) or more major/misconduct penalties if it is on probation.

II. Probation

During the regular playing season any major/misconduct penalties adding up to 4 or more will lead to a team's being placed on probation. Over 6 will lead to a team's being declared ineligible for participation in the State Tournament. For a team already on probation a total of 1-3 penalties other than minors may lead to extension of probation; 4 or more will lead to a team's being declared ineligible for tournament participation.

If your team is affected by this rule and you wish to appeal to the CIAC Hockey Committee to explain extenuating circumstances, you must report to the CIAC office, Saturday, March 1, 2008.

III. 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 requests 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 \$500 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.

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CIAC ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 2007-08

As Recommended by the Hockey Committee and Approved by the
CIAC Board of Control

1. Only institutional members of the Conference may enter the Tournament.
2. Games played with non-member Connecticut schools shall **NOT** be considered in the rating of teams. But the CIAC member school must follow all other aspects of eligibility, discipline, etc. required by the CIAC. Games played against teams outside of Connecticut must be members of their respective state associations in order to count for rating in the state tournament. A penalty report form of the governing body from the game site must be submitted with the end of season report. All reportable majors/misconduct penalties shall be included in the end-of-season count.
3. **Division Qualifications for 2008 Tournament:**
 - a. The 2008 Tournament will be operated in three (3) divisions.
 - b. A team must play a minimum of ten (10) games and only the first two (2) games played with any single opponent will be included in the ten games. Teams will qualify for the tournament with win/loss records of 40% or greater.

Only games officiated by certified officials will count toward CIAC tournament ranking. It is the responsibility of the home team to hire certified officials for all regular season games.

- d. Following is a list of the 2007-08 CIAC Hockey Tournament divisional placements.

Division I (22)

Avon/St. Paul *
Conard, W. Hartford
Daniel Hand, Madison
Darien
East Haven
Enrico Fermi, Enfield
Fairfield Prep.
Glastonbury
Greenwich
Hamden
Immaculate, Danbury
New Canaan
North Haven
Notre Dame, Fairfield
Notre Dame, West Haven
Ridgefield
Simsbury
South Windsor
Stamford
Tri-Town (Ellington/Somers/E.
Windsor) *
West Haven
Xavier, Middletown

Division II (20)

Amity Reg., Woodbridge
Branford
Cheshire
East Catholic, Manchester
Enfield
Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe *
Farmington
Lyman Hall, Wallingford
Milford- Foran/Law/Platt Tech *
Newington
New Milford
North Branford
Sheehan, Wallingford
St. Bernard/Old Lyme/Bacon Ac*
Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks*
Trinity Catholic, Stamford
Trumbull
Westhill, Stamford
Wethersfield
Wilton

Division III (25)

Bethel/Brookfield *
Bolton/Coventry/Lyman Mem.*
Cross/Shelton *
East Lyme/Fitch/Ledyard *
E.O. Smith/Tolland/Windham *
Guilford
Hall, W. Hartford
Housatonic Valley/N.W. Reg.*
Joel Barlow, Redding
Manchester
Masuk, Monroe
New Fairfield
Newtown
N.W. Catholic, W. Hartford
Norwalk/McMahon *
Norwich Free Academy
Rocky Hill
Rockville, Vernon
Shepaug/Litchfield/Wamogo*
Southington
Staples/Weston*
St. Joseph, Trumbull
Watertown/Pomperaug *
Windsor

* Co-op team

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e. The principal and coach of each hockey playing school will be notified of their team’s divisional placement at the conclusion of each season. **APPEALS of a team’s divisional placement must be made in writing by the principal no later than April 14.** The appeal must be based on historical data that includes, but is not limited to:

- number of returning players
- feeder system data
- amount of ice time per week
- budget
- win/loss/tie records versus opponents by division

4. Each year, the Ice Hockey Committee will publish a new three-division placement of teams that will determine “power points” based on wins, losses and ties against in-state and out-of-state opponents.

5. Regardless of regular season postponed games, the date of Thursday, February 28, 2008 must be the final day to count for the tournament.

6. TEAMS TIED BY PERCENTAGE WILL EARN POSITION BY: (1) # OF WINS, (2) # OF COMBINED WINS & TIES; (3) HEAD-TO-HEAD; (4) BY LOT.

7. a. All qualifying and first round tournament games will be played at the site of the higher ranked team's facility, unless it is determined by the Hockey Committee that the facility does not meet reasonable standards.

The cost of the QUALIFYING AND FIRST ROUND GAMES WILL be borne by the higher ranked team with CIAC subsidizing each game at \$700 for all divisions.

Participation by schools in the tournament will be contingent on acceptance of this agreement. In addition, the CIAC will pay all game officials expenses and local site directors fees as predetermined by the Ice Hockey Committee.

On ice officials will be assigned for all tournament games by the tournament director. HOST SCHOOLS WILL ASSIGN ALL MINOR OFFICIALS FOR QUALIFYING AND FIRST ROUND GAMES. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL ASSIGN ALL ON ICE OFFICIALS AND GOAL JUDGES FOR THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT.

b. For the playdowns and regular tournament games, the pairings will be as follows:

<u>First Round</u>	<u>Quarter-finals</u>	<u>Semi-finals</u>	<u>Finals</u>
1 vs 16			
8 vs 9	1 vs 8		
		1 vs 4	
4 vs 13			
5 vs 12	4 vs 5		
			1 vs 2
2 vs 15			
7 vs 10	2 vs 7		
		2 vs 3	
3 vs 14			
6 vs 11	3 vs 6		

c. If for any reason fewer than 16 teams qualify for either Division the highest ranked team will draw byes for the first round.

- d. If more than 16 teams qualify in Division I and/or Division II the preliminary pairings shall be as follows:

If 17 teams	If 18 teams	If 19 teams	If 20 teams
16 vs 17	15 vs 18	14 vs 19	13 vs 20
	16 vs 17	15 vs 18	14 vs 19
		16 vs 17	15 vs 18
			16 vs 17

- e. Higher ranked teams will wear white and lower ranked teams will wear dark uniforms.
- f. The higher ranked team will be designated as the home team.
- g. Throughout the Tournament teams will maintain their original ranking.
- h. No tournament game will be scheduled to begin after 8:30 p.m. on a night when school is in session the following day.
8. a. Selection of teams and sites by the Hockey Committee shall be final.
- b. The playing time will be three fifteen minute periods. Intervals between periods will last ten (10) minutes.
- c. **Tie Game Ending Procedures** -- At the end of a regulation time, if a tie exists, the following procedure is in place:
- 1) **First Overtime:**
One fifteen (15) minute sudden victory overtime period will be played with five players per team and one goaltender per team. Teams do not change ends.
 - 2) **Second Overtime:**
Teams will change ends and a second fifteen (15) sudden victory overtime period will be played, with four (4) skaters per team and one (1) goaltender per team. In all tournament games, this step will be repeated until a winner is declared.
 - 3) All National Federation rules apply throughout overtime periods.
- NOTE: New ice will be made following the end of regulation time, and between each overtime period.
- Teams will win outright championships on the ice – no co-champions.
- d. National Federation Rules will govern all play.
- e. A team that has qualified for the semi-finals and finals at Ingalls Rink at Yale University may attempt to schedule a single practice session prior to either the semi-final or final game. Teams are limited to only one practice session at Ingalls Rink, not to exceed one and a half hours. Arrangements for said practice must be secured through the office of the Rink Manager at Ingalls Rink on an availability basis. The CIAC Ice Hockey Committee and the management of Ingalls Rink make no guarantee concerning the availability of ice time.
- f. Protests based on eligibility of players will be honored by the Eligibility Committee or Board of Control, protests based on play situations, rule interpretations and decisions which involve judgment on the part of game officials will not be accepted.

9. DURING THE REGULAR SEASON COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION EVALUATION SYSTEM. OFFICIALS FOR TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL BE ASSIGNED BASED ON COACHES' EVALUATION.

10. Tournament dates for 2008 have been scheduled as follows BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

Tournament Begins -- March 3, 2008

Finals -- March 14 & 15, 2008

11. Entry forms must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center -- no later than Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Forms submitted after February 26, may be rejected. List games scheduled for February 26 through February 28, 2008, inclusive and submit via the web site scores of these games to the CIAC office, (203) 250-1111, prior to 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 1, 2008. A HARD COPY OF ALL PENALTY REPORT GAME FORMS MUST BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED TO THE CIAC OFFICE, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410 -- SO THAT THESE FORMS ARE RECEIVED IN THE CIAC OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOON, FEBRUARY 26 -- BOTH IN AND OUT OF STATE GAMES. Incomplete entry forms or missing penalty report forms will result in a \$50 fine and may result in team disqualification from the tournament. For games scheduled between February 26 - February 28 major penalties should be reported by phone to the CIAC and copies of the penalty report form mailed or faxed (250-1345) to the CIAC before Friday, February 29, 2008.

12. Charges for admission to tournament games
Free -- Children five (5) and under -
\$5.00 -- Senior citizen (Age 65 and older)
\$5.00 -- Students (Grades 1-12)
\$7.00 -- Adults (All others not in the above categories)

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.

13. In the event of any situation not covered in these rules, the decision of the Hockey Committee or its representatives shall be final.

14. During the regular playing season any major/misconduct penalties from the list identified on the CIAC game penalty report form for all games played in or out of state, adding up to 4 or more will lead to a team's being placed on probation. Over six (6) will lead to a team's being declared ineligible for participation in the State Tournament. For a team already on probation a total of 1-3 penalties other than minors may lead to extension of probation; 4 or more will lead to a team's being declared ineligible for tournament participation.

15. During the course of a tournament any incident of unsportsmanlike conduct by the fans, players, or coaches before, during, or after a game must be reported to the CIAC by the building principal(s) and game officials which may result in a formal hearing before the Hockey Committee, and possible disciplinary action.

PENALTY REPORT FORMS FOR ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES, INCLUDING LEAGUE AND CIAC TOURNAMENTS AND OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES MUST BE SENT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT THE CIAC OFFICE.

16. **Complimentary Tickets** -- Participating schools will be issued ten (10) complimentary tickets to each principal to be used for supervision purposes. In addition, each varsity coach who makes the 2007-08 tournament may request by writing or telephoning the CIAC a pass for his personal use throughout the tournament.

17. **All schools that do not qualify for the Tournament are required to submit a penalty report form for each game played in or out-of-state by February 26, 2008.** *Failure to turn in penalty report forms may lead to a school being placed on probation for the following season.* Report forms must be sent to CIAC, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410.

18. According to CIAC regulations, commercially manufactured throat guards designed specifically for ice hockey, are required equipment for all players, including goaltenders, during the regular season and tournament play. Any player who, after being warned, fails to wear a throat guard, shall receive a misconduct penalty. Such penalty shall be reported to the CIAC on the penalty report form. (CIAC regulation 3-4-1)

19. **Canceled Games/Forfeits**

Member schools will be required to submit regular season schedules for all sports controlled by CIAC in which member schools participate. Determination of forfeitures will be based on this schedule.

A forfeit game 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.

1. A team shall forfeit a game or games if through a violation it is required to do so under the CIAC Rules of Eligibility.
2. A team shall forfeit a game if the game official declares the game a forfeit as a result of a National Federation rule violation, or a team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the game official.
3. Forfeitures will be honored by each CIAC sports committee when there is mutual agreement between the principals of the two schools involved in the game not played. 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 contest. 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.
4. **Every effort must be made to play all scheduled games, including postponements. If there is reason to believe that a game has been cancelled without just cause, the CIAC hockey committee will investigate the matter and the schools involved could be subject to further disciplinary action.**
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 games 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 game number requirement. The minimum winning percentage as determined by the individual sports committee must be met under all circumstances.

20. **PROTESTS** -- Protests arising from the decisions, interpretations and misapplication of the National Federation or CIAC game rules by officials during the contests will not be considered. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by game officials are final.

21. 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.

CIAC ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

2007-08

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CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Entry Form for
49th ANNUAL ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

(Limited to Members of the Conference)

1. This entry form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center -- NOT LATER THAN 4:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008. Entry forms not received by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, WILL RESULT IN A \$50 LATE FEE AND MAY BE REJECTED. Entry fee of \$50 must be mailed to the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410. The last date of games submitted for consideration is Thursday, February 28, 2008
2. Penalty report forms for each game played -- in or out of state -- home or away -- must be delivered to the CIAC office before Tuesday, February 26, 2008.
3. Please list the players you intend to use. It is your responsibility to check eligibility in accordance with CIAC regulations and their physical fitness.

The medical officer certifies that the individuals listed on the Official Tournament Form have satisfied the State health statutes and local regulations regarding physical examinations and are physically fit to participate in the tournament.

The principal certifies that the above named players are eligible under the CIAC Rules of Eligibility.

4. Penalty report form (below) must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center.

**RECORD OF MAJOR / MISCONDUCT PENALTIES, OTHER THAN MINORS
DURING REGULAR SEASON PLAY (See Rule 13) FOR ALL IN AND OUT-OF-STATE GAMES**

Home Team Players & #	Type of Penalty & NFHS Rule #	Penalty Explanation
Ex.- J. Smith #16	Major - Rule #	Charging - Flagrant

**** Under the Column Penalty Type** indicate Misconduct, Disqualification and/or Major. **Under the Column Explanation** give a description of the penalty. (i.e. spearing, fighting, profanity, etc.)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADMINISTRATOR OF COMPETING SCHOOLS
For CIAC Hockey Tournament Games

Sports tournaments are natural extensions of the regular season. The CIAC therefore expects that officials of participating schools will share to the fullest extent in the responsibilities for supervision of crowd control at tournament games. Participating officials must use every reasonable means to insure sportsmanlike spectator conduct. The following measures, if carried out conscientiously, can help to secure and maintain proper conditions before, during and following tournament contests.

A. Before a Game.

1. See that an educational program on proper crowd control behavior at games is conducted for the students over the intercom or announced in the school notices when the team is scheduled for a tournament contest on any particular day.
2. Advise students that the use of confetti, signs, placards, streamers, bugles, horns, drums or other obnoxious and disconcerting noisemakers will not be allowed under any circumstances and that after one warning violators can and will be removed from the site of that game.
3. **CHECK CONDITION OF STUDENT / FAN SEATING AREA FOR EXISTING DAMAGE.**
4. **At least one top level administrator shall attend each tournament game (the principal and/or an assistant). This administrator is to identify him/herself to the site director who can issue him/her some proper identifying tag or badge. Principals are to notify the CIAC central office when administrators other than him/herself or an assistant will fulfill this responsibility.**

B. During a Game.

1. Observe your team personnel, coach and assistant coach(es) and your fans that all is in good taste and good sportsmanship.
2. Assist the site director and game authorities if any unpleasantness or incident(s) occur.

C. After a Game.

1. Remain until certain that all is proper and well.
2. Help anywhere that help is needed. Cooperate to the fullest degree on any situation with the proper people.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES OF COMPETING TEAMS

A. Before a Game.

Arrive in good time with your team. Stay with your players at all times during the pre-game period.

B. During a Game.

1. Conduct yourself (and assistants) as gentleman at all times. Set a good example for your players and followers. Do not engage in theatrics or any unsportsmanlike conduct of any type that might tend to incite your fans to bad behavior.
2. Coaches and officials by the very nature of their positions exert a tremendous influence over the control of a game. This influence on the game must be exerted in a most positive manner by showing a complete respect for all official judgment calls and interpretations.

C. After a Game.

1. Escort your team as a group from the playing surface to your assigned locker room.
2. Stay with them in the locker room to see that all is well, win or lose.
3. Accompany players (and any other personnel) to the bus. Travel back with them to your school.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS OF COMPETING SCHOOLS

A. Before a Game.

1. Arrange the ticket sales to students and adults at his/her school if there is an advance sale. Make a report of this ticket sale to the site director. Return any unsold tickets and a check (payable to CIAC) to the site director well before game time.
2. Announce and/or publish directions for getting to the game site through local media and announce same over the school intercom.
3. Arrange for transportation for the team, cheerleaders and spectators from his/her school.
4. Cooperate with your principal and other school administrators in briefing and educating the student body about proper behavior and good sportsmanship at tournament games.
5. The athletic director and/or his/her designated representative shall arrive at the game site well in advance of the game time and identify him/herself to the site director and confer with him as to the game-to-be. An identifying badge or tag will be issued.
6. **CHECK LOCKER ROOM AND OTHER TEAM FACILITIES WITH THE SITE DIRECTOR FOR DAMAGE, ETC. Schools which have been determined to cause damage to facilities or equipment shall be responsible to the site for payment.**

B. During a Game.

Sit strategically where the conduct of your coach(es), team and students can be observed. Be alert for any disruptive acts or potential trouble and do all you can to aid the site director in such a case.

C. After a Game.

Stay afterward long enough to make certain and satisfy yourself that you team, coaches, cheerleaders, students, etc., are safely off the playing rink and out of the building.

RESPONSIBILITY OF SITE DIRECTOR

- A. Hire all personnel necessary for the proper and safe conduct of the game(s) as during the regular season of play. Meet with them as deemed necessary and explain in detail the jobs to be done individually and as a whole for the best conduct of the event.

Ticket Seller(s)	Fireman	Locker Room(s) Supervisor
Ticket Taker(s)	Custodian(s)	Official Scorer
Timer(s)	Announcer	Minor Officials
Uniformed Police	Door Guard(s)	
Zamboni Operator	Goals Judges (assigned by Tour. Dir. for all tour. games)	

1. Especially make certain that either an EMT, athletic trainer or nurse is in attendance. This is most important, needless to say.
 2. Competent minor officials shall be employed along with an experienced clock operator(s) and scorekeeper. Hire goal judges for qualifying and first round games only.
 3. Assign locker rooms and team benches to the competing teams along with respective crowd seating sections. Signs should be properly placed for fan information as to rest rooms, team and fan areas, traffic directions, concessions, first-aid room, main office, etc.
 4. Provide the competing schools and officials with travel directions to the site.
 5. Provide proper parking for team and cheerleader busses and the game officials.
 6. Provide and arrange referees quarters -- dressing room with privacy. They must be protected getting on and off the playing area.
 7. Make certain that all mechanical equipment is in good working order; such as scoreboard, public address system, Zamboni machine, lights, etc. Be sure that all equipment and supplies are on hand for the proper conduct of the game including a P.A. system and a recording of the National Anthem.
 8. Standby and experienced personnel should be employed and available in all instances.
 9. Take every precaution as deemed necessary for the best of crowd control in every way. Consult with the Tournament Director in advance of any unusual situation or emergency that may arise.
 10. Consult with coaches and officials that by the nature of their positions they exert a great influence over the control of a game. They must exert this influence on the game in a most positive manner by showing a complete respect for all official judgment calls and interpretations.
 11. Instruct all key personnel, police and ticket takers in particular, that any persons with such items as offensive signs or banners, obnoxious and vulgar wearing apparel, alcoholic beverages of any kind, drugs, badges or buttons in bad taste and the like shall not be allowed admission to the game(s). "Tailgating" outside the site's grounds and premises shall not be allowed.
- B. Arrange for the sale of tickets, if there is no pre-game sellout. Contact competing schools as to their advance sale so that he can judge what may be sold at the game site itself that afternoon or evening. Schools should bring any remaining unsold tickets, and a check, payable to the CIAC, for what was sold to the Site Director that day.
1. If a particular game is sold out in advance, notify as early as possible the competing schools to request that the radio stations serving their area get the message publicized as well as in the schools so that people will not travel needlessly to some sold out game. Police should be placed outside the rink (front and rear) to notify disappointed fans of the sellout and also keep them distance away. Disgruntled fans have been known to become unruly and cause damage to property.
- C. During a Game.
1. Move about constantly checking with various personnel and especially keeping in close contact with the police officer in charge as to crowd behavior and any other situation. Uniformed police should be at their proper stations and constantly alert.
 2. Keep the playing area clear of spectators.

3. Keep exits, aisles, lobbies, passageways, parking areas, entrances safe and clear of loiterers and unauthorized personnel. This includes the area behind each goal.
4. Work with the overall hired and school personnel to discourage unsportsmanlike conduct. Take steps in advance to prevent any unpleasant occurrence by exercising good judgment and common sense at all times.
5. Do not permit under any circumstances the bringing in and possible use of confetti, signs, placards, streamers, bugles, horns, drums or other obnoxious noisemakers. After one warning any violator(s) should be removed from the game site.
6. Handle any disruptive incidents quickly and efficiently. Call on police and rink help as judged necessary.
7. Assist the coach in case of injury to any player. The doctor, ambulance or paramedics should be assigned proper places and ready at all times to render any possible first aid, etc.

D. After a Game.

1. Do everything possible to insure the safety of players, game officials and spectators. Proper personnel to guard exists, entrances, corridors, lobbies, parking lots, locker rooms, rest rooms, busses, etc., should be assigned and duties explained to them.
2. See that teams are aboard busses safely with a police escort to adjacent highways if needed.
3. Communicate with the principal or athletic director of any school whose coach(es), players or fans exhibit bad and undesirable behavior.

E. Cheerleaders

1. These will be admitted free to any tournament game(s) in which their school participates with their proper advisor or escort.
2. Bands, drill teams, musical groups, baton twirlers and such are not to be admitted to or perform at any game.

F. Postponement of Games.

1. The site director will have the authority to postpone any game in the event of bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, and he will immediately notify the Tournament Director thereof. The Tournament Director will then arrange for a site and time for the rescheduled game with proper notification of this to all concerned; such as competing schools, coaches, officials, news media, etc.

G. Game Score.

1. This is very important for future pairings and choice of sites. The score of the game(s) must be telephoned in immediately to the Tournament Director, George Hall (860) 628-9540.

H. Game Report.

1. Complete as soon as possible by making a thorough and accurate financial report on the proper forms furnished by the CIAC as to ticket sales, operational and personnel expenses, etc.
2. Make any checks payable to the CIAC.

3. Return financial report, expense report, and unsold tickets to Michael H. Savage, Executive Director, at the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410. (Consult CIAC memo as to Duties of CIAC Tournament Directors and Site Directors.)

I. CIAC Tournament Playing Rules.

1. Have a copy on hand and know the CIAC rules as to tournament play and the conduct thereof in general. For example -- New ice, or resurfacing thereof, shall be made between each period.

Sportsmanship

Respect and civility is an expectation of all who are a part of the game. This is especially important in the interactions of players, coaches and officials.

Obscene and abusive language, especially when directed at others, has no place in high school ice hockey. This type of behavior is unacceptable of players or coaches and penalties shall be assessed for every occurrence. Officials must be held to the same standard and any incidence should be reported to the appropriate state authority.

The NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Committee feels that the reckless play situations listed below should never be tolerated or accepted as a part of hockey.

The rules are clear and are to be enforced at all times regardless of on-ice strength of the teams, the score or the period.

Hits to the Head

Ice hockey is a fast, physical and emotional game. Hits to the head are never to be considered a part of the game. These hits from high hands, elbows, forearms, high sticks and shoving the head into the glass add no value to the game and only increase the risk of injury to players. This year, the committee added a new signal for this.

Checking from Behind

Checking from behind is the most dangerous situation in ice hockey. This is due to the potential for catastrophic injuries that could possibly result in paralysis or loss of life. Injuries such as concussions, broken collarbones, separated shoulders and sprained necks are also a result of this reckless play. Coaches need to instruct their players to pull up from body checks when they see the backs of their opponents, especially near the boards.

Girls Hockey: Body Contact vs Body-Checking

With the continued growth of girls ice hockey across the country at all levels, there has been some debate about allowing body-checking. International, USA Hockey and the NCAA governing bodies are all committed to keeping the rules pertaining to body-checking as they have been. With that, the NFHS Ice hockey Rules Committee will also follow that direction.

The committee recommends that all state associations ensure that all forms of legal body contact are understood and treated as part of the game by officials, coaches and players. Rule 6-41-a clearly defines the situations for legal body contact. Contact from play such as angling, incidental contact, defending players holding their positions or stopping forward progress are all part of the girls game. On the other hand, body-checking is not legal and should never be allowed.

The committee will continue to monitor the trends and direction of the girls and women's game at all levels to ensure that our high school rules are in-line and appropriate.

Dental Guards and Goalie Equipment

It is the committee's intention that not requiring dental guards be attached to the face mask will result in more diligent adherence to the dental guard rule by players and diligent enforcement of the dental guard rule by officials.

It is the intention of the committee to move toward the smaller measurement of goalie pads and gloves such as other rules bodies have.

ICE HOCKEY 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 ice hockey:

1. Historical Data Sheet
2. Penalty Report Form
3. Tournament Roster^{*}
4. Game Results^{1&*}

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: Ice Hockey Historical Data Sheet

MENU: Ice Hockey → Submit Historical Data Sheet

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Boys Enrollment (Grades 10-12):

Overall Record:

Hours of Ice Time (average per week):

Number of players on team:

Number of players in feeder system:

Amount spent by school on program:

Amount spent by booster club on program:

Amounts:

Ice Rental – Hours: Total:

Transportation:

Salaries / Stipends:

Practice Times:

Last season's record:

Versus division I teams:

Versus division II teams:

Versus division III teams:

Additional information which has impacted program:

Name of Principal:

Name of Athletic Director:

Name of Head Coach:

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.

CIAC ONLINE ELIGIBILITY CENTER WORKSHEET

School Medical Official:

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CIAC ONLINE ELIGIBILITY CENTER WORKSHEET

FORM: Ice Hockey Results

MENU: Ice Hockey → Submit Results

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Game Results

Date MM/DD/YYYY	Opponent	Score Games Won	Score Games Lost	Score Games Tied	# of Majors	# of Misconducts
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2.						
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20.						
		Total Wins	Total Losses	Total Ties		

Principals Name:
Athletic Director Name:
Head Coach Name:

Home Phone:
Home Phone:
Home Phone:

School Phone:
School Phone:
School Phone:

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