



CHANGES TO THE CIAC BYLAWS
As adopted by the membership, May 2020

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CHANGE #1: ARTICLE VII (TOURNAMENTS, MEETS AND GAMES), SECTION B.3 (Page 50)

Explanation of Change: Change in language to allow the CAS-CIAC Executive Director to have the authority to begin CIAC semi-final or final games before 12:30 p.m.

PROPOSED ADDITIONS IN **BOLD**:

ARTICLE VII-TOURNAMENTS, MEETS AND GAMES

Section B.3: Tournaments, meets and games played on Sundays, either home or away.

EXCEPTIONS: The CIAC Board of Control, upon request from a sport committee, may grant permission to pre-schedule the final or semi-final game of a state tournament on a Sunday. Further, the Board approves the use of Sundays after 12:30 p.m. for regular season and league tournament make-up games in all sports upon the mutual agreement of both schools. **Further, the Board allows the CAS-CIAC Executive Director to schedule the final or semi-final game of a state tournament before 12:30 p.m. when circumstances dictate an earlier start.** Should local board of education policy prohibit a member school from CIAC tournament participation on a Sunday, reasonable attempts will be made to offer an alternate competition date.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

There have been recent situations where weather conditions have dictated that games be played earlier than 12:30 and there is insufficient time to seek permission from the CIAC Board of Control.

CHANGE #2: ARTICLE X (RECRUITMENT), SECTION G (PENALTIES) (Page 60)

Explanation of Change: The changes alter some of the language regarding penalties for recruiting violations. The revisions clarify some language regarding school and coach penalties and provide more flexibility regarding student penalties.

PROPOSED ADDITIONS IN **BOLD**/ DELETIONS IN ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~:

ARTICLE X-RECRUITMENT

Section G. Penalties

1. A member school found to be in violation of any provision of this policy:
 - a. Will be assessed a financial penalty as well as all expenses incurred by the CIAC in its investigation, and required to forfeit all contests won in which a recruited student(s) participates and/or all points earned in any contests by a recruited student(s);

- b. May be placed on probation for a period of not less than one year in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred;
 - c. May be placed on prohibition ~~and denied any participation with any member school~~, **which means the school cannot participate in any CIAC-sponsored meets/tournaments**, for a period of not less than one year in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred; and/or
 - d. May be ~~suspended from membership in the Association~~ **placed on suspension from the CIAC and the school has the status of a non-member in all activities** for a period of not less than one year.
2. A student who allows him/herself to be successfully recruited by a member school:
- a. ~~Will~~ **May** be declared ~~permanently~~ ineligible **for a period of time as determined by the Board of Control** for interscholastic athletic competition at the school to which he/she was recruited; and
 - b. May be declared ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition for a period not to exceed one year at any member school.
 - c. **May be subject to other actions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Control.**
3. When a coach is involved in athletic recruitment violations the Board of Control shall consider **all punitive actions taken by the school to address the recruitment violation. In addition the Board may consider:**
- a. Disqualification of the coach(es) involved from coaching responsibilities at any level of that CIAC sport or potentially any CIAC-sponsored sport for a minimum of one calendar year. Note: The period of disqualification for the coach(es) continues even if the coach(es) leaves the position where the infraction took place.
 - b. Assigning a ~~two-year~~ probation period **not to exceed two years** for the coach(es) upon ~~the coach's~~ return to coaching responsibilities of any CIAC sport in any CIAC member school.
 - c. Requiring that the coach take the appropriate coaching module.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

The CIAC Board of Control found the original language to be too restrictive and sought more flexibility when administering recruitment penalties.