

CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 25, 2023

Agenda

1. Review and Approval of the October 18, 2023 Committee Minutes
2. Update on Protocol If a Shot Clock Fails
3. Approval of the 2023-24 CIAC Girls Basketball Divisions
4. Approval of the 2023-24 CIAC Girls Basketball Information Packet
5. Discussion of the FCIAC Proposal

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Meeting Minutes

1. The committee reviewed and approved the September 13, 2023 Committee Minutes
2. CIAC Player Technical Foul “Sit a Tick” Policy
Boys Basketball Assistant Tournament Director Dan Scavone reviewed the Player Technical Foul “Sit a Tick” Policy. This new policy was submitted by the CHSCA and was approved by the committee at their last meeting. A sub-committee of officials created the appropriate steps in applying this new policy in game situations. The committee asked questions and reviewed the rule which will be implemented this year.
3. The Tournament Dedication Sub-Committee met last week and put forth the following recommendations for this year’s tournament which were reviewed by the committee.

Dedication Sub-Committee Recommendations

- Tournament Dedication – Gregg Simon
 - Merit Award – Boys Coach – Duane Witter
 - Merit Award – Girls Coach – Kelly Maher
 - Merit Award – Officials – TBD
 - Merit Award – Officials – TBD
 - Special Merit Award – Joe Zone
 - Special Merit Award – Shaun Russell / Tim Kohs
 - Special Merit Award – Rick Wilson
 - Special Merit Award – VJ Sarullo
4. Boys Basketball Assistant Tournament Director Dan Scavone gave an update on the shot clock which will be implemented this year. He reviewed the Shot Clock Operator Instructions document which should be placed on the scorer’s table. He explained that shot clock operator training was being implemented by several leagues around the state. A lengthy discussion took place on the protocol to be used if a shot clock fails. The discussion came down to whether the one working shot clock should be used or if that shot clock should be turned off and the clock would be done verbally from the scorer’s table. After a lengthy discussion, the motion to use the one working shot clock passed 10-0. This topic will be discussed by the girls basketball committee at their next meeting.
 5. The 2023-24 Girls Basketball Information Packet was distributed to the committee for review and corrections. The packet will be approved at the next meeting.
 6. Future Agenda Items
The FCIAC proposal to change the start date of the boys basketball season was introduced to the committee and will be a topic of discussion at our next meeting.

Next Meeting October 25 2:00

Girls Basketball Divisions
2023-24

LL Division (34)

Bridgeport Central	829
Danbury	1737
Darien	704
East Hartford	814
Enfield	722
Fairfield Ludlowe	810
Fairfield Warde	660
Glastonbury	941
Greenwich	1312
Hamden	921
Hamden-Sacred Heart **	349
Manchester	855
Middletown-Mercy **	392
New Britain	1241
New Haven – Cross	775
New London **	401
Newington	679
Newtown	682
Norwalk	887
Norwalk – McMahon	1048
Norwich Free Ac.	1113
Ridgefield	726
South Windsor	666
Southington	1020
Stamford	1125
Stamford – Westhill	1177
Storrs – E.O. Smith **	625
Trumbull	1085
Trumbull-St. Joseph**	472
Waterbury – Kennedy	708
W. Hartford – Conard	715
W. Hartford – Hall	674
West Haven	887
Westport – Staples	807

L Division (34)

Bethel	524
Bpt – Harding	633
Bristol Central	616
Bristol Eastern	596
Cheshire	640
East Lyme	486
Fairfield-Notre Dame**	257
Farmington	607
Groton – Fitch	559
Guilford	502
Meriden-Maloney	647
Meriden – Platt	561
Middletown	641
Monroe – Masuk	528
Naugatuck	638
New Canaan	626
New Haven – Hillhouse	500
New Milford	599
Shelton	650
Simsbury	607
Southbury – Pomperaug	530
Stratford	578
Stratford – Bunnell	573
Torrington	481
Vernon- Rockville	497
Wallingford – Lyman	514
Waterbury – Crosby	645
Waterbury-Holy Cross**	242
Waterbury – Wilby	591
Wethersfield	573
Wilton	653
Windsor	573
Woodbridge – Amity	633
Woodstock Academy	508

MM Division (34)

Avon	480
Berlin	426
Branford	393
Bridgeport-Bassick	433
Bridgeport-Bullard Haven	434
Brookfield	432
Colchester-Bacon Ac	347
East Haven	478
Ellington	385
Hartford Public	367
Hartford – AI Prince	356
Hartford – Weaver	363
Hebron – RHAM	388
Killingly	422
Ledyard	398
Madison – Daniel Hand	391
Milford – Foran	361
Milford – Law	402
New Fairfield	358
New Haven – Amistad	383
New Haven – Career	380
North Haven	425
Redding – Joel Barlow	387
Rocky Hill	376
Suffield	389
Tolland	358
Wallingford – Sheehan	373
Waterbury Career	474
Waterbury – Kaynor	349
Waterford	392
Watertown	344
W. Hartford-NW Cath**	207
Weston	350
Woodbury-Nonnewaug	369

*Cooperative team

**Success in tournament

Girls Basketball Divisions
2023-24

M Division (34)

Ansonia	303
Ansonia – O'Brien	264
Beacon Falls-Woodland	316
Bloomfield	267
Bridgeport-Kolbe **	142
Bristol-St. Paul **	213
Burlington-Lewis Mills	283
Clinton – Morgan	257
Cromwell	251
Danbury – Abbott Tech	275
Danbury-Immaculate **	209
East Hampton	281
Enfield – Comp Sci	253
Granby Memorial	273
Griswold	269
Hamden-Eli Whitney	296
Hartford-Bulkeley	266
Hartford – HMTCA	268
Higganum – HK	264
International/AAE*	307
Meriden – Wilcox Tech	318
Milford – Luralton	278
Milford – Platt Tech	270
Montville	259
New Britain – Goodwin	248
Oxford	268
Plainfield	275
Plainville	336
Seymour	292
Stonington	308
Windham	289
Windham Tech. **	152
Winsted – N.W. Reg.	340
Wolcott	328

S Division (45)

Bolton	112
Canton	235
Chaplin – Parish Hill	70
Coventry	202
Deep River-Valley Reg	245
Derby	182
Durham-Coginchaug	218
East Granby	131
E. Haddam- Hale Ray	128
East Windsor	129
Falls Village-Housatonic	169
Groton-Grasso Tech.	217
Hartford – Achievement	168
Hartford – Capital	75
Hartford – Classical	179
Hartford – SMSA	115
Hartford – University	153
Killingly – Ellis Tech	207
Lebanon-Lyman Mem	173
Litchfield	111
Litchfield – Wamogo	213
Manchester – Cheney	124
Manchester – E Cath	215
Middletown – Vinal	144
New Britain-Innovation	173
North Branford	196
N. Stonington – Wheeler	115
Norwich Tech.	247
Old Lyme	216
Old Saybrook	179
Portland	153
Putnam	120
Somers	196
Sprague – Ac Holy Fam	38
Stafford	189
Stamford – Wright	182
Terryville	172
Thomaston	112
Thompson-Tourtellotte	96
Torrington-Wolcott Tech	195
Uncasville-St. Bernard	122
Washington-Shepaug	176
Westbrook	102
Windsor Locks	201
Winsted – Gilbert	137



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Proposal Draft Regarding Start Date of Boys Basketball

To: Gregg Simon; CIAC Executive Director

From: Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference

RE: CIAC Boys Basketball Start Date

Date: TBD

This proposal follows the change made by the CIAC to the start date of fall sports, which has moved up 3 days so that the state tournament can begin on the Thursday prior to the current following Monday start date. Our proposal is to move the start date for boys' basketball to the same date as girls' basketball, which is the Monday after Thanksgiving. The boys are currently starting 3 days later, on the Thursday after Thanksgiving. The change for fall sports was made so that the fall state tournaments could start 3 days earlier and not to have any compacting effect on the regular season or conference playoffs. We realize that tryouts for boys' and girls' basketball will now take place simultaneously and may result in later practices for the first few days but the boys' and girls' teams practice at the same time all season, so this won't cause a significant issue.

Playing 3 games during the first week of the state boys basketball tournament is difficult already and with any weather postponement like we had the last two tournaments, it has required schools to play back-to-back games. With this change the first-round games will be played on that Thursday and Friday and the next two weeks of the tournament will only require two games per week. The playing of 5 games in the current two-week span is not in the best interest of the student athletes and could be viewed as unsafe.

The second part of this proposal would be to have both the boys' and girls' state tournaments start on the Thursday proposed for the boys and not have the girls' tournament be spread out over 3 weeks. With the byes awarded in the girls' tournament, 7 of the 10 finalists only played 4 games in the tournament over the 3 weeks. The FCIAC girls' coaches are not in favor of the current format due to this issue. With both tournaments starting on that Thursday, there would be room to schedule the boys' and girls' games on different days if there are conflicts with the same school hosting early round games. Additionally, this change would benefit leagues in the state who would like to highlight their boys and girls league championship games at the same site on the same day.

The three other sports which currently start on the Thursday after Thanksgiving, (indoor track, boys swimming and gymnastics) do not have the same issues with head-to-head competition in their state tournaments, so they have not been included in this proposal. Wrestling and Boys' Ice Hockey already start on the Monday after Thanksgiving.

We appreciate your considering our proposal and if you would like further clarification on any aspect of it, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dave Schulz; FCIAC Commissioner

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THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION IS ARRANGED IN TWELVE (12) SECTIONS.

- 1.0 Divisions
- 2.0 Sites / Dates / Times
- 3.0 Entry Procedures
- 4.0 Expenses / Tickets
- 5.0 Forfeits
- 6.0 Officials
- 7.0 Protests
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- 9.0 Ranking / Seeding
- 10.0 Supervision / Sportsmanship
- 11.0 Tournament Rules / Procedures

Appendix A – Schedule Form
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Appendix C – Site Form
Appendix D – Officials Form
Appendix E – Entry Form
Appendix F – Site Director Memorandum
Appendix G – Sportsmanship Statement
Appendix H – Certifications/Coaching Certifications
Appendix I – Girls Basketball Archives

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CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
2023-24 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

ALERT PAGE

- **Player Technical Foul** – Beginning with the 2023-24 basketball season, a player that receives a technical foul will be directed to leave the game. The administration of this CIAC policy will be modeled after NFHS rule 3-3-4, which states in part that “...a player directed to leave the game shall not re-enter before the next opportunity to substitute after the clock has started properly following the player’s replacement.” In other words, a player that receives a technical foul must leave the game and cannot return until time has run off the clock. A coach will have the normal 15 seconds to replace the player who received the technical foul.

A few situations to consider:

- After a player is directed to leave the game for receiving a technical foul, a timeout does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
 - If a player receives a technical foul during the dead ball period prior to or during the administration of free throws, the free throws do not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
 - If a player receives a technical after the expiration of time to end a quarter, half, or extra period, the dead ball period between the **end** of the quarter, half, or extra period and the **beginning** of the next quarter, half, or extra period does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The player may not start the next quarter or extra period because the clock must start before the player can return.
 - If a player receives a technical foul prior to or during the dead ball period that an injured player is being attended to, the time it takes for the injured player to be safely moved from the playing court does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
- **35 Second Shot Clock** – BEGINNING WITH THE 2023-24 SEASON, THE USE OF A 35 SECOND SHOT CLOCK IN GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL IS ONLY MANDATORY AT THE VARSITY LEVEL AND IS OPTIONAL AT THE JV AND FRESHMAN LEVELS. AN ADULT MUST RUN THE SHOT CLOCK AT THE VARSITY LEVEL BUT IS NOT MANDATORY FOR AN ADULT TO RUN THE SHOT CLOCK AT THE JV AND FRESHMAN LEVELS.
 - **Site for Girls Basketball Finals** - The finals will be held at the Mohegan Sun Arena on Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17, 2024. The schedule of games will be announced.
 - **Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest / make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.**
 - **In the interest of crowd control and proper supervision the CIAC Board of Control has approved the tournament regulation requiring the principal of the participating schools or his/her designee to attend all tournament games. The school administrator should identify him/herself to the site director.**
 - **NOTE:** The CIAC Boys and Girls Basketball Committees voted to adopt video replay for the FINAL GAMES OF THE TOURNAMENT ONLY and only in facilities that have official video equipment and replay capabilities. Video replay will only be used on the final shot of the quarter, half or end of the game when the official needs to confirm if the point was scored before time elapsed and/or if the point was a two or three point shot.
 - **“Success in Tournament”** – To be used for placement in 2023-24 tournament

The CIAC Board of Control approved a recommendation from a Board sub-committee to change how the basketball committee was placing schools of choice in divisions. The procedure that was in place, which involved a multiplier

of base enrollment was found to be inequitable because all schools of choice were not subject to the multiplier. The sub-committee's work resulted in a recommendation to the Board to discontinue the practice of artificially increasing enrollment for placement purposes and use "success in tournament" as the only means to move schools of choice to a higher division. Further, the Board authorized any team sport to adopt "success in tournament" for tournament placement if the sport committee so desired. Also, the definition of schools of choice was expanded to include all schools that can draw students from numerous communities or from outside of their district's boundaries. The new definition includes charter, inter-district magnet, vocational technical, vocational agriculture, project choice schools (vocational agriculture and project choice schools when more than 25-gender specific-students attend from out-of-district) and parochial high schools.

The CIAC Girls Basketball Committee will be using "success in tournament" for placement during the 2023-24 school year. Following are the basics of how the system will work:

1. 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. The committee will have pre-determined the number of schools in each division.
2. The "success in tournament" factor will then be applied to all schools of choice. 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

3. After all moves are made the committee will re-balance the divisions to conform to the pre-determined number of schools in each division.
 4. Every year the sport committee will follow the same process as outlined, reviewing data for the past three years and moving schools as appropriate.
 5. Use of "success in tournament" only applies to schools of choice that draw from numerous communities or outside their school district boundaries. All other schools will remain in the division as determined by their base enrollment.
- **Tournament Site Selection** – THE CIAC BASKETBALL COMMITTEE AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MOVE ANY GAME TO A **NEUTRAL LARGER SITE** FOR SAFETY REASONS AND TO ACCOMMODATE ALL SPECTATORS AND MEDIA WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE GAME.
 - **Scrimmages** – Teams must have a minimum of three (3) days of practice prior to scheduling any interscholastic competition. All sports teams and individual athletes must have a minimum of ten (10) physical/exertional practice days with their school before the date of the first scheduled competition. No team/athlete shall practice/compete with their school more than six (6) consecutive days to provide a day of rest. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays may be used unless prohibited by local board policy. Sunday practices may be counted to fulfill the 10 day requirement.
 - **Reporting Regular Season Scores** – In order to ensure that standings and rankings on both the CIAC's websites and other sites which draw their data from us are timely and accurate, all regular season scores must be entered online on the day of the game as soon as possible following the game's completion.

Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the “Submit Scores/Forms” option of the “CIAC for Coaches” menu at ciacsports.com, or the “Submit Scores” button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coach’s or scorekeeper’s access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be provided by a school’s athletic director.

- **Changes in game starting times** – Both athletic directors must be in agreement with approval of tournament director.
- **Students with Special Needs** – Coaches are reminded to inform contest officials prior to each competition of any students with special needs who could be competing in the contest when his/her disability could impact the individual’s performance or the conduct of the competition.
- **CIAC Tournament Site Media Policy** – The CIAC places tremendous value on the role the media plays in promoting and highlighting high school sports. To that purpose CIAC tournament venues and hosts should make every effort to provide a working environment conducive to all media (print, broadcast and internet based) covering our events. The following are **minimum standards**, developed in consultation with the CIAC Media Advisory Committee, which should be provided for working media at all CIAC tournament sites:
 1. A minimum of one hour following the conclusion of post-game interviews to write in the press box, press area or a suitable facility in close proximity to the site of the event (i.e. office, classroom, etc.)
 2. Access to electric power (shared power strip, etc.)
 3. Access to wireless internet service

Site directors should communicate these requirements to any staff person who may be responsible for the administration of the event. If for some reason a site will not be able to provide these items for a contest, a site representative should inform the CIAC in advance and work with the media on-site before the game and work to provide a reasonable solution to the issue. Members of the media who will be covering events are directed to contact the appropriate site as far in advance as possible to inform them they will be at the event and discuss what arrangements will be made for working media at the site.

- **Tie Break Procedures** – Please see 9.1

2023-24 NATIONAL FEDERATION BASKETBALL RULE CHANGES

- 2-1-3 Note (New)** Requires the shot clock operator to sit at the scorer's and timer's table, if using a shot clock.
- 3-4-5** Clarifies that teammates must all wear like-colored uniform bottoms but may wear multiple styles.
- 3-5-6** Allows undershirts worn under visiting team jerseys to be black or the single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey. All teammates wearing undershirts must wear the same solid color.
- 4-8-1** Eliminates the one-and-one for common fouls beginning with the seventh team foul in the half And establishes the bonus as two free throws awarded for a common foul beginning with the team's fifth foul in each quarter and resets the fouls at the end of each quarter.
- 4-36, 6-4-3, 7-5-2 thru 4, 9-1 Penalty 3, 9-4 Penalty, 9-5 Penalty, 9-6 Penalty, 9-8 Penalty, 9-9 Penalty, 9-12 Penalties 3 & 4, 9-13 Penalty** Establishes four throw-in spots (the nearest 28-foot mark along each sideline or the nearest spot 3-feet outside the lane line on the end line) when a team is retaining or gaining team control in its frontcourt due to a violation, a common foul prior to the bonus, or other stoppages in play other than an out of bounds.
- 7-6-6** Allows the official administering a throw-in to the wrong team to correct the mistake before the first dead ball after the ball becomes live unless there is a change of possession.
- 9-3-3** Establishes that a player may step out of bounds without penalty unless they are the first player to Touch the ball after returning to the court or if they left the court to avoid a violation.

2023-24 Basketball Editorial Changes

2-1-1, 4-3-2, 4-19-13, Shot Clock Guidelines

Reminder: The style of the number may be the team jersey color when bordered with not more than two ¼-inch solid border(s) contrasting with the team jersey color, which shall be eliminated by 2024-25.

2023-24 Basketball Points of Emphasis

1. Uniforms, Equipment and Apparel
2. Bench Decorum
3. Throw-Ins – Proper Locations
4. End-of-Game Protocols

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1.0 CLASSES

- 1.1 Only institutional members of the CIAC are invited to participate in the girls' basketball tournament. The 2023-24 tournament will be formatted to include five (5) classes. Placement of schools has been based on the October 1, 2022 girl enrollment in grades 9-12. Classes are determined using enrollment figures and "success in tournament".

Tournament divisions are available on the girls basketball page at ciacsports.com

LL – 35 L – 35 MM – 35 M – 35 S - 40

2.0 DATES / SITES / TIME OF GAMES

- 2.1 Member schools may start practice on, but not before, Monday, November 27, 2023.
- 2.2 Member schools may play the first game on, but not before, Monday, December 11, 2023.
- 2.3 The last date for games to count for the 2023-24 Girls Basketball Tournament will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024.
- 2.4 Scheduled Playing Dates for the 2023-24 Girls Basketball Tournament

Qualifying Round	February 23 or 24 @ Higher ranked team site
First Round	LL, M, S – February 26 / LL, L, MM – February 27
Second Round	LL, M, S – February 29 / L, MM – March 1
Quarter-finals	LL, M, S – March 4 / L, MM – March 5
Semi-finals	LL, M, S – March 8 / L, MM – March 9
Finals	March 16 & 17 – Mohegan Sun Arena – Times TBA

*In LL, teams in the #1 seed bracket will play Monday in the first round and teams in the #2 seed bracket will play Tuesday in the first round.

Projected: 2023-24 – Class S; 2024-25 – Class M; 2025-26 – Class MM – 2026-27 – Class L

- 2.5 **Game Times** -- First and second round single games will be played at 6:30 p.m.
Quarter-final and semi-final single games will be played at 7:00 p.m.
Double-headers will be played at 6:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
- 2.6 In the event of inclement weather, the site director has the authority to postpone the game. "Back-to-back" games may be scheduled. The site director must immediately notify the tournament director who will make the final decision regarding scheduling and postponement dates. The postponed game will be played on the next day including Sunday.
- 2.7 All qualifying, first round, second round and quarter-final games will be played at the site of the higher seeded team, provided the court and seating meets CIAC standards. ***If the site is not available, the tournament director may select a new site or date. (See Appendix C) The CIAC reserves the right to move any game to a neutral larger site for safety reasons and to allow more spectators to see the game.***

- 2.8 All state semi-final games will be played at sites determined by the Tournament Director.
- 2.9 Once a site for a game is announced, neither of the competing teams may practice at that site.
- 2.10 Girls basketball tournament press conference is on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. at a Site TBD.

1.0 **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

- 3.1 **Schedule / Game Results** – All games played with CIAC member schools, the American School for the Deaf, or CIAC-approved out-of-state schools must be reported on the schedule form via the password-protected online eligibility center. Games not included on the schedule form will not count for tournament qualification. **NO NEW GAMES CAN BE SCHEDULED AFTER DECEMBER 11, 2023.**

All regular season game results must be entered online on the day of the game as soon as possible following the game's completion.

Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the "Submit Scores/Forms" option of the "CIAC for Coaches" menu at ciacsports.com, or the "Submit Scores" button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coach's or scorekeeper's access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be provided by the school's athletic director.

Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest / make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed. – ALERT PAGE

- 3.2 **Site Availability Form** – Due Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center.
- 3.3 **Tournament Roster Form** – Due Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – Can be submitted on the Eligibility Center or the "Submit Scores/Forms" option under the CIAC for Coaches menu at ciacsports.com. **Each school will be allowed no more than 15 girls in uniform.**
- 3.4 **Entry Fee** – There is a \$100 entry fee for girls basketball.

If a school needs an invoice in order to pay its tournament fee, one can be downloaded by using the "Generate Tournament Invoice" link under the girls basketball options in the password-protected online eligibility center.
- 3.5 **Final Scores** – Regardless of regular season postponed games, the date of Tuesday, February 20, 2024 **MUST BE THE FINAL DAY TO COUNT FOR THE TOURNAMENT. All games must be completed, and scores submitted online the day of the game as soon as possible following the game's completion.**

4.0 **EXPENSES / TICKETS**

- 4.1 The CIAC will reimburse schools whose sites are used for qualifying, first round, second round and quarter-final games a fee of up to \$375 for M & S schools and up to \$425 for LL, L & MM schools per game to help defray the cost of hosting a game. Please itemize the costs. All other expenses except the payment of game officials and the site director will be paid by the host school. The lower ranked team provides the cost of transportation.
- 4.2 Schools will bear all traveling expenses.

4.3 The Girls Basketball Committee will pay all game expenses directly associated with the staging of the state semi-finals and state final tournament games.

4.4 Ticket prices for the 2023-24 tournament are as follows (subject to change based upon the venue)

Children Five (5) and Under	Free
Military in uniform or with I.D.	Free
Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)	\$5.00
Students (grades 1-12)	\$5.00
Adults (All others not in the above categories)	\$10.00

FINALS – ALL TICKETS (Per Session) \$10.00

ALL TICKET SALES FOR CIAC TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL BE SOLD AND REDEEMED VIA DIGITAL TICKETING.

Passes – During the 2023-24 tournament the following passes will be honored at **qualifying through semi-final games** where an admission is charged. **CIAC pass will NOT be honored at MOHEGAN SUN.**

- Principal (or designee) of participating schools with CAS membership card.
- Press Card
- CT Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD) membership card
- CIAC girls basketball pass (head girls varsity basketball coach **ONLY** must email jsylvester@casciac.org (For use up to semi-finals)
- CIAC girls basketball officials' membership card
- No other complimentary admission will be permitted.

Championship games at Mohegan Sun – CIAC head girls varsity basketball coach only must show ID at the ticket window to receive a ticket.

4.5 **Pre-sale tickets for the finals will be sold online through the Mohegan Sun Arena Box Office.**

4.6 There are no pass lists for tournament games. Once ticket sales for events are uploaded and active, each school's Athletic Director will receive ten (10) complimentary tickets from GOFAN.

For final games – Each school will be reimbursed for ten (10) tickets at the finals. A written request must be sent to the CIAC office.

5.0 **FORFEITS**

5.1 Member schools will be required to submit regular season schedules for all sports controlled by CIAC in which member schools participate. Determination of forfeitures will be based on this schedule.

A forfeit game shall count as a victory for the team declared the winner and as a loss for the team declared a loser in determining tournament qualifications and ratings. For tournament qualifications only the following reasons for a forfeit shall be accepted.

5.2 A team shall forfeit a game or games if through a violation it is required to do so under the CIAC Rules of Eligibility.

5.3 A team shall forfeit a game if the game official declares the game a forfeit as a result of a National Federation rule violation, or a team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the game official.

- 5.4 Forfeitures will be honored by CIAC sports committees when there is mutual agreement between the principals of the two schools involved in a game not played or terminated and the reasons for the forfeit have been approved by CIAC. If there is not mutual agreement and not playing the game impacts the tournament in any way, the CIAC sports committee Chair, in conjunction with CIAC staff and the tournament director will make the determination if the game should be forfeited.

When a game is being forfeited both schools involved must: (a) submit the forfeit form, which is found under the options for the sport in question in the CIAC Online Eligibility Center, within 72 hours of the scheduled time of the contest; and, (b) record the result of the game on their schedule as a win or loss (depending on if the school is giving or receiving the forfeit) with the word "Forfeit" entered in the field for the score of the game.

On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures (72 hours) if a question of team forfeiture arises the Executive Director or his/her designees, in consultation with the Chairman of the sports committee affected and the principals of the two schools will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interests of the tournament as a whole.

- 5.5 All games listed on the original schedule and submitted to the CIAC which are not played and have not been forfeited in accordance with this policy will be considered by each sport committee as No Contest and shall not count for tournament qualification and ratings unless it affects the minimum number of games required to qualify for tournament participation. In this instance the sport committee shall review the evidence submitted by the teams involved and may grant an exception from the minimum game number requirement. The minimum winning percentage as determined by the individual sports committee must be met under all circumstances.

6.0 **OFFICIALS**

- 6.1 **The game officials for all of the tournament games will be assigned by the CIAC. Officials will be paid directly by the CIAC office.**
- 6.2 Site directors should meet and greet officials and escort them to their private locker rooms and escort them to their cars when they are ready to leave.
- 6.3 **IDENTITY OF THE OFFICIALS ASSIGNED GAMES BY THE ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED PRIOR TO THE GAME.**
- 6.4 **Official timers and scorers shall be adults who have been trained to perform their respective duties. The official scorer is required to wear a black and white vertically striped garment.**

The official timer should sit between the shot clock operator and the official scorebook.

7.0 **PROTESTS**

- 7.1 On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures and Board of Control hearings, if a question of interpretation of tournament regulations or the operation of the tournament arises, the Chairman of the CIAC Board of Control, the Executive Director of CIAC, and the chairman of the tournament committee in question will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interest of the tournament.
- 7.2 **Decisions by Game Officials** – Protests arising from the decisions, interpretations and misapplication of the National Federation or CIAC game rules by officials during the contest will not be considered. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the officials are final.

The record of the official scorekeeper at the conclusion of the contest is final unless an error is discovered. Such error shall be corrected as covered by specific contest rules.

Any team leaving the contest area before the conclusion of the contest because of dissatisfaction with the officiating will render the school liable to disciplinary action by CIAC.

8.0 QUALIFYING

- 8.1 To be eligible for consideration in the tournament, a team must play a minimum of twelve (12) games AGAINST VARSITY OPPONENTS and have won 30%* of its approved scheduled games played. Only the first two games played with any single opponent will be included in the twelve (12) games.
- 8.2 Only games played with Conference member schools, American School for the Deaf, or out-of-state schools who are members of their state athletic association shall be considered.
- 8.3 Games played with non-member Connecticut secondary schools shall not be considered in the seeding of teams.

9.0 RANKING / SEEDING

- 9.1 Teams will be ranked within classes by winning percentage (number of games won divided by the number of games played). When two or more teams have the same winning percentage, the following steps will be used to break the ties:

- 1) **Most Wins** – Example: A 10-10 team would secure the higher seeding over a 9-9 team.
- 2) **Power Rating** – Each school is assigned a power rating based on the records of the school(s) that they beat. Schools receive one point in their power rating for each win each of the opponents they have defeated has during the season. The total number of wins of all the opponents you defeat will be your power rating.

For example, if Team A wins 10 games during the season and those 10 opponents have 13, 12, 11, 10, 10, 7, 7, 7, 6 and 4 wins, Team A's power rating would be 87. The team with the higher power rating will secure the higher seeding.

Notes:

1. If a school defeats a team twice, it will receive the number of wins that opponent has twice in its power rating.
2. The number of power rating points a CIAC member school will receive for defeating an out-of-state school, who is a member of their state association, is 10. In order to make the seedings on the web site not appear skewed early in the season due to our new policy of giving 10 wins for power points purposes to all out-of-state teams, the seeding pages on the site show the following in the power points total:
 - Two points for an out-of-state opponent beaten if viewing in December
 - Five points for an out-of-state opponent beaten if viewing in January
 - The full ten points for an out-of-state opponent beaten if viewing in February or March.
3. **By-lot Tiebreaker Number** – If a tie remains, the team securing the higher seeding will be determined electronically by lot using computer assigned random tiebreaker numbers to be set at the start of the season. The team with the greater tiebreaker number will secure the higher seeding.

9.2 **Pairings** – The pairings will be made as follows:

<u>First Round</u>	<u>Second Round</u>	<u>Quarter-finals</u>	<u>Semi-finals</u>	<u>Finals</u>
1 vs 32				
16 vs 17	1 vs 16			
8 vs 25		1 vs 8		
9 vs 24	8 vs 9		1 vs 4	
4 vs 29				
13 vs 20	4 vs 13			
5 vs 28		4 vs 5		
12 vs 21	5 vs 12			1 vs 2
2 vs 31				
15 vs 18	2 vs 15			
7 vs 26		2 vs 7		
10 vs 23	7 vs 10		2 vs 3	
3 vs 30				
14 vs 19	3 vs 14			
6 vs 27		3 vs 6		
11 vs 22	6 vs 11			

9.3 If more than 32 teams qualify, the qualifying pairings shall be as follows:

If 33 teams	If 34 teams	If 35 teams	If 36 teams
32 vs 33	32 vs 33	32 vs 33	32 vs 33
	31 vs 34	31 vs 34	31 vs 34
		30 vs 35	30 vs 35
			29 vs 36

9.4 A TEAM MAINTAINS ITS INITIAL PERCENTAGE SEEDING THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.

9.5 **Seeding and Pairing Information** – Will be released on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 via the CIAC web site – www.ciacsports.com -- no later than 2:00 p.m.

9.6 **League Playoffs** – League playoff games shall not be counted for tournament qualification or rating.

9.7 Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest/make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.

10.0 **SUPERVISION / SPORTSMANSHIP**

10.1 Players and coaches disqualified in a game will be required to serve the additional penalty as outlined in the CIAC regulation on “disqualification.”

10.2 In the interest of crowd control and proper supervision the CIAC Board of Control has approved the tournament regulation requiring the principal of the participating schools or his/her designee to attend all tournament games. The school administrator should identify him/herself to the site director.

10.3 When a member school’s coach is ejected from a game for an infraction as prescribed by the rules, the game may not continue until the member school replaces the ejected coach with a certified coach. If this cannot be accomplished within 15 minutes after the ejection, the official in charge will declare a forfeit win for the opposing team.

- 10.4 Use of tobacco and vaping products or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind, including champagne, are not permitted in the gymnasium. The principal or his/her designee at the game shall see that this rule is enforced and adhered to by the teams.

10.5 **Bench and Field Conduct**

Personnel – A maximum of 20 personnel, including up to 15 players, coaches, managers, statisticians, medical personnel, etc. will be permitted free onto the site. Only players, coaches, managers, trainers, and statisticians will be permitted on the bench area.

Conduct – The above identified personnel shall not be outside the vicinity of the designated bench area. The coaches box must be marked as required by the rules.

- 10.6 **Conduct and Good Sportsmanship** – For the most part, we have been exceedingly proud of our high school students and their following of adult fans. We especially request that all school personnel – administrators, faculty, and coaches – give definite emphasis to the subject of good sportsmanship so that your students will conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect nothing but credit upon your school and its fine team. Any unseemly or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of students or adults is a direct reflection on the school. Please remember that you are the guests of the site school, and as guests you may want to be invited back next year.

The administrators representing the competing schools will be introduced with their teams and shake hands PRIOR to the start of the game.

- 10.7 **Player Technical Foul** – Beginning with the 2023-24 basketball season, a player that receives a technical foul will be directed to leave the game. The administration of this CIAC policy will be modeled after NFHS rule 3-3-4, which states in part that “...a player directed to leave the game shall not re-enter before the next opportunity to substitute after the clock has started properly following the player’s replacement.” In other words, a player that receives a technical foul must leave the game and cannot return until time has run off the clock. A coach will have the normal 15 seconds to replace the player who received the technical foul.

A few situations to consider:

- After a player is directed to leave the game for receiving a technical foul, a timeout does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
- If a player receives a technical foul during the dead ball period prior to or during the administration of free throws, the free throws do not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
- If a player receives a technical after the expiration of time to end a quarter, half, or extra period, the dead ball period between the **end** of the quarter, half, or extra period and the **beginning** of the next quarter, half, or extra period does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The player may not start the next quarter or extra period because the clock must start before the player can return.
- If a player receives a technical foul prior to or during the dead ball period that an injured player is being attended to, the time it takes for the injured player to be safely moved from the playing court does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.

- 10.8 **Sportsmanship** – Member schools are expected to conduct their relations with each other at all levels of competition in a spirit of good sportsmanship. The school administration is responsible for the athletic program, including the policies and procedures relating to sportsmanship and the conduct of activities in the school. The CIAC “Class Act” standards will be used in all CIAC contests. The CIAC Standards for Sportsmanship as defined in the Class Act program are found at http://ciacsports.com/site/?page_id=10438.

11.0 **TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES**

- 11.1 **Rules** – All contests shall be governed by CIAC and National Federation Rules.
- 11.2 **Uniforms** – All teams will be required to have two (2) sets of NUMBERED JERSEYS (alternate colors). The numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 may not be used, singly or in combination.
- The higher seeded team will wear the white jerseys and have the choice of team bench and for this purpose the original rating assigned to a team will be maintained throughout the tournament.
- 11.3 **Ball** – Each school will bring a Spalding TF1000 Legacy size 28.5 game ball in good condition. No other ball other than a Spalding TF1000 Legacy 28.5 may be used.
- 11.4 **Bands** – Bands, dance teams and similar organizations may perform at the semi-finals and finals with prior permission from the tournament director.
- 11.5 **Cheerleaders** – Cheerleaders of participating schools, if supervised, will be admitted free to tournament games in which their school team participates. Each school will NOT BE ALLOWED OVER 20 cheerleaders in uniform.
- 11.6 **Crowd Control** – The CIAC Regulations for Insuring Maximum Crowd Control apply to the Girls Basketball Tournament.
- 11.7 **Late Entry / Inaccurate Information Policy**
- No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control
 - Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the web site, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.
 - All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center. No phone requests will be considered.
- 11.8 **Tournament Regulations Violations** – If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee of \$500 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.
- 11.9 **Towels** – Shall be furnished by the participating teams.
- 11.10 **Solicitation of Funds / Selling T-Shirts, Etc.** – Solicitation of funds or selling merchandise for any purpose at any of the tournament games is prohibited unless permission to do so is given by CIAC. Food, candy and beverages may be sold by the site schools.
- 11.11 **Movies, Video Tape** – No commercial use of these tapes or films is permitted. All non-commercial videotaping at tournament sites must not create a safety hazard or obstruct a view.
- 11.12 **Half-time** – For the FINAL GAME ONLY, the half-time will be decided according to the schedule. We hope to provide a 12-15 minute half-time.
- 11.13 **Start Time** – Teams may request an earlier start time. However, such request should be made through the Tournament Director no later than Noon the day before the scheduled game. If agreed upon, both schools must accept in Arbiter the change so all officials can be notified of the time change.

- 11.14 **Awards Ceremony** – **IMMEDIATELY** upon the conclusion of all **FINALS** games, the participating teams will line up in front of the scorer's table and shake hands.
- As each player/coach/manager completes the handshakes, please proceed directly to the foul line in front of their team bench and line up shoulder-to-shoulder in a straight line facing center court as you did for the National Anthem.
 - As soon as the teams are lined up, the awards ceremony will begin with the presentation of medals to the players and coaches of the runner-up team.
 - **When your name is announced, please take one step forward to receive your medal from a member of the CIAC Basketball Committee.**
 - This will be followed with the presentation of the team plaque to the head coach and captains of the runner-up team.
 - The runner-up team shall remain on the court as the winning team is presented individual medals and the championship plaque following the same procedure.
 - Once the awards ceremony concludes, teams will vacate the floor so that teams scheduled to play in the next game may enter the court area to begin warming up.
 - CIAC staff members will direct team personnel and members of the media to a designated area where interviews may be conducted.
 - Each team must be supervised in their assigned locker room by school administrator(s), team coaches, and/or other responsible school personnel before and after their game. This supervision must continue until all team personnel have exited the facility.

APPENDIX A
2023-24 GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Girls basketball schedule due at CIAC office via the password-protected online eligibility center.

- a. ONLY THE FIRST TWO (2) GAMES AGAINST THE SAME VARSITY OPPONENT WILL BE COUNTED TOWARD TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION.
 - b. GAMES NOT LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE FORM WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION.
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APPENDIX B
**CRITERIA TO BE USED FOR SELECTION OF SITES FOR
QUALIFYING, FIRST ROUND, SECOND ROUND AND QUARTER-FINAL GAMES**

2023-24 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Home Sites – Qualifications

The home site qualification form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by January 16, 2024.

NOTE: All qualifying, first round, second round and quarter-final games will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team unless the site is not approved by the Basketball Committee when evaluated against established criteria. A flat fee of \$425 for LL, L and MM games and \$375 for M and S games will be paid by the CIAC to those schools who conduct home site games.

CIAC will pay the officials and site directors. All other costs are paid for by the school.

Girls basketball quarter-final site should meet the following:

- Seating capacity per division
Class S – 500 Class M – 600 Class MM – 700 Class L – 800 Class LL – 950
 - Tournament Director reserves the right to select a site based on previous experience with schools involved throughout the tournament.
 - Schools have the opportunity to find a neutral school in their area if their site does not meet the criteria.
 - Play at their opponent's site if their capacity meets CIAC standards.
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APPENDIX C
2023-24 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME SITES

Please submit via the password-protected online eligibility center by Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

In order to facilitate planning for the 2023-24 CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament, please answer as to the availability of your school as a site. We would appreciate hearing from every school.

Scorer and timer must be qualified adults. Basketball officials and site directors will be paid by the CIAC at the conclusion of the tournament.

The 2023-24 CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament Director is Matt Martorelli –
Office (860) 673-2514 / Cell (860) 335-7846 / Email – martorellim@fpsct.org

APPENDIX D

SELECTION OF 2023-24 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

1. A master list of the most qualified varsity officials in Connecticut is established. Based upon the number of schools participating in the sport of basketball, the Assistant Tournament Director will determine the total number of officials making up this master list which must be sufficient to accommodate the number of games scheduled for any one night.
2. The number of varsity officials selected from each board is based on the percentage of schools each board serves, relative to the total number of CIAC schools participating in basketball and the total number of officials making up the master list.
3. Each of the six (6) IAABO boards will communicate to the CIAC online its master list of tournament officials prior to February 2, 2024.
4. The master list of tournament officials is prepared and presented to head coaches on the CIAC website by February 7, 2024.
5. Between February 8, 2024, and February 15, 2024, each CIAC school shall review the master list of eligible /qualified officials and – identify up to ten (10) officials they prefer from the combined lists to officiate the CIAC tournament and up to two (2) officials they do not want to be assigned from the combined lists to their tournament game(s).
6. “Crews” of officials will be selected from within each board. In assigning officials for all tournament games, the Assistant Tournament Director will normally select from a “neutral board” when competing teams comes from **different board representation**. If both competing teams are from the **same board**, officials from that board **may be assigned**. The Assistant Tournament Director retains the authority to assign from any board in the event of extenuating circumstances.
7. In accordance with action taken by the girls basketball committee, three (3) officials will be assigned to the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of all girls basketball games. **At the discretion of the assistant tournament director, three person officiating crews may be used at any point in the tournament.**
8. Semi-final victors will be allowed **one additional scratch of an official** from the tournament list of officials.

APPENDIX E

2023-24 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

(Limited to members of the Conference)

1. The tournament roster must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center not later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Entry fee of \$100 must be mailed to the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410 – please indicate on check that it is for girls basketball.
2. Report all games won or lost with member schools, out-of-state schools or American School for the Deaf online on the day of the game as soon as possible following the game's completion. Date of last game to count is Tuesday, February 20, 2024. All scheduled games are to be listed on the entry form. Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the "Submit Scores/Forms" option of the "CIAC for Coaches" menu at ciacsports.com, or the "Submit Scores" button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coach's or scorekeeper's access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be provided by the school's athletic director.
3. **Each school will be allowed up to fifteen (15) girls in uniform.** There cannot be any alternates or substitutes to the original roster of fifteen submitted. Schools must submit, PROPERLY ATTESTED BY THE PRINCIPAL, THEIR ENTIRE SEASON'S RECORD OF GAMES with CIAC member schools, the American School for the Deaf, and CIAC-approved out-of-state schools. This record shall include a roster of girls (**not over fifteen in number**) properly certified as to eligibility by the Principal. The physical fitness of those eligible shall be certified by a school medical official.
4. Only varsity games played with CIAC members, American School for the Deaf or CIAC approved out-of-state schools will be considered.
5. All teams will be required to have two (2) sets of numbered jerseys (alternate colors).

The school principal certifies that the individuals listed on the Official Tournament Entry Form have satisfied the State health statutes, CIAC and local regulations regarding physical examinations.

APPENDIX F

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2023-24 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SITE DIRECTORS AND COMPETING SCHOOLS

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference appreciates the use of your facilities and the following is offered with the idea of assisting those who have been designated as Site Directors. The close observance of these suggestions will make for a smooth-running tournament and will bring satisfaction and enjoyment to all.

The Site Director – In order to operate one of its most important programs the CIAC has selected competent school personnel to take complete charge of the games in the basketball tournament. The site director is entirely responsible for the particular game assigned to his/her school; he/she is the direct representative of the organization and, more specifically, of the Basketball Committee and the Tournament Director. While the site director obviously cannot do all the work him/herself, it is his/her responsibility to engage such competent personnel as may be needed to see that the program is conducted successfully. However, site directors are requested to be realistic regarding the hiring of personnel. In most cases it will not be necessary to employ as many people as for a boy's game. Site directors will have to use their best judgment depending on anticipated attendance. Only adults should be assigned to the position of timer and scorer, and the scorer must be reminded to get from each team the name and number of each squad member as well as the five starting players. It is most advisable to have a hand operated clock(s) on hand and expert scorers in the event that the electrical clock and/or scoreboard become inoperative. Violations of CIAC policy or worthwhile recommendations on the part of participating schools should be reported in writing to the Tournament Director immediately after the game.

Telephone or Text Scores of Games Immediately – Every site director knows full well that in order to operate a successful tournament, things should move smoothly and rapidly. This is particularly true when it comes to making pairings and selecting sites for the next game, and therefore we must know as soon as possible the results of all games – which team won, and the score. We are asking each site director to telephone or text the results of each game immediately at the conclusion of the contest.

Tournament Director Matt Martorelli / Cell – (860) 335-7846.

Opening Ceremony

1. Arrange for playing the National Anthem before the start of each game.
2. Draft a short memo to be read to the spectators before each game which will include: important crowd control regulations such as prohibition of horns, whistles, etc., as well as the encouragement of good sportsmanship.
3. Sportsmanship statement to be read by the **captain** of both the home team and visiting team.

Supervision of Locker Rooms – Provide for supervision in each team's locker room before, during and after the game to prevent injury, vandalism of facilities or theft of personal property.

Officials – The game officials will be assigned by the CIAC, and they will take complete charge of the actual playing of the game itself. Officials should be met at the door, escorted to their locker rooms before and at the conclusion of the game, and escorted to their cars when they are ready to leave. Officials will be paid directly by CIAC. All other operational details are the responsibility of the site directors. Please provide parking for officials close to the entrance of the gym.

Bands / Cheerleaders – Not more than twenty (20) cheerleaders of participating schools, properly supervised, will be admitted free to tournament games in which their schools participate. **Bands, dance teams and similar organizations may perform at the semi-finals and finals with prior permission from the tournament director.**

Noisemakers Forbidden – Confetti, balloons, signs and streamers are NOT ALLOWED at tournament games. Bugles, horns, drums, whistles, or other noisemakers ARE NOT PERMITTED. ANYONE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ANNOYANCE MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE GAME.

Conduct and Good Sportsmanship – For the most part, we have been exceedingly proud of our high school students and their following of adult fans. We especially request that all school personnel – administrators, faculty, and coaches – give definite emphasis to the subject of good sportsmanship so that your students will conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect nothing but credit upon your school and its fine team. Any unseemly or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of students or adults is a direct reflection on the school. Please remember that you are the guests of the site school, and as guests you may want to be invited back next year.

Crowd Control – The Regulations for Insuring Maximum Crowd Control distributed by the boys/girls basketball committee will also apply to the 2023-24 basketball tournament.

Official Basketball – Spalding TF1000 Legacy size 28.5 -- Each school will bring a game ball in good condition which complies with National Federation Rules to the tournament site. The ball to be used will be decided by the officials. Teams will furnish their own practice balls.

Choice of Basket and Bench – The higher rated team shall have choice of basket and bench and wear the light colored jerseys. The original seeding assigned to a team will be maintained throughout the tournament. **At the finals, team benches will be assigned.**

Towels – Are the responsibility of each team playing.

Concession Stands / Solicitation of Funds – Food, candy, beverages may be sold by the site schools. Approval from CIAC to sell merchandise is required. This regulation provides CIAC control of all sales, raffles and solicitations during CIAC tournament games.

Movies, Video Tape – Prior permission of the site director must be obtained if video tape and/or movie equipment is to be used during tournament games. The use of this equipment is limited to participating schools and is only for post-game use of the teams involved. No commercial use of these tapes or films is permitted.

Press – Adequate publicity and favorable public relations are necessary in the operation of any tournament, and in this connection the CIAC appreciates the work and contribution of a fine group of people who bring accounts of our individual games to the public. Consequently, we are asking our site directors to see that newspaper writers and radio sportscasters are treated courteously and supplied with as good accommodations as are possible consistent with the facilities available. Members of the press will, upon proper identification, be admitted to any game. Newspaper reporters who are actually covering the game should be provided a seat at a table in the press box or “on the floor”, or at least where spectators will not be jumping up and down, blocking their view. **Please allow sports writers to remain up to one hour after the game to file their story.**

Stringers – Some large newspapers which cover many regional games in one evening send out part-time reporters (stringers) who do not carry press passes. The newspaper, through the head of the sports department, should notify the site director the afternoon of the game that one of these “stringers” will be at the game that evening. When he/she has properly identified him/herself, admit him/her and provide a place at the press table. If he/she brings a guest, assign this person to a seat in the stands. Do not accept for admission white tickets which merely indicate that the holder is a member of the Sports Writers Alliance.

APPENDIX G
CIAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

To be read on the public address system by the captains at all CIAC 2023-24 basketball tournament games:

To be read by the Home Team Captain:

“Welcome to tonight’s game between _____ and the _____
(Opposing school and mascot nickname). We view the basketball court as an extension of the
Classroom where we learn the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and respect for others.
Tonight we ask for your enthusiastic support for these important principles as you root for your
Respective team.”

To be read by the Visiting Team Captain:

“We also ask that you support the student-athletes from both participating schools by honoring our
Request to treat all the players, coaches and officials with courtesy and respect. Thank you and
Enjoy tonight’s game.”

Recommendation:

The sportsmanship statement should be read before all regular season games.

APPENDIX H

CERTIFICATION / COACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- Coaching Education Overview: Required coaching certifications, including medical certifications, can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
- Information on Coaching Permit Renewal for the State of Connecticut can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Coaching-Permit-First-Time-Issuance>
- Temporary coaching permit application can be found at this link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_186.pdf
- 5 Year coaching permit application can be found at this link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_185.pdf
- Coaching Course Registration: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Renewal: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/coaches_sudden_cardiac_arrest_awareness_annual_review.pdf?la=en
- Information on concussion training and certification can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/concussionpage.html>
- Concussion Renewal Form for Coaches: <https://caadinc.org/2023-24ConAnnRev.pdf>
- Mandated Reporter Training: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/Mandated-Reporter-Training/Home>
- EpiPen Training: <https://cprtrainpro.com/epi-pen-training>
- Coaches Guide to Dehydration and Other Heat Illnesses: <https://222.nata.org/sites/default/files/heat-illness-parent-coach-guide.pdf>
- Heat Illness Legislation for Coaches, Parents and Students: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/PDF/2021PA-00087-R00HB-06492-PA.PDF>
- Exertional Heat Illness Review for Coaches: <http://www.caadinc.org/23-24HeatRev.docx>

Volunteer Coaches – The state of Connecticut Department of Education does not distinguish between volunteer or paid coaches when considering certifications or responsibilities. All coaches who are responsible for, or instruct students in any way must follow Connecticut State Law for certifications and responsibilities. Therefore, volunteer coaches are required to obtain the same certifications as all other coaches.

APPENDIX I

FROM THE ARCHIVES – CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS THROUGH THE YEARS

<u>Year</u>		<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Year</u>		<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
1974	L	Trumbull 49	Lee, New Haven 48	1989	LL	Southington 45	Danbury 42
	M	Weston 50	Woodstock Academy 38		L	Platt, Meriden 61	Notre Dame, Ffld 53
1975	L	Lee, New Haven 76	Shelton 70		M	No. Branford 48	Stonington 38
	M	Weston 59	Cheshire 42		S	Westbrook 59	Cromwell 46
	S	Stafford 39	Woodstock Academy 33	1990	LL	Bristol Eastern 58	Southington 50
1976	LL	Shelton 64	Lee, New Haven 55		L	Masuk 55	New Fairfield 47
	L	Sheehan, Wallingford 61	Ledyard 45		M	N.W. Reg. 29	Ellington 28
	M	No. Branford 60	Stafford 56		S	Wheeler, N Stonington 74	Cromwell 44
	S	Valley Reg., Deep River 42	Immaculate, Danbury 37	1991	LL	Bristol Eastern 44	Southington 38
1977	LL	Lee, New Haven 37	Wm. Hall, W. Htfd 35		L	Masuk 45	Lyman Hall 34
	L	Ansonia 59	South Windsor 58		M	New Fairfield 64	Immaculate 63
	M	Kolbe-Cathedral, Bpt 64	No. Branford 46		S	St. Thomas Aq. 55	N.W. Catholic 49
	S	Somers 50	Westbrook 34	1992	LL	Southington 65	Glastonbury 51
1978	LL	Lee, New Haven 60	Naugatuck 44		L	Sacred Heart Ac. 42	Guilford 41
	L	Wilbur Cross 66	South Windsor 51		M	New Fairfield 45	Immaculate 31
	M	Ansonia 41	Immaculate 31		S	St. Thomas Aq. 43	Thomaston 37
	S	Westbrook 48	Putnam 34	1993	LL	Southington 59	Newington 47
1979	LL	Conard, W. Htfd 63	Norwalk 55		L	Sacred Heart Ac. 58	Brien McMahon 44
	L	Wilbur Cross 67	Lyman Hall 60		M	Seymour 50	Stonington 44 (OT)
	M	St. Joseph, Trumbull 41	Immaculate 30		S	Thomaston 53	Putnam 41
	S	Westbrook 56	Bacon Ac, Colchester 41	1994	LL	Bridgeport Central 45	Shelton 41
1980	LL	Amity, Woodbridge 63	Windsor 56		L	Brien McMahon 69	Sacred Heart Ac 57
	L	Wilbur Cross 75	Hillhouse 53		M	Stonington 64	N.W. Catholic 61
	M	Stonington 61	Masuk, Monroe 56		S	Hale Ray 60	Thomaston 43
	S	East Hampton 52	Coventry 44	1995	LL	Staples 41	Bpt. Central 31
1981	LL	Norwalk 79	Wethersfield 59		L	Masuk 54	Lauralton Hall 44
	L	Hillhouse 104	Bassick, Bpt 63		M	Joel Barlow 58	Morgan Sch. 54
	M	Old Saybrook 44	Valley Reg. 39		S	Wamogo 49	St. Thomas Aq 47
	S	Ellington 50	Westbrook 49	1996	LL	Norwich Free Ac 52	Southington 43
1982	LL	Southington 44	Westhill, Stamford 43		L	Mercy, Middletown 67	Bristol Central 54
	L	Hillhouse 75	Lyman Hall 57		M	Morgan Sch. 47	Ellington 42
	M	Ellington 54	Milford 51		S	N.W. Catholic 45	Hale Ray 37
	S	Westbrook 71	Canton 40	1997	LL	Norwich Free Ac 46	Masuk 40 (OT)
1983	LL	Bristol Eastern 52	Norwalk 47		L	Seymour 48	St. Joseph 31
	L	Branford 85	St. Bernard 57		M	Ellington 55	N.W. Cath. 51 (3 OT)
	M	Ellington 56	Milford 33		S	Old Lyme 46	Wamogo 31
	S	Westbrook 68	Wilcox Tech. 39	1998	LL	New Britain 40	Fairfield 37
1984	LL	Wilbur Cross 71	Shelton 67		L	Hillhouse 73	Killingly 61
	L	Branford 56	Masuk 47		M	Seymour 50	Joel Barlow 27
	M	Valley Reg. 50	St. Thomas Aquinas 49		S	Wheeler 47	St. Paul Cath. 40
	S	Westbrook 62	Somers 52	1999	LL	Norwich Free Ac 64	Norwalk 59
1985	LL	Shelton 54	Southington 52		L	Daniel Hand 72	Killingly 68
	L	Lyman Hall 81	Lee 47		M	N.W. Catholic 58	New Fairfield 40
	M	St. Thomas Aquinas 44	Plainfield 37		S	Valley Reg. 43	Canton 37
	S	Westbrook 76	East Hampton 53	2000	LL	Norwalk 47	Norwich Free 45
1986	LL	Southington 48	Rockville 42		L	Hillhouse 51	Seymour 32
	L	Lyman Hall 67	Platt, Meriden 64		M	Morgan Sch 53	Sheehan 48
	M	No. Branford 46	N.W. Catholic 40		S	Kolbe Cathedral 64	St. Paul 44
	S	Westbrook 70	Kolbe Cathedral 42	2001	LL	Norwich Free Ac 63	Masuk 39
1987	LL	Southington 66	Danbury 65		L	Guilford 87	Brien McMahon 60
	L	Bristol Eastern 82	Notre Dame, Fairfield 47		M	Plainville 47	Bacon Ac. 30
	M	No. Branford 56	Pomperaug 33		S	St. Paul 42	Old Saybrook 31
	S	Westbrook 45	Kolbe Cathedral 41	2002	LL	Norwich Free Ac 71	Trumbull 43
1988	LL	Southington 64	Holy Cross 39		L	Guilford 73	Holy Cross 43
	L	Killingly 86	Notre Dame, Fairfield 47		M	East Catholic 42	N.W. Catholic 31
	M	N.W. Catholic 54	Berlin 51		S	Trinity Catholic 65	Wamogo 61 (OT)
	S	Coventry 49	Kolbe Cathedral 46				

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2003	LL	Manchester 64	Norwich Free Ac 59 (OT)	2019	LL	Norwalk 55	New London 534
	L	Guilford 61	Hillhouse 41		L	Hillhouse 39	Daniel Hand 34
	M	Career, New Haven 59	N.W. Reg. 48		M	Cromwell 60	Sheehan 51
	S	Trinity Catholic 58	East Granby 36		S	Trinity Catholic 52	Canton 45
2004	LL	Windsor 53	Fairfield 38	2020	No championships – tournament cancelled due to Covid		
	L	Hillhouse 62	Pomperaug 53	2021	No championships – tournament cancelled due to Covid		
	M	East Catholic 66	Avon 36	2022	LL	East Hartford 54	Wilton 33
	S	Kolbe Cathedral 72	Trinity Catholic 64		L	Notre Dame Cath. 60	Newington 45
2005	LL	Manchester 63	Windsor 48		MM	Sacred Heart Ac 52	St. Joseph 50
	L	Hillhouse 71	Waterford 46		M	Holy Cross 61	Bacon Ac 38
	M	Windham 72	Stonington 67 (OT)		S	Thomaston 42	Coventry 38
	S	Kolbe Cathedral 63	Sacred Heart, Wtby 49	2023	LL	Hamden 63	Fairfield Ludlowe 48
2006	LL	New Britain 67	Mercy 53		L	E.O. Smith 58	Pomperaug 46
	L	Bulkeley 43	Farmington 42 (OT)		MM	New London 57	Mercy 47
	M	Stonington 57	Holy Cross 48		M	East Hampton 31	Valley Reg 29
	S	Trinity Catholic 59	Kolbe Cathedral 50		S	N.W. Catholic 74	Kolbe Cath. 65
2007	LL	New Britain 54	Manchester 46				
	L	Joel Barlow 45	Waterford 42				
	M	Holy Cross 67	Career 58				
	S	Kolbe Cathedral 67	Notre Dame, Ffld 57				
2008	LL	Career 71	New Britain 66				
	L	Kolbe Cathedral 59	East Lyme 48				
	M	Avon 50	Morgan Sch 46				
	S	Bloomfield 45	Coventry 39				
2009	LL	Norwich Free Ac 63	Career 42				
	L	Hillhouse 65	Fairfield Warde 59				
	M	Bacon Ac 55	Berlin 53				
	S	Old Lyme 39	Coventry 24				
2010	LL	Norwich Free Ac 50	Mercy 47				
	L	Hillhouse 47	Wethersfield 45				
	M	Kolbe Cathedral 64	Brookfield 50				
	S	St. Paul 39	Portland 37				
2011	LL	Career 39	Mercy 37				
	L	Hillhouse 77	E.O. Smith 50				
	M	Windham 54	Weaver 46				
	S	Portland 45	Cromwell 41				
2012	LL	Newtown 44	Mercy 42				
	L	Bacon Ac 38	E.O. Smith 34				
	M	Weaver 55	Tolland 47				
	S	Coginchaug 58	Capital Prep. 48				
2013	LL	Mercy 54	Lauralton Hall 53				
	L	Farmington 49	Bacon Ac 44				
	M	Cromwell 42	Notre Dame, Ffld 28				
	S	Capital Prep 84	Thomaston 55				
2014	LL	Lauralton Hall 68	South Windsor 53				
	L	Capital Prep 69	Weaver 53				
	M	New London 57	Morgan Sch 52				
	S	Thomaston 61	St. Paul 57 (2 OT)				
2015	LL	Wilton 73	South Windsor 45				
	L	Capital Prep 87	N.W. Catholic 59				
	M	St. Joseph 50	Cromwell 44				
	S	Thomaston 52	Canton 50				
2016	LL	Stamford 50	Greenwich 45				
	L	Capital Prep 51	New London 48				
	M	Cromwell 43	Notre Dame, Ffld 20				
	S	Canton 64	Thomaston 51				
2017	LL	New London 42	Trumbull 36				
	L	Daniel Hand 50	Holy Cross 45				
	M	New Fairfield 41	Bacon Ac 38				
	S	Canton 60	Thomaston 51				
2018	LL	Mercy 49	Wm. Hall 37				
	L	RHAM 58	Farmington 39				
	M	East Haven 49	Career 47				
	S	Coginchaug 71	SMSA 41				