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To: Leroy Williams, Chairperson, CIAC Football Committee
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From: Connecticut High School Football Alliance

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Re: Football Playoff Point Proposal

The Connecticut High School Football Alliance is led by the commissioners of five leagues (CCC, ECC, FCIAC, SCC and SWC). We are requesting the CIAC Football Committee make a change to the current playoff point system.

The current CIAC point system would remain the same, but would include the addition of “strength of competition” factor to reward teams for playing competitive games. The Alliance commissioners would like the CIAC Football Committee to consider adding between “5 to 10 points” strength of competition indicator. A team would receive points for “an opponent winning a game” on their schedule regardless of whether it wins or loses. This will reward teams who play stronger regular-season schedules, and also promote more competitive matchups within respective leagues and throughout the state, including the Connecticut High School Football Alliance.

Since 2017, the “Alliance” has scheduled 279 games, including 100 involving eighty-six teams in the upcoming 2021 season. The goal of the Alliance continues to evolve to include more leagues and teams throughout the state. Representatives from each of the leagues meet several times over the year to plan and develop the schedule, incorporating important factors as classification, program size, school enrollment and recent program success into the scheduling. The collegiality between the leagues in the “Alliance” has been outstanding, with all sharing a common interest and visions for the sport of football. We also appreciate the CIAC, who has graciously hosted our Alliance meetings, and has taken a keen interest in our developments and successes over these last few years.

We look forward to collaborating with the CIAC Football Committee and interested stakeholders. Thank you for your consideration.