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To: CIAC

From: Dave Schulz; FCIAC Commissioner

Date: 7/6/22

RE: Proposal for Boys Ice Hockey

The FCIAC would like to present a proposal to raise the maximum number of student athletes in a co-op situation allowed from one school in boys ice hockey from 15 to 17. The rationale for this suggested change is that there is a safety concern if you must compete as a single school program with 16 players which would include students from freshman to seniors. Freshman and even most sophomores are not physically ready to compete on a varsity level in the sport of boys' ice hockey due to the physical nature of the game. The number also usually includes 2 goalies which lowers the available skaters to only 14 if you are at 16 participants. If the number is increased to 17 you would be able to co-op with another school with 2 additional players and not be forced to play in a potentially dangerous situation. The FCIAC Board of Directors voted unanimously in favor of this proposal as did the coaches in the league. The SWC has also had discussions on this proposal and requested that I include that they are also fully supportive.

Thank you for considering this proposal and let me know if you need any additional information.

Dave Schulz