



2024-25 Annual Report
CT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONTROL
Submitted by Gregg Simon
CIAC Associate Executive Director

Review of CIAC In-Season Rule

The CIAC Board of Control instructed the CIAC to form a sub-committee to review the current CIAC In-Season Rule. The current rule is violated several times a year, forcing member schools to self-report violations. A sub-committee composed of principals and representatives from CAAD and the CHSCA was formed. The sub-committee met several times and made recommendations to the CIAC Board of Control. These recommendations included simplifying language and allowing student-athletes to attend showcases in season. All the sub-committee's recommendations were approved by the board and presented to the membership for approval at the annual meeting.

Modification of Language Concerning Eight-Semester Rule

The CIAC Eligibility Committee asked CIAC staff to develop language that would address the problem of schools seeking eight-semester rule appeals when students had completed a year of school but then would be reclassified at the receiving school. The revised language was crafted and presented to the membership for approval at the annual meeting.

F-1 Visa Students— Adjustment in Regulations

The CIAC Board of Control approved a change in the F-1 Visa student rule. The current rule prohibits these athletes from playing a varsity sport during the first 365 days in attendance at a member school. The change will allow F-1 Visa student-athletes to immediately participate in athletics if the member school opts out of the state tournament in that sport. The change was presented to the membership for approval at the annual meeting.

Language Concerning Online Courses

Language concerning online courses was written and accepted by the CIAC Board of Control. Member schools have some student athletes taking online courses and clear language was written and added in the handbook that addresses these situations.

CAS-CIAC Hall of Honor

On the evening of Thursday, April 24, CAS-CIAC inducted a class of seven individuals into its Hall of Honor. The induction ceremony took place at the TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. The esteemed Hall of Honor class of 2024-2025 included Bill Barney, Jay Kelleher, Dr. Gladys Labas, Tom Malin, Paul Mengold, Tony Mosa, and Lev Torgerson. This is the eighth class of inductees.

Meeting With State Legislators

For the second consecutive year, CAS and CIAC staff members travelled to the capitol to host a breakfast meet-and-greet with state legislators. The staff answered questions and enjoyed an opportunity to discuss the current state of high school athletics.

Kendrick Moore Assistant Director of Equity and Leadership for CAS-CIAC

Kendrick Moore joined the CAS-CIAC staff and has made a profound impact on the many schools he has visited and the committees on which he serves. His message revolves around being “Locked In” to be your best self and stay focused on one’s personal goals.

Sportsmanship

The CIAC remains focused on sportsmanship through the work of the CIAC Sportsmanship Committee and our sport committees. This year the committee focused on sportsmanship through the lens of education-based athletics. A rule was adopted by the CIAC Board of Control last year which enhanced the penalty for any coach who is disqualified from a game. This new rule has made a positive change in the behavior of many coaches of our member schools. The CIAC Boys/Girls Soccer Committee has changed its cumulative card penalty to focus only on red cards and yellow cards given for dissent and abusive language (Tier One cards). Coaches and players will be disqualified for the next game after receiving two Tier One cards and then will be disqualified for the next game after every subsequent Tier One card.

Football Showcase

Under the leadership of CAS-CIAC Event Manager Corey Plasky, CIAC for the first time offered a Football Showcase for its member school student-athletes in May. The showcase had great attendance by both college coaches and student-athletes. CIAC plans to offer more college showcases in the future.

Woodstock Academy CHRO Complaint

A CHRO complaint was filed against CIAC by Woodstock Academy. The complaint centered around Woodstock Academy’s contention that a transfer student who participated in Unified Sports® at the sending school should be allowed to use Unified Sports as the transfer rule affected sport. CHRO dismissed the case contending the Unified Sports season should not count as the “sit out” season in advance of ice hockey for the transfer student. Woodstock has up to two years to seek additional action in the courts.