



2019-20 Annual Report
CT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONTROL
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Out-of-Season Coaching Subcommittee – The Out-of-Season Coaching Subcommittee that the Board of Control approved at the end of last year met throughout the 2019-2020 school year. This committee focused on the positives and negatives of our current rules.

Sportsmanship Committee – The newly created CIAC Sportsmanship Committee included membership of students who also belonged to the Student-Athlete Advisory Board. The group worked this year to expand the Class Act Sportsmanship Program, promote respect for officials, and improve adult fan behavior at athletic contests.

Sunday Play Language Revision – The Board of Control approved revised language which provides the CIAC Executive Director the flexibility to reschedule CIAC semifinals or finals before 12:30 p.m. on a Sunday without the approval of the Board of Control. The change was brought forward following several incidents where weather conditions dictated that games be played earlier than 12:30 and there was not sufficient time to seek permission from the CIAC Board of Control.

Change In Language – Recruiting Penalties – The Board of Control approved revised language regarding penalties for recruiting violations. The revisions clarify some language regarding school and coach penalties and provide more flexibility regarding student penalties.

Girls Wrestling Invitational – The Board of Control approved a plan to hold the inaugural Girls Wrestling Invitational Tournament in conjunction with the State Open. The tournament was held in late February and was the first event solely for female high school wrestlers.

CHSCA OTA Proposal – Representatives of CHSCA presented a proposal that created three “OTA” days for football in the fall prior to the beginning of conditioning. The proposal was created in conjunction with a CAAD proposal to eliminate spring football. The three days of “OTAs” would allow teams to handle some of the administrative tasks that can sometimes be accomplished during the spring but would not permit any physical activity. The CIAC Board of Control approved this proposal.

Girls Tennis Tournament Qualification/Structure – The Board of Control approved a pair of proposals from the CIAC Girls Tennis Committee. The first was to move to a four-division tournament format from the previous format of three divisions. The second was to change the tournament qualifying standard from a 50-percent winning percentage to 40-percent. Both changes are consistent with other CIAC sports.

Additional Division for CIAC Girls Golf Tournament – The Board of Control approved a request from the CIAC Golf Committee to add a championship division in girls golf. The proposal created two divisions with 15 teams qualifying in Division I and 15 in Division II.

Boys Golf Move To The Fall Request – The Board of Control denied a request from the CIAC Golf Committee to move the sport of boys golf to the fall. Both CAAD and the CHSCA did not support the proposal. CIAC Board of Control members recognized that there was a large segment of the membership that supported the proposal and remain hopeful that there may be a way to meet the needs of the membership in a different way.

Coaches Disqualification Penalty – The Board of Control approved revised language for the disqualification of coaches. The primary change to the penalties is that coaches would now be required to miss two games instead of one following a disqualification.

The Coronavirus Pandemic caused the CIAC to cancel several winter sport tournaments and the entire spring sport season/tournaments. The CIAC continued to work on a daily basis through Zoom meetings, phone conversations, e-mail, etc. serving our member schools during this extremely difficult time.