

April 13, 2022

Dear Mr. Kuckel,

The CIAC Football Committee met on April 12 to continue its discussion about appropriate sites for the CIAC Football State Tournament. In the 2022 state tournament, we became aware of the problems that existed in playing tournament games at Pierson Park which is the home site for the Cromwell/Portland cooperative football team. The lack of permanent locker rooms with bathroom facilities which forced visiting teams to use a tent before the game and at the half is unacceptable. The football committee instructed me to let you know that you would not be permitted to host games at Pierson Park unless significant changes are made which would include a sheltered, heated and lighted area for teams to prepare or the game. The section in the football packet that pertains to this situation is located below...

TOURNAMENT SITES: – *All must have permanent lights, be properly lined, access to lavatory facilities, a sheltered, heated and lighted area for teams to prepare both at half-time, and prior to the game. While a locker room may be used, some better choices may be available as long as they meet the criteria and maintain privacy and security for the athletes. Wearing cleats must be allowed in these areas. The final determination as to whether a site can be used for a tournament game is up to the tournament director*

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Gregg Simon

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