

CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
September 16, 2026

Agenda

1. Introduction of New Committee Members/Review CIAC Sports Committee Guidelines
2. Approval of Minutes-April 1 Meeting
3. Girls Basketball Finances
4. Out of State Games
5. CIAC Member Schools MAY NOT Participate in any of the Following Tournaments, Meets and Games:
 1. Tournaments, meets and games sponsored by non-educational groups or individuals unless sanctioned by the NFHS and CIAC. Participation in meets, games or tournaments is prohibited unless a member school, conference, or group of member schools is the sponsor. No member school shall participate in any tournament, game or other contest from which any non-school organization derives a financial profit from ticket sales or other directly related revenue source;
6. Date for Dedication Sub-Committee Meeting Through Zoom-Thursday, October 15
7. Subcommittee Report on Use of Formula for Establishment of Divisions
8. Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting Date Tuesday, October 6?

CIAC Sports Committee Guidelines

I MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Sports Committee members are composed of the following:

1. CIAC Liaisons are appointed by the Executive Director for the CIAC. CIAC Liaisons are not voting members.
2. Two (2) representatives from the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD) are recommended by the CAAD Executive Director and approved by the CIAC Staff Liaison and the CIAC Executive Director. CAAD reps are voting members
3. One (1) delegate from each tournament classification as recommended by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA). Representatives from the Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) are recommended by the CHSCA Executive Director and approved by the CIAC Staff Liaison and the CIAC Executive Director. CHSCA reps are voting members.
4. Consultants are appointed by the CIAC Liaison and the CIAC Executive Director. Consultants are not voting members.
5. School administrators appointed by the CIAC Liaison and the CIAC Executive Director. School administrators are voting members.
6. One (1) official as appointed by the governing board for the respective sport. The official's rep is a voting member.
7. Committee Chairs are members of the committee as stated above and are appointed by the CIAC. Committee chairs may only vote in case of a tie.
8. The Tournament Director and Assistant Tournament Director are appointed by the CIAC and are voting members of the committee.
 - a. In sports that use officials, that committee may include a Tournament Officials Assignor. The Tournament Officials Assignor may be considered as an Assistant Tournament Director and therefore would be a voting member.

Important: Members represent their respective groups to the CIAC, not their own individual perspectives. For example, members appointed by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association should speak and vote for the CHSCA and not their own personal perspective. Therefore, it is vital that members are aware of the viewpoint of the organization that they represent and act as representatives for them even though their own personal perspective may differ from that group.

Note: Often committee members have suggestions and ideas. Ideas from committee members must fall under these guidelines and philosophy established under the power of the committee and may not be significant by-law changes without following the formal proposal process described below.

II COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

The chairperson works in conjunction with the CIAC Liaison. Together they:

1. Set the yearly meeting schedule
2. Set the agenda for each meeting
3. Guide the committee to stay within the guidelines set by the CIAC and the CIAC Board of Control
4. Assure that the responsibilities of the sports committee are carried out

Note: The CIAC Liaison holds the responsibility to control the process for vetting proposals.

III AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEES

1. All CIAC sports committees act under the auspices of the CIAC Board of Control. Sports Committees may not make substantive changes to CIAC or sports by-laws nor make decisions which would in any way alter the structure of the CIAC. It is the responsibility of the CIAC Liaison to the sports committee to regulate decision making processes and to work with the CIAC Executive Director to assure proper procedures are followed when making any changes.
2. The CIAC Board of Control has vested in each of its sports committees the responsibility to regulate its activities. Therefore, in sports such as ice hockey and soccer the respective committee has the authority to regulate and monitor the CIAC rules governing that sport and discipline schools which are in violation of their rules and regulations. All actions of a CIAC sports committee are reviewable and appealable to the CIAC Board of Control.
3. Any significant changes to tournaments or to sports by-laws must be referred to the CIAC Board of Control. The CIAC Liaison will work with the CIAC Executive Director in determining if a proposal or recommendation from a sports committee must be vetted and approved by the Board of Control.
4. Committee members should attend tournament contests and championships as representatives of the CIAC and assist as needed.
5. Gender equity shall be an important principle when establishing tournament formats.
6. All sports committees will be required to justify the number of divisions.
7. All sports committees have the latitude to promote opportunities which will enhance the overall quality of their tournament as long as such opportunities conform with the heretofore listed regulations. Such opportunities must be made part of the published tournament regulations and be consistently applied to all teams that make the tournaments. Any change in tournament structure which departs from the usual procedure of determining divisions by size of school must be approved by the CIAC Board of Control.
8. The CIAC Board of Control directs all CIAC sports committees to follow National Federation rules, if such rules exist for their particular sport. Requested modifications may be considered by the CIAC Board of Control. Compliance with National Federation rules is an extremely important objective of the CIAC. Hence, modifications will be permitted only after clear evidence that the request has been well researched and sound documentation of evidence for modifications to rules is available.
9. CIAC sports committees may recommend to the Board of Control modifications of Federation rules for a duration of one year, "trial" only.
10. The committee may alter rules for tournament entry.
11. The committee may implement rules that ensure the adherence to CIAC sportsmanship policies.
12. The committee may make recommendations to the sports awards committee
13. The committee may make recommendations to the season limitations committee
14. CIAC sport committees are requested to notify the Officials Committee regarding any changes in rules or game conditions which may affect any provision of an agreement.

IV PROPOSALS - PROCESS FOR BY-LAW CHANGES

1. The primary function of a sports committee is to consider formal proposals that would affect CIAC by-laws that come from the following groups: 1) CAAD, 2)CHSCA, 3)one of the CIAC recognized Conferences, 4) A member school principal
2. Unless there is a change initiated for the safety and welfare of student-athletes, any request for a change that affects a sport must be referred to that committee in the form of a formal written proposal.
3. After considering a proposal, the committee will decide to do one of the following:
 - a. Fully support the proposal endorsing it to become an official CIAC proposal.
 - b. Deny the proposal therefore preventing any change to the sport.

- c. Approve a review of the requested change so the CIAC can gather information so the committee can further study the impact of the changes requested.
- 4. The CIAC sport committee will then decide whether to make a recommendation to the CIAC board of control to implement the official CIAC proposal. The committee must consider an implementation date that allows for adequate time for notification and best serves the CIAC member schools.

Note: The CIAC continually receives requests for changes to sports rules; however, those requests for change should be considered an idea and not an official CIAC proposal. Once the idea is properly vetted by the committee it can be denied any further consideration or if overwhelmingly supported by the committee, can become an official CIAC proposal.

CIAC Boys and Girls Basketball Committee

Minutes

4/1/26

- I. WELCOME - Mr. Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting on Zoom.
- II. FEEDBACK ON THE TOURNAMENT - The committee discussed various comments about the tournament and the championship
 - A. Concern about turnout on Sunday
 - B. Sportsmanship continues to be an issue
 - C. First Tech School Championship
 - D. Coach's language
 - E. Some fans were disrespectful to staff
 - F. Singers of the National Anthem were great
 - G. Great job by the tournament directors
 - H. Start thinking about the dedication for next year
 - I. Consider including women and people of color for nominations
 - J. Monday is an option to play a championship game at Mohegan
 - K. Possibly start earlier with the first game (9:00)
- III. MOHEGAN SUN
 - A. There will be construction at Mohegan next winter
 - B. New manager at Mohegan next year
- IV. MEETING
 - A. The boys' and girls' committees would like in-person meeting
- V. ECC Proposal
 - A. Marc Romano from the ECC made a presentation about the proposal to have one multiplier for the league
 - B. The competitive balance for girls in the league is more evenly distributed than boys
 - C. The committee discussed the proposal in confidence and discussed the pros and cons of the proposal.
 - D. The committee approved a motion to "Approve the proposal for a single multiplier for the ECC"
- VI. OFFICIALS
 - A. Dave Grossman gave a report on the officials for the girls' tournament
 - B. Dan Scavone spoke to the process of assigning officials

Good Afternoon Athletic Directors,

I know many of you are scheduling winter season non-league contests. This is a reminder for you concerning scheduling out of state games. Our regulations have been simplified and can be found on page 119 in the Handbook. I have listed them below:

5.2 RULES FOR OUT-OF-STATE CONTESTS

1. Scrimmages vs. out-of-state schools cannot count as a game.
2. CIAC member schools cannot form a co-op with an out-of-state school.
3. CIAC member schools can send students to an out-of-state clinic providing they follow the rules for camps and clinics.
4. In all sports, schools must include their contests versus out-of-state schools on their schedule and abide by the schedule submission deadlines for that sport.
5. In all sports, schools must adhere to the weekly and seasonal limitations for that sport. Contests versus out-of-state opponents count toward weekly and seasonal limitations.
- 6. Out-of-state games will count for CIAC tournament qualification only when the opponent is a member of the state association or an approved non-member and their state association governs the sport. The game must count toward qualification for the state tournament for both schools.**
7. Understanding and compliance with the out-of-state rules is inherent as part of the membership agreement and therefore schools will no longer be required to submit an "out-of-state" schedule form.
8. Non-compliance will result in a fine.
9. If a contest against an out-of-state team is cancelled after the first allowable date, member schools will not be permitted to add a game to their schedule.
10. Individual sport committees will determine the weight of out-of-state contests in determining power ratings for tournament rankings.

While all ten points are important, I have bolded #6 because that is the issue that often creates problems. Please make sure, regardless whether the contest needs to be sanctioned, that you communicate verbally and in writing that the school you are playing is a member or an approved non-member of their state association and that the game will count for both schools toward state tournament qualification.

It has come to our attention that the state of Maine does not count any Ice Hockey games against out of state opponents towards their playoff tournament. Maine does not count any out of state competitions as part of its regular season. This will certainly impact CT schools interested in playing Ice Hockey contests against MPA schools during the Christmas break. It does not prohibit you from playing the games as part of your 20 game limit but those games would not be part of your record for state tournament seeding purposes.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

APPENDIX K
GIRLS BASKETBALL DIVISIONAL CRITERIA
NOTE AND EXPLANATIONS

The formula used to place girls basketball teams into divisions for the 2025-26 season included data points from the previous two seasons (2023-24 and 2024-25 power points and tournament success points) in addition to enrollment data from the previous school year (2024-25).

All schools are ranked from numbers 1-178 using the data points from the formula (see below). The divisions were then determined by taking the allotted number of schools starting at the top of the rankings – the top 16 teams are in Division I, the next 38 teams are in Division II, the next 38 teams are in Division III, the next 38 teams are in Division IV and the lowest 48 teams are in Division V.

Enrollment – The formula starts with each school being assigned a number of points based on its girls enrollment in grades 9-12 for the previous school year. In determining the 2025-26 divisions, each team started with 66% of its 2024-25 girls enrollment as a base. All sports use the previous year's total for divisional purposes.

Power Points - The number of Power Points each school has received during the two-year period is added into the enrollment number. Power Points are determined by the same method used in doing the tournament pairing tiebreakers. A school receives one Power Point for each win that each CIAC member school it beat has (10 Power Points for each out-of-state school it beat in a game which counts towards tournament qualifying). For example, if a team wins 10 games and each team it beat had 10 wins, that school would get 100 Power Points.

League Multipliers – The season totals for each of the previous two years are then multiplied by a number assigned to each league. Each league has its own league multiplier. Each league's (schools without a league are considered "Independent") multiplier is generated by league member wins in the CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament over the last two years. Wins in Class LL or Division I are assigned a point value of 5 points. Wins in Class L or Division II are assigned a point value of 4 points. Wins in Class MM or Division III are assigned a point value of 3. Wins in Class M or Division IV are assigned a point value of 2 points. Wins in Class S or Division V are assigned a point value of 1 point. The sum of each league's tournament wins over the last two years are divided by the number of schools in each league and then multiplied by .33 to get each league's multiplier.

Each school's Power Points over the past two seasons are then multiplied by "league multiplier" for each school. Independent schools are assigned a league multiplier using the same formula for all schools that are considered Independent.

Success Points – Points are added based on success in the CIAC tournament, however **only to schools subject to success in tournament factors under the CIAC definition**. To be subject to success in tournaments for girls sports, a school must be designated as a school of choice based on CIAC rules. **Schools that do not meet the criteria receive no success points regardless of how successful they have been in the state tournament.**

Each sports committee has the option of determining if a success factor will be used in its sports and if so the benchmark for the definition of success in its sport. The list of schools subject to the success factor is a CIAC-wide list and cannot be altered by a sport committee. The girls basketball committee has defined success as reaching the quarterfinal round of the state tournament.

For each of the two years of data being used for rankings, schools subject to success rankings receive 100 additional points for reaching the quarterfinals, 150 for reaching the semi-finals, 200 for reaching the championship game and 300 for winning the championship. These totals are cumulative, so a team which wins a championship will have 750 points added for that year.

Total Points – A school's final ranking on the 1-178 scale is determined by adding up each school's modified enrollment number (66% of a school's girls enrollment numbers from the previous school year) to their modified power point total ("league multiplier" x Power points over the previous two seasons) and adding a schools success points (if applicable) to determine each schools total point total and then ranking them highest to lower (1-178) with 1 being the school with the highest total points and 178 being the school with the lowest total points.

Example:

School A (Non-School of Choice)

Enrollment 24-25 1000 x .66 = 660 points

Power Points 23-24 (200) 24-25 (160) League Multiplier 2.0 x 360 = 720

660 points + 720 = 1380 points