CIAC Football Committee

May 20, 2021

Agenda

- 1. Review and Approval of the Football Committee Minutes April 22, 2021
- 2. Connecticut High School Football Alliance Proposal-Strength of Schedule
- 3. CHSCA Proposal for Division Increase
- 4. CIAC Summer Series Update
- 5. Bye Week Alternative---Please See Below
- 6. Summer Football Camps
- 7. 2021 Football Divisions

LL 34, L 35, M 35, S 34

- 8. Update 2021 Football Packet
- 9. Future Agenda Items
- During the Fall 2021 football season, any member school and/or league that feels additional time is necessary to safely prepare student-athletes for a full contact season may eliminate the bye-week and move its first week game to later in the season. As a result of significantly reducing the amount of contact time exposures to concussions over the past few years, the CIAC SMAC no longer requires a bye-week in the middle of the season for concussion prevention purposes. As such, eliminating the bye-week and moving the first week of games to later in the season will provide an additional week of practice preparation prior to a team's first contest.
- All member schools should consider that the maximum number of games allowed by CIAC rules sets the limit for the number of regular season games that may be played. Any member school that feels additional time is necessary to safely prepare student-athletes for competition should consider reducing the number of games played accordingly to allow for additional practice time. This provision may be advantageous to sub-varsity level student-athletes that are still progressing toward mastery of various sport specific skills.