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Dear CIAC Girls Basketball Committee,

The following is a proposal from the Eastern Connecticut Conference:

Proposal to the CIAC Girls Basketball Committee

Submitted by the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC)

The Eastern Connecticut Conference respectfully requests that the CIAC Girls' Basketball Committee apply one single multiplier to all ECC girls basketball programs for state tournament classification purposes.

The ECC operates as one unified conference. While we internally organize into four divisions for scheduling and competitive balance, we remain structurally and administratively one league. Applying different multiplier treatments within the same conference creates inconsistency in state classification and does not accurately reflect how our conference is organized or governed.

The current approach results in unequal weighting among member schools within the same league. This introduces avoidable inequities in tournament placement and creates confusion around how conference affiliation is factored into the CIAC formula.

We believe the multiplier should reflect conference membership — not internal divisional alignment.

A single multiplier for all ECC girls basketball programs would:

- Ensure equitable treatment across the entire conference
- Allow the ECC to place teams in the appropriate divisions within the league without the multiplier being a factor
- Align state classification with the reality that the ECC functions as one league
- Create consistency and transparency in the CIAC formula
- Eliminate unintended disparities in tournament placement

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It is important to note that the ECC annually realigns divisions based on enrollment, program strength, returning student-athletes, and other competitive factors to promote balance within our conference schedule. These internal adjustments are designed to enhance competitive equity at the league level and should not create differential treatment at the state classification level.

This request is not intended to create advantage, but rather to promote clarity, consistency, and fairness in how the ECC is treated within the CIAC multiplier system.

We respectfully ask the committee to adopt a single multiplier for all ECC girls basketball schools beginning with the upcoming classification cycle.

Thank you for your consideration. We welcome any questions and the opportunity to discuss this further.

Respectfully,

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