

CIAC Football Committee

February 28, 2023

Agenda

1. Review and Approval of the Football Committee Minutes 1/6/23
2. Quarter-Final Games Requirements-Grass Field

Tournament Format for 2022 – The 2022 championships will be played in a three game format – quarter-finals on November 29, 2022, semi-finals on Sunday, December 4, 2022 and finals on Saturday, December 10, 2022. The top forty-eight (48) teams, eight from each of the six divisions, will qualify for the championships. Quarter-finals and semi-finals will be played at the site of the higher ranked team with the start time to be announced. The sites for the finals will be determined by the Football Committee and all sites for all levels of tournament play must have lights. If a site is a natural grass field, an alternative site that is artificially surfaced, must be named prior to tournament play in case weather conditions dictate that a grass field is not playable. The CIAC Football Tournament Director has the authority to move the game if the site is deemed unplayable.

a. TOURNAMENT SITES: To be determined – 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 is up to the Tournament Director.

3. Connecticut High School Football Alliance Proposal
4. Success in Tournament Factor Application
5. Future Agenda Items

CIAC FOOTBALL COMMITTEE
MINUTES

1/6/23

I WELCOME - Leroy welcomed the committee to the meeting. He clarified that this is a season ending wrap-up meeting. The committee introduced themselves individually as there were some new members.

II FINANCIAL REPORT - The financial report is not complete because the CIAC is still bringing in fees etc. Mr. Simon gave a preliminary report. There were extra games this year. There was an approximate \$76,000 increase from the previous year due to the added division.

III REVIEW OF 2022 CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. 6 DIVISIONS - The committee discussed the increase to six divisions. Some comments were:

- a. There were a lot of competitive games.
- b. Some good teams made it to the playoffs that wouldn't have been possible last year.
- c. There were a lot of kids on teams that were able to remain competitive because they still had a chance to make the tournament.
- d. There were a lot of positive comments from coaches.
- e. Positive comments about playing at U of Connecticut.
- f. Gave kids more of an opportunity to play playoff football.
- g. The best teams won the state championships.

B. SITES - The committee discussed the new sites. Some comments were:

- a. College hash marks and goal posts.
- b. The sites were terrific
- c. Central may have been a better size
- d. Teams should stay off the field until the award ceremony is over from the previous game.

C. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES -

- a. There is a need and responsibility from committee members to go to events and assist with a number of jobs.
- b. Identify someone to escort the officials.
- c. Use coaches/coaches association who's team have been eliminated to assist at the championships. Joe Canzanella will work with the CIAC.

D. OVERALL REVIEW

- a. The cost was about \$30,000 at Central and about \$32,000 at UConn for the three games
- b. The committee discussed sites for next year.

IV FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. SUCCESS IN TOURNAMENT COME DOWN
- B. OUT OF SEASON COACHING
- C. SHOULD QUARTERFINAL GAMES BE REQUIRED TO BE PLAYED ON A TURF FIELD?
- D. NEXT MEETING - Feb 23, 2023

Proposal to CIAC Football Committee – January 2023

Submitted by the Southern Connecticut Conference (SCC) and Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC)

Designate one CT HS Football Alliance game per year (as scheduled by the Alliance) and provide greater number of points to the participants.

150 points will be awarded to the winner.

75 points will be awarded to the loser.

- Only one game per year will have this designation.
- The one game will be determined prior to the year by the Alliance committee (if teams play more than one).
- If a team plays more than one Alliance game, those games will still be regular designation as league games.

Rationale

- Encourages all high school football teams and leagues to join the CTHSFB Alliance for one designated week.
- Encourage great matchups, instead of “good” ones. And every school in the state can participate and be rewarded.
- Reward “both” teams for playing these competitive games. Designates one game to generate great publicity and comradery amongst leagues.
- This is another step of the good work of the CT HS FB Alliance in making positive change to the sport, such as “strength of schedule playoff points.”

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Background/Approvals

APPROVED 21-0 vote – Southern Connecticut Conference, Jan. 12

APPROVED 19-0 vote – Eastern Connecticut Conference, Jan. 13

Success in Tournament

Success in Tournament Schools 2021, 2022

Schools that reached the semi-finals in 2021 Fairfield Prep, St. Joes, Killingly

Schools that reached the semi-finals in 2022 Fairfield Prep, Glastonbury, Killingly, ND West Haven, Holy Cross

Current Language

1. The Football Committee uses a “success in tournament” formula for use in placing teams in division for the CIAC Football State Tournament. The CIAC Board of Control has provided the option to any team sport to adopt “success in tournament” for tournament placement if the sport committee so desired. The “success in tournament” formula will be applied to all schools of choice as defined by CIAC rules (more than 25 gender-specific students attend from out-of-district).

The Football Committee will use the “success in tournament” for placement during the 2022 season.

- a. All schools will be placed in divisions based on their enrollment as of October 1 of the previous school year as reported to CIAC and/or the State Department of Education.
- b. The Football Committee will set a pre-determined number of schools in each division.
- c. The “success in tournament” factor will then be applied to all schools of choice – “success in tournament” is defined as having reached the semi-finals for the last three years. If a school has reached the semi-finals in one of those three years that school will be moved up two divisions. If a school has reached the semi-finals in two of those three years that school will be moved up three divisions.
- d. After all moves are made the committee will not re-balance the divisions to conform to the pre-determined number of schools in each division.
- e. Every year, the Football Committee will follow the same process as outlined, reviewing data for the past three years and moving schools as appropriate.
- f. Use of “success in tournament” only applies to schools of choice as defined by CIAC rules. All other schools will remain in the division as determined by their base enrollment.

Current Girls Basketball Language

1. The “success in tournament” factor will then be applied to all schools of choice . **The CIAC Girls Basketball Committee has redesigned the “success in tournament” for this year’s tournament.** Schools of choice will be given points for success in each round of the tournament from the previous three years beginning with the quarter-finals.
 - A team reaching the quarter-finals receives 1 point.
 - A team reaching the semi-finals receives 2.5 points.
 - A team reaching the championship game receives 4.5 points
 - A team winning a state championship receives 7 points.

These points will be added together and applied to the scale below for division movement.

2.5 points – 4.5 points – one division

5 points – 8 points – two divisions