

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2019

Present: Dan Moleti, Joseph Corso, Dave Tanner, Matt Perachi, Marc Aceto, Vincent DeNuzzo, Fred Balsamo, Joe Velardi, Robert Cecchini, Debbie Petruzzello, Nadine Gannon, David Eustis, Mary Lee Weber, Glenn Lungarini, Gregg Simon, Anthony Azzara, Chris Cipriano, Joe Canzanella, Damian Frassinelli, Stacy Butkus

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for November 14, 2019 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes.

Motion: To approve minutes – D. Eustis / second – D. Moleti – motion approved.

- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s report was presented for Board consideration.

- 1.3 Letter of Self Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [] – The Board considered a self-report from [] for use of an ineligible player by its girls soccer team. A player was discovered to be participating in an outside team that held tryouts during the CIAC soccer season. The school thoroughly investigated to discover the violation. The school was forced to forfeit its CIAC Tournament result upon discovery of the violation

Motion: To fine the school \$500 (maximum fine) – N. Gannon / second – V. DeNuzzo – motion approved (one abstention).

- 1.4 Letter of Self Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [] – The Board considered a self-report from [] for use of ineligible players by its boys soccer program. The school reported that on multiple occasions, members of the boys soccer team accumulated a number of cards that would require the athletes to sit out a game, and did not. The school noted it would be monitoring the coach going forward.

Motion: Fine the school \$500 (maximum fine) – D. Tanner / second – J. Corso – motion approved.

- 1.5 Sunday Play Approval: The Board considered a request from the Danbury High School wrestling team for a waiver of its Sunday play regulations to participate in a Holiday Tournament that includes Sunday play prior to 12:30 p.m.

Motion: To approve the request to waive the Sunday play regulations – D. Eustis / second – D. Moleti – motion approved.

- 1.6 Sunday Play Approval: The Board considered requests from the Greenwich and Darien High School ice hockey teams for a waiver of its Sunday play regulations to participate in a Holiday Tournament that includes Sunday play prior to 12:30 p.m. – the teams were making the request for the same tournament.

Motion: To approve the requests to waive the Sunday play regulations – V. DeNuzzo / second – C. Cipriano – motion approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Executive Director Update – Glenn Lungarini provided an update on some recent CAS-CIAC leadership events. In recent weeks the organization hosted the CIAC Sportsmanship Conference, High School Leadership Conference, and Unified Sports

Leadership Summit – with more than 2,000 students attending the events in total. He highlighted the sharing of best practices as something particularly meaningful from each of the conferences.

- 2.2 Request From Connecticut Technical Conference: As representative from the Connecticut Technical Conference, Stacy Butkus shared a request from that league’s membership that CIAC not schedule tournament games on Veteran’s Day, because as state agencies the CTC schools are all closed on that day and incur significant costs if their teams take part in games.
- 2.3 CAAD Spring Football Proposal: Representatives of CAAD presented a proposal for the elimination of spring football and a universal starting date for fall football beginning in August of 2021. The proposal was created after a survey of the membership to provide data on the support for the current structure of spring football. The proposal will first be considered by the CIAC Football Committee, and then if approved, will be vetted by other leadership organizations.
- 2.4 CAAD Out-of-Season Enforcement Proposal: CAAD Executive Director Fred Balsamo presented a proposal from CAAD that CIAC form a new branch specifically to investigate and monitor out-of-season coaching and circumventing of general out-of-season regulations. There was a lengthy discussion about the logistics of this new branch, how it might operate, what it’s enforcement power would be, the need to cooperate with outside organizations/entities, and the role of the schools. There was also a point that this proposal would be impacted by the work of the sub-committee currently working on the out-of-season coaching regulations. The group concluded to keep the item as a future discussion item and asked the members to consider and discuss at their schools how the investigative branch might function.
- 2.5 CHSCA OTA Proposal: Representatives of CHSCA presented a proposal that would create three “OTA” days for football in the fall prior to the beginning of conditioning. The proposal was created in conjunction with CAAD proposal to eliminate spring football. The three days “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. This proposal will first be considered by the CIAC Football Committee.
- 2.6 Boys Golf Move To Fall Update – Joe Velardi provided an in-depth presentation on the current status of the proposal from the CIAC Golf Committee to move boys golf from the spring to the fall. The presentation covered a lot of research and attempted to address concerns regarding the moving of the golf season with data. A lengthy discussion followed about the procedure for the proposal was tabled by CAAD during vetting. It was determined the CIAC Golf Committee needed to meet to consider the concerns and then either reaffirm or defeat the proposal, which would then lead to it being considered again by the CHSCA and CAAD before ultimately being voted on by the Board of Control.

3.0 CONSULTANT REPORTS

- 3.1 CAS –
- 3.2 CAPSS – No report
- 3.3 CABA – No report
- 3.4 Sports Medicine – No report
- 3.5 CATA – No report
- 3.6 Unified Sports – No report
- 3.7 CAAD – Matt Perachi shared that more than 60 athletic directors will be attending the national conference in December, 15 of whom will be supported with \$500 grants from CAAD.
- 3.8 CHSCA – Joe Canzannella reported the dates for upcoming CHSCA All-State dinners which would be taking place in the coming month.

3.9 Officials – Dan Scavone thanked the Board members as representatives of Principals for allowing their schools to serve as hosts for the winter rules interpretation meetings which were recently completed.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Eligibility – The Eligibility Committee reviewed three cases and approved one.

4.2 Eligibility Review Board – The Eligibility Review Board heard and denied one case.

4.3 Cooperative Team – No report.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Coaching disqualification punishments.

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Gregg Simon reported CIAC held successful fall championships, with only the football championships remaining.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16 (8:30 a.m.)