



**2022-23 Annual Report**  
**CT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONTROL**  
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### Boys/Girls Basketball Shot Clock

The CIAC Board of Control unanimously approved the use of a 35 second shot clock for the 2023-2024 boys' and girls' basketball season. This brought to conclusion a long process that began several years ago when the CIAC Boys/Girls Basketball Committee first began to consider the use of a shot clock.

### FusionPoint

CAS-CIAC has been fortunate to rely on the expertise and skills of Matt Fischer over the past 25 years to design and maintain CAS-CIAC's IT systems, databases, online event registration, and athletic management software. As Matt prepares to retire, CAS-CIAC evaluated the IT needs of its staff and membership. Education and athletic platform industry options were explored and evaluated based on the association's needs. FusionPoint was selected to build a custom solution for the organization. FusionPoint is a highly reputable and influential application development, analytics, and data management firm headquartered in Charleston, SC. FusionPoint's cloud-based technologies have delivered custom solutions for an impressive group of consumer goods, retail, technology, telecommunications, education, healthcare, and pharmaceutical companies. In less than six months, FusionPoint has collaborated with Matt and other CIAC staff to build a comprehensive platform in modern code that parallels the existing system and will have the ability to add further customization as we create the industry standard for state association management.

### Championship Sites

CIAC staff continued its effort to enhance the student-athlete experience by upgrading championship sites. The football state championship games were moved to Arute Field on the CCSU campus in New Britain and to Rentschler Field which is the University of Connecticut's home field in East Hartford. The boys ice hockey state championships were once again held at Quinnipiac University but this year all the semi-finals were also played at this incredible site. The CIAC Ice Hockey Committee also used the new Sacred Heart University arena for some of its quarter finals. The CIAC Softball Committee has moved its championships to the University of Connecticut.

### Out-of-Season Coaching Committee

The CIAC Out-of-Season Coaching Committee met several times this year to consider proposals by the FCIAC and CAAD/CHSCA to change the rules governing out of season coaching. The committee

recommended creating a video to explain the rules regarding out of season for our member school principals. The committee also asked for a survey to be conducted to better understand the desire of our members as to whether to make changes to the existing rules.

### Athletic Trainer Shortage

Member schools dealt with an athletic trainer scarcity for much of this year. New state regulations for athletic trainers were part of the cause of this shortage.

### iWanamaker

Beginning in the spring of 2023, boys and girls golf adopted an online program for scoring meets and tracking golf rankings. The iWanamaker company built an app that allows coaches and golfers to keep score and input results from their matches. The CIAC will use the program for ranking and determining championships. The app also allows spectators and parents to follow scoring of matches live as they are being played.

### CIAC Legislative Task Force

The 2022 legislative session produced many bills that engaged CAS-CIAC in meaningful work to improve our member school students' educational and interscholastic athletic experiences. A priority for CAS-CIAC was the Task Force to Study the Governance Structure and Internal Procedures of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), created by Public Act 22-116, AN ACT CONCERNING ASSORTED REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES. The task force met and completed its work in the fall of 2022. Task force members included parents, school administrators, athletic directors, coaches, equity experts, sports experts, and CIAC staff. The task force met and completed its work in the fall of 2022. The final report was informative and largely supported the work of CIAC. The full report can be accessed [here](#).