APPENDIX A

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2022-23 MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) is a private, voluntary, nonprofit subsidiary of the Connecticut Association of Schools, Inc. (CAS). The Conference is comprised of public and non-public high schools which are approved by the State Board of Education for certification and tuition purposes, whose boards of education/governing bodies have voluntarily applied for and received membership on behalf of their secondary schools. No school may be considered for membership in CIAC which has not been admitted to general membership in CAS. CIAC sponsors statewide tournaments and makes eligibility rules with respect to participation in such CIAC-sponsored tournaments in various sports. Each board of education/governing body that wishes to participate in such meets and tournaments must join the CIAC and agree to abide by and enforce the rules, regulations and qualifications concerning eligibility, game rules, and tournament policies and procedures of CIAC.

Institutional members of CAS-CIAC participating in any interscholastic activity or contest shall be subject to the rules and regulations established by the appropriate board of control for that activity or contest.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBER SCHOOLS REGARDING CIAC BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

As the voting representative to the association and as a condition of membership, member school principals will be responsible for the following: (CIAC By-law Article III, Section B)

- 1. All member schools have a data privacy agreement with CAS-CIAC that continues with this agreement. Any school entering as a new CAS-CIAC member should confirm an agreement for their district is in place.
- 2. Knowing and adhering to the rules and regulations of CIAC
- 3. Requiring appropriate school personnel to attend CIAC rules and regulations workshops on an annual basis.
- 4. Educating athletic director, guidance faculty and other appropriate faculty and staff on the rules and regulations of CIAC.
- 5. Requiring mandatory meetings at the start of each season with coaches, student-athletes and their parents (guardian) to review CIAC rules and regulations.
- 6. Developing a written athletic handbook and contract for all student-athletes which delineates CIAC rules of eligibility and is signed by the student-athlete and parent prior to participation.
- 7. Requiring all members of the certified coaching staff to attend pre-season game rules interpretation meetings in their sport at the local, regional or state level.
- 8. Reporting all violations of CIAC rules and regulations in a timely manner.
- 9. Establishing a protocol for processing eligibility questions from student-athletes, parents, and coaches within their school.
- 10. Requiring all newly appointed athletic directors to attend the CIAC summer workshop on CIAC rules and regulations.
- 11. Meeting financial obligations for CIAC dues by September 15 annually.
- 12. Filing a signed annual membership agreement by September 15.
- 13. Meeting financial obligations for all CIAC tournament fees by the stated deadlines.
- 14. Meeting all financial obligations to game officials within thirty (30) days of the event.
- 15. Ensuring that its regional or local board of education is in compliance with the legislation requiring the implementation of a state-and-CIAC-approved concussion education plan. Such plan shall utilize written materials, online training videos or in-person training and shall address, minimally, the signs and symptoms of a concussion; the means of obtaining proper medical treatment for a person suspected of sustaining a concussion; the nature and risks of concussion; the danger of continuing to play after sustaining a concussion; the proper method of allowing a student-athlete who has sustained a concussion to return to play; and current best practices in the prevention and treatment of a concussion. Parents and student-athletes must also sign a unified consent form indicating that they have been made aware of and understand the material contained in such plan.
- 16. Member schools are required to submit concussion data as requested by CIAC. Confidentiality is covered under the data privacy agreement.