

CIAC Football Committee  
Minutes  
9/24/21

1. Mr. Simon welcomed the committee.
2. Updates
  - 2.1. Glenn Lungarini has been interviewed a few times recently by the media.
  - 2.2. The season is constantly being reviewed and discussed at the CIAC
3. Six Division Committee
  - 3.1. The six division proposal is being surveyed by coaches currently
    - 3.1.1. The medical committee has not met yet but the leadership of the SPAC has been supportive
    - 3.1.2. A summary of the survey and SPAC will be brought to the football committee
4. Postponements
  - 4.1. Most schools that are postponing games have been able to find make-up dates
  - 4.2. Avon seems to be the most affected.
  - 4.3. Principals are being involved in these decisions
  - 4.4. At some point we will need to have a plan for creating divisions and qualifying for the tournament.
  - 4.5. We want the focus to be on the season right now. It is too early to make plans. The purpose of these meetings is to continue to monitor the season so we are prepared.
5. Comments from Committee Members
  - 5.1. Some coaches are frustrated with cancelations and feel there needs to be a backup plan.
  - 5.2. Coaches must understand the situation we are in regarding the pandemic. We need the committee to get coaches to understand we are in a better position than last year and that we can not put out a definitive play for play-offs yet.
  - 5.3. Should teams look to move their bye week earlier. Example: Take the week 7 game and move it to week 5 so that the bye week is later and gives more flexibility. This has already happened in a couple of cases.
  - 5.4. There is no evidence that teams are not wanting to play.
  - 5.5. There would need to be very significant cancellations for the committee to change the play-off structure.
  - 5.6. Schools are being creative in rescheduling.
  - 5.7. Something the committee may need to discuss in the future is if we had to allow schools with a reduced number of games played into the play-offs.
  - 5.8. Without the data for a major shift in the season we should not change the play-off structure.
  - 5.9. We need to trust the professionalism of the coach, AD and principal, in canceling a game.
  - 5.10. Do the commissioners have a role in overseeing that cancellations are legitimate?

6. Next Meeting
  - 6.1. Monday, Oct 4, 2021