

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Meeting

CHANGE TO THE CIAC BYLAWS - APPROVED JUNE 2018

CHANGE #1: ARTICLE X – RECRUITMENT

Explanation of Change: Change in language to modify the penalties currently listed in the CIAC by-laws for violation of recruitment policies.

PROPOSED ADDITIONS IN **BOLD**:

ARTICLE X – RECRUITMENT

Section G. Penalties

1. A member school found to be in violation of any provision of this policy:
 - a. Will be assessed a financial penalty as well as all expenses incurred by the CIAC in its investigation, placed on administrative probation and required to forfeit all contests won in which a recruited student(s) participates and/or all points earned in any contests by a recruited student(s);
 - b. May be placed on **restrictive probation** and denied participation in the CIAC State Championship Series for a period of not less than one year in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred;
 - c. May be placed on ~~suspension probation~~ **prohibition** and denied any participation with any member school for a period of not less than one year in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred; and/or
 - d. May be suspended from membership in the Association for a period of not less than one year.
2. A student who allows him/herself to be successfully recruited by a member school:
 - a. Will be declared permanently ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition at the school to which he/she was recruited; and
 - b. May be declared ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition for a period not to exceed one year at any member school.
3. When a coach is involved in athletic recruitment violations The Board of Control shall consider:
 - a. Disqualification of the coach(es) involved from coaching responsibilities at any level of that CIAC sport or potentially any CIAC-sponsored sport for a minimum of one calendar year. NOTE: The period of disqualification for the coach(es) continues even if the coach(es) leaves the position where the infraction took place.
 - b. Assigning a two-year probation period for the coach(es) upon the coach's return to coaching responsibilities of any CIAC sport in any CIAC member school.
 - c. Request that the coach re-take the appropriate coaching module.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

Current CIAC language references two sanctions that are not defined in the by-laws and this change updates the language to incorporate penalties that are currently defined. The change removes the phrases “restrictive probation” and “suspension probation” and replaces them with the terms “probation” and “prohibition,” respectively.