

CIAC Football Committee

April 25, 2023

Agenda

1. Review and Approval of the Football Committee Minutes 2/28/23
2. Review of Updated Financial Report
3. Quarter-Final/Semi-Final Games Requirements-Grass Field-Update
4. Divisions Update
5. Connecticut High School Football Alliance Proposal
6. Success in Tournament Factor
7. Future Agenda Items

CIAC Football Committee

Minutes

2/28/23

I WELCOME - Leroy welcomed the committee.

II MINUTES - The committee accepted the minutes from the January 6 meeting.

III FIELD REQUIREMENTS - A number of playoff schools still play on grass fields. A question arose to whether or not fields are playable and the committee discussed if we want to mandate turf fields. The committee discussed several concerns.

- a. Our state championship is on grass.
- b. The field is deemed playable by the host school then there is late rain with no time to find another field.
- c. Rentschler field is maintained better than a high school field.
- d. Requiring a turf field may move towns to building a turf field.
- e. Is this an equity issue where some schools can't fund a turf field.
- f. There is a concern about a school making a decision to play based on pressure from the community to play on their home field.
- g. Teams are supposed to have another field ready and that doesn't always happen.

Motion: "To require teams to play on turf fields on quarter-finals and semi-finals" Passed 6-4

IV ALLIANCE PROPOSAL - DESIGNATE 1 ALLIANCE GAME PER YEAR AND DESIGNATE 150 POINTS TO THE WINNER AND 75 POINTS TO THE LOSER.

The committee discussed this proposal. The Alliance wants to reward schools for playing more competitive games. Some comments were:

- a. This would force teams to join the alliance.
- b. The alliance already gets points for alliance games.
- c. According to the minutes from the last meeting, the best teams won.
- d. Some leagues won't allow schools to join the alliance therefore those teams won't have the opportunity to gain those points.
- e. The match ups are subjective.
- f. All leagues have representatives, except for three leagues, have representatives in the alliance.
- g. We need more time to process this proposal.
- h. There was a discussion about when this proposal was to start. (2023 or 2024)

Motion: "To table this item." The motion passed unanimously.

V SUCCESS FACTOR - The success factor had to be revamped when we went to the 6 division format. The committee asked for a report on what other sports use for a success factor.

Gregg reported on the success formula for some other sports. The committee discussed an interest in slowing down the descent from higher divisions. This will be a discussion item for the future.

VII OUT OF SEASON COACHING - Gregg reported that there is an Out of Season Coaching committee. The CIAC has received a proposal from CAAD and CHSCA. This is being discussed at the CIAC.

VIII NEXT MEETING - Gregg will send out a date for the next meeting.

Connecticut Association of Schools
Football Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
July 2022 through June 2023

	Jul '22 - Jun 23	Jul '21 - Jun 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
552 30 · Football Income		
552 32 · Football Gate Receipts	339,800.00	264,157.50
552 34 · Football Rule Books	7,893.00	3,244.50
552 38 · Football Entry Fees	7,050.00	4,800.00
Total 552 30 · Football Income	354,743.00	272,202.00
Total Income	354,743.00	272,202.00
Gross Profit	354,743.00	272,202.00
Expense		
745 30 · Football Expenses		
745 32 · Football Nat'l Fed.	3,988.57	3,269.98
745 33 · Football Awards	36.34	1,382.00
745 36 · Football Tourn. Expenses		
745 36b · Site Director	8,160.00	7,320.00
745 36c · Tournament Labor	7,500.00	6,800.00
745 36j · Media/Programs/Printing	7,637.20	3,300.00
745 36k · Tourn Miles/Food/Phone	7,747.61	171.19
745 36m · Police	351.18	6,619.61
745 36o · Doctor	1,750.00	300.00
745 36r · Site Rental/Workers	48,294.78	5,489.79
745 36s · Trainer	525.00	0.00
745 36u · Ambulance	2,814.74	3,296.58
745 36w · Quarter/Semi Expense Cap	54,455.87	36,127.21
Total 745 36 · Football Tourn. Expen...	139,236.38	69,424.38
745 37 · Football Officials	46,266.07	31,342.78
745 38 · Football Tourn Dir Fee	1,931.00	1,931.00
745 30 · Football Expenses - Other	1,930.77	0.00
Total 745 30 · Football Expenses	193,389.13	107,350.14
Total Expense	193,389.13	107,350.14
Net Ordinary Income	161,353.87	164,851.86
Net Income	161,353.87	164,851.86

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