



# THE CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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**Memo: Update on CIAC Ice Hockey Regulations  
Spectator Attendance Guidance  
Update on NFHS Revised Guidelines**

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To: CIAC Member School Principals and Athletic Directors

From: CIAC Executive Director

**Ice Hockey**

The CIAC Executive Director met with the Connecticut Rink Owners Association on February 2, 2021 to discuss the opening of the interscholastic ice hockey competition. The full Connecticut Rink Owners Association Return to Play Rules and Guidelines can be viewed at this link: <http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/StateofCTReturntoPlayStep2v5.pdf>

We are asking member schools to adhere to the following points of emphasis:

- Spectators will not be permitted at ice hockey games in the month of February. Media and Photographers with proper passes are allowed. Video for game streaming is allowed.
- Access to locker rooms is limited. It is the responsibility of the school team to provide supervision inside the locker to ensure all COVID protocols are followed.
- Athletes will be spaced out in between periods while the ice is being cut. This may mean that some athletes remain on the bench with others sitting in folding chairs outside the ice. Locker rooms will be limited to COVID restricted use and must be monitored by school team personnel.
- Ice rink staff will notify school team personnel of any observed violation of COVID protocols. It is the school team's staff responsibility to address athletes and monitor compliance with COVID protocols.

**Guidance on Spectator Attendance**

The CIAC requested guidance on spectator attendance from Shipman & Goodwin. Their review of current sector rules and applicable orders can be viewed at this link: [http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/CIAC\\_CapacityforWinterSeasonSportingEvents\(Feb22021\).pdf](http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/CIAC_CapacityforWinterSeasonSportingEvents(Feb22021).pdf)

**NFHS Revised COVID-19 Guidelines**

As communicated previously, the NFHS has updated its COVID-19 risk guidance. The CIAC is scheduled to meet with the CSMS Sports Medicine Committee on February 10<sup>th</sup> and the CT DPH and Governor Lamont's office on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The updated NFHS statement can be viewed at this link: [http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/NFHSSMACStatementonRiskofCOVID-19DuringHighSchoolSports-January27,2021-FINAL\(1\).pdf](http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/NFHSSMACStatementonRiskofCOVID-19DuringHighSchoolSports-January27,2021-FINAL(1).pdf)

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