PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CIAC BYLAWS
(To be voted on by the CIAC membership only)

CHANGE #1: ARTICLE IX (Rules of Eligibility) / SECTION II.C #14

Explanation of Change: Section II.C #14 concerns the eligibility of students who participate in athletics and transfer in or out of a public school of choice. The proposed change specifically speaks to the eligibility of an athlete who transfers at a time other than the start of a school year.

Proposed language (changes in bold italics):

Section II.C (Student Eligibility)

(14) Athletes will be permitted to transfer upon entering grade ten to participate in any public school open choice plan enacted by the State Legislature or any state authorized charter, regional cooperative, vo-tech, inter-district satellite, magnet or other public school choice option. Transfers in or out of a school of choice may only take place once during grades 10, 11 or 12. Student-athletes who transfer in or out of a school of choice at the start of the school year will retain their eligibility providing they are otherwise eligible. Student-athletes who transfer out of a school of choice at the end of a school year must return to the school to which they would have been normally assigned by the Board of Education or be subject to the transfer rule. Student-athletes who transfer during the school year will be subject to all the provisions of the transfer rule unless they have a legal change of address to a new school district or meet one of the exceptions to the transfer rule. If a new charter, regional cooperative inter-district satellite, magnet or other public school choice option receives state approval subsequent to the year of a transfer, the athlete may transfer at the start of the school year to that school without loss of eligibility. Transfers during the school year will be subject to the transfer rules.

Rationale for change: Currently, an athlete who transfers in or out of a school of choice during the school year is not subject to the provisions of the Transfer Rule. The proposed language will subject any student-athlete who transfers in or out of a choice school during the school year to the same restrictions as an athlete who transfers without a legal change of address.