



## CIAC COVID-19 Update (May 7, 2020)

The CIAC appreciates and respects the efforts made by Governor Lamont and Commissioner Cardona to keep our school communities safe. The CIAC's consideration for any spring sport experience was always contingent on the re-opening of schools for in-person instruction. Per Governor Lamont's order, in-school classes have been cancelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Therefore, there will not be a 2020 CIAC spring sports season. The CIAC empathizes with our school communities and the experiences lost due to COVID-19. Our focus is now on completing guidelines for summer contact and resocialization to CIAC fall sports

At the May 7, 2020 CIAC Board of Control meeting, the following actions were taken in response to COVID-19 related issues:

- **OUT-OF-SEASON RULE (One Year Agreement)**
  - Virtual coaching will be allowed for spring sport coaches through May 31, 2020. Starting June 1, all coaches will be permitted to have virtual contact, which includes skill instruction and conditioning, until August 17, 2020.
  - Provided the governors orders allows summer sports to resume, spring coaches may coach their spring athletes until August 17, 2020, provided it is a non-school affiliated program.
- **FALL ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY (One Year Agreement)**
  - When determining eligibility for fall sports, any incomplete grades will be considered a passing grade until the end of the first marking period.
- **TRANSFER RULE (One Year Agreement)**
  - If the receiving school submitted the CIAC transfer notification form and it had been processed by the CIAC office, which established sitting out 50% of the spring 2020 season, those students will be immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic sports, if otherwise eligible.

CIAC staff will continue to meet and develop guidelines for resocialization to fall sports. It is important for everyone to continue their efforts in maintaining social distancing and preventing the spread of COVID-19. When the time is right, CIAC will play again!