

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

53rd 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. Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Entry Form due via the password-protected online eligibility center --

All qualifying teams must submit a team picture to the CIAC office – you may email to jsylvester@casciac.org

All those not qualifying for the tournament must submit the DNQ form via the password-protected online eligibility center.

Entry Fee \$100 per team
3. Tuesday, February 28, 2012 **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 28, 2012 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, March 1, 2012 Scores of games played on February 28 through March 1 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 28 - March 1, must be reported via the CIAC web site upon completion of play. Penalty report forms for games played on February 28 through March 1 must be mailed immediately to the CIAC office.
6. Saturday, March 3, 2012 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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TO: Principals, Athletic Directors and Ice Hockey Coaches

FROM: Thomas Neagle, Chair
CIAC Ice Hockey Committee

ATTENTION HOCKEY COACHES

I. Ineligibility for 2012 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 and/or misconduct penalties;
- b. it commits four (4) or more major and/or misconduct penalties if it is on probation.

II. Probation

During the regular playing season, including league playoffs and state tournament matches any major and/or misconduct penalties adding up to 4 or more will lead to a team's being placed on probation. 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 3, 2012.

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.

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CIAC ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 2011-12

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 2012 Tournament:**
 - a. The 2012 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 2011-12 CIAC Hockey Tournament divisional placements.

Division I (23)

Amity Reg., Woodbridge
Cheshire
Conard, W. Hartford
Darien
East Haven
Enrico Fermi/Enfield *
Fairfield Prep.
Glastonbury
Greenwich
Hamden
New Canaan
North Haven
Notre Dame, Fairfield
Notre Dame, West Haven
Ridgefield
Simsbury
South Windsor
St. Joseph, Trumbull
Tri-Town (Ellington/Somers/
East Windsor) *
Trinity Catholic, Stamford
West Haven
Windsor/Farmington/Avon *
Xavier, Middletown

Division II (18)

Branford
Daniel Hand, Madison
East Catholic, Manchester
Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe *
Guilford
Lyman Hall, Wallingford
Milford- Foran/Law/Platt Tech *
New Milford
Newtown
North Branford
Stamford
Staples/Weston/Shelton *
Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks*
Trumbull
Watertown/Pomperaug *
Westhill, Stamford
Wethersfield
Wilton

Division III (17)

Bolton/Coventry/Lyman Mem.*
Brookfield/Bethel/Danbury *
E.O. Smith/Tolland/Windham *
Fitch/East Lyme/Ledyard *
Hall/Southington *
Housatonic Valley/N.W. Reg./
Wamogo *
Joel Barlow, Redding
Masuk, Monroe
New Fairfield/Immaculate *
Newington/Berlin *
NFA/St. Bernard/Bacon Ac. *
N.W. Catholic, W. Hartford
Norwalk/McMahon *
Rocky Hill/RHAM/Middletown *
Rockville/Manchester/Stafford
Sheehan, Wallingford
Shepaug/Litchfield/Nonnewaug *
Woodstock Academy

* Co-op team

- 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 20, 2012.** 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, March 1, 2012 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 2012 have been scheduled as follows BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

Tournament Begins -- March 5, 2012

Finals -- March 16-17, 2012

11. Entry forms must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center -- no later than Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Forms submitted after February 28, may be rejected. List games scheduled for February 28 through March 1, 2012, 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 3, 2012. 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, MARCH 3 -- 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 28 - March 1 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, March 2, 2012.

12. **Charges for admission to tournament games through quarter-final round**

Free -- Children five (5) and under -

\$5.00 -- Senior citizen (Age 65 and older)

\$5.00 -- Students (Grades 1-12)

\$8.00 -- Adults (All others not in the above categories)

Semi-final and Final rounds: Pre-sale for all -- \$8.00 / All gates sales -- \$10.00

Pre-sale tickets will be available for events which require advanced sales for proper management of the event.

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 and/or 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 head varsity coach who makes the 2011-12 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 28, 2012.** *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. **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.**
 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.

2012 Ice Hockey Tournament Rules

22. 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.

CIAC ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE 2011-12

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Entry Form for **53rd 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 28, 2012. Entry forms not received by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, WILL RESULT IN A \$50 LATE FEE AND MAY BE REJECTED.

Entry fee -- \$100. 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 boys ice hockey options in the password-protected online eligibility center.

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 28, 2012.
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 maximum number of players that may dress for regular season or CIAC tournament games is 23.**

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 and/or 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. **Goal Judges will be assigned by Tournament Director for all tournament games.**

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		

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 Dr. Karissa Niehoff, 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.

CIAC ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Highlights of Tournament Regulations 2011-12

1. Dates for the 2011-12 season are:

First practice date	Monday, November 28, 2011
First contest date	Wednesday, December 14, 2011
Last game date to count for tournament	Thursday, March 1, 2012
Tournament play begins	Monday, March 5, 2012
Tournament Semi-finals	March 12, 13, 14, 2012
Tournament Finals – Division II –	March 16, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.
– Division III –	March 17, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
– Division I –	March 17, 2012 – 2:00 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 \$700 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.
 - 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 and/or 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 and/or 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, March 1 **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 28, 2012.
6. If a coach does not have copies of the Game / Penalty report form 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.**

2011-12 NATIONAL FEDERATION ICE HOCKEY RULES CHANGES

- 2-3-4 By state association adoption, at the conclusion of a period, teams must remain at their bench area until the referee signals the players to proceed directly to their respective dressing rooms.
- 2-7 Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, allow an otherwise illegal piece of equipment, create risk to the athlete/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.
- 3-4-5a Deleted: ~~When a new HE/ASTM Standard is established, players will have a three year grace period to purchase helmets and face masks, which comply with the new standard.~~
- 5-1-3 The officials retain clerical authority over the contest through the completion of any reports, including those imposing disqualifications that are responsive to actions occurring while the officials had jurisdiction. State associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents after the officials' jurisdiction has ended or in the event that a contest is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play.
- 6-8 No player shall make contact with an opposing player's head or neck area in any manner.
- PENALTY:** MINOR or MAJOR or DISQUALIFICATION ~~at the discretion of the referee. Contact to the head can be a stand alone penalty, or it can be assessed in front of another infraction (i.e., contact to the head = high stick, contact to the head = elbow, contact to the head = rough).~~
- 6-29-2 If an attacking player precedes the puck, which is shot, passed or deflected, into the attacking zone, but a defending player is able to play the puck, the official shall signal a delayed offside. ~~(Except that if the puck is shot on goal, play shall be stopped immediately for the offside violation)~~
- ADD (after NOTE): If the puck enters the defending team's goal during a delayed offside or immediately after the offside, the goal is disallowed.
- 6-39-1 NOTE: All ~~tournament~~ games ~~shall~~ may be played under overtime policies adopted by the state high school association.

NOTE: Content ~~crossed out~~ is no longer in the rules book

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 committee wishes to address the following areas in the hope that violence and reckless play will be minimized.

Concussion Recognition and Management – For the past several years, the NFHS has been at the forefront of national sports organizations in emphasizing the importance of education, recognition and proper management of concussions. Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be immediately removed from the game. State association protocol pertaining to concussion management must be reviewed and followed. Please review Rule 2-6-1 and the Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussions on page 80.

Contact 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. 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. It is imperative to have helmets securely fastened. To help deter contact to the head, it is a stand-alone rule. Rule 6-8 is entitled “Contact to the Head” and no longer exists within “Unnecessary Roughness.” It was felt because of the great potential for injury, it should be its own separate rule.

Face-off Procedures – The nine-location face-off procedure is now being used by other governing bodies. This procedure was viewed by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Committee as simplifying face-off applications. Rule 6-13 and other corresponding regulations were revised to reflect adoption of the nine-location face-off procedure in the 2009-10 rules book. The rule was cleaned up for the 2010-11 rules book to include the center ice face-off spot used for face-offs other than after a goal and the start of periods. Readers are encouraged to carefully review these changes on pages 37-40.

Abusive Language – Obscene and abusive language continues to persist as a major problem in high school ice hockey. This type of behavior is completely unacceptable for players or coaches and penalties must be assessed for every occurrence. The penalty for this behavior is a minor and a misconduct. This was reconfirmed by the 2011-12 NFHS Ice hockey Rules Committee. Placing the team of the offender at a disadvantage sends a clear message regarding the expectation that such behavior will not be tolerated. Officials must be held to the same standard and any incident should be reported to the appropriate state authority.

The rules are clear. The minor and misconduct must be assessed in addition to any other penalties assessed at that stoppage of play.

COMMENTS ON THE RULES

Communication: Coach and Official – The NFHS Ice hockey Rules Committee recognizes the necessity for effective communication among officials and coaches. The two most important individuals for the control and the sportsmanship of the game are the coach and the official. Good communication is helpful in creating an environment for a well-played, safe game with a high level of good sportsmanship.

Required pre-game meetings are a good point for beginning the communication. During the game as situations warrant, it is recommended that officials provide coaches with a brief explanation of serious and important situations. This will reduce misunderstanding about situations that can grow into larger issues. Coaches are advised that this extra communication is for their benefit and does not give them license to debate judgment calls.

Officials are reminded of their responsibility to communicate with coaches and players in a respectful, non-demeaning manner.

Intimidation, Roughing and Fighting – When a player deliberately drops his/her gloves, but no contact is made with an opposing player, that player should be called for intimidation.

When a player, still wearing gloves, makes contact by pushing an opponent, that player should be called for roughing.

When a player drops his/her gloves and makes contact or attempts to contact an opponent in an aggressive manner, that player should be called for fighting.

When a player, still wearing gloves, makes contact or attempts to contact an opponent in a manner that is more aggressive than roughing, that player should be called for fighting.

When a player intervenes in a fight, that player should receive a game disqualification penalty. This includes situations where the player is pulling a teammate away.

When a player intervenes in a situation that is not a fight, that player should only be assessed the penalty(s) that the actions warrant. If that player is only pulling a teammate away, there should not be a penalty.

Intimidation, roughing and fighting are acts of violence that adversely affect the game of hockey. Officials should assign penalties based on the sliding scale, which is designed to deter deliberate, aggressive player behavior.

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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	Functional exercise at each stage of rehabilitation	Objective 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

* 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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