

CIAC BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
April 25, 2024

Agenda

1. Review and Approval of the 2/28/24 Committee Minutes
2. Tournament Review
 - Early Rounds-Semi-Finals
 - Neutral Site Games
 - Finances
 - “Trashed” Locker Room
 - Issues with Medal Presentations
 - Music
3. Formula Explanation
4. ECC Proposal
5. Formula Sub-Committee

CIAC Boys Basketball Committee

Minutes

2/28/24

I Gregg Simon welcomed the committee which was held via zoom.

II PAIRINGS - Dana reviewed the division rankings.

- a. The committee approved the division I rankings.
- b. The committee approved the division II rankings.
- c. The committee approved the division III rankings.
- d. The committee approved the division IV rankings.
- e. The committee approved the division V rankings.

III TOURNAMENT

- a. Passes are available at the CIAC. They will be mailed out today.
- b. Gregg asked the committee to try to get out and see tournament games.
- c. Tournament dedication is 5:00 on Friday night.
- d. Register buses at Mohegan.
- e. Press conference will be at TPC Highlands.

III Sites for Division I - Dave Schulz

There will be a play in game.

Three schools who could possibly host a game in the semi finals and have small gyms.

Dave contacted schools in anticipation of tournament sites.

The clinic is all set for Saturday morning.

The CIAC Board of Control approved five divisions for the 2017-2018 CIAC Boys Basketball State Tournament for a one year trial. The divisions were created using a formula which included strength of league, success in the CIAC tournament, success in league tournament and CIAC power points. The tournament was very successful and upon its completion a sub-committee of the Boys Basketball Committee was formed to examine the tournament structure. Following the one year trial, CIAC solicited feedback from our member schools which called for adjustments to be made in the formula used in creating the five divisions. The adjustments requested were....

- Complete transparency in the process. All schools will be shown the calculations used to determine divisional placement.
- Schools earn points based on the approved formula and then are placed in divisions based strictly on points earned.
- The amount of teams in each division will be predetermined.
- Enrollment needs to be a major factor in the formula just like it is in all other CIAC tournaments.
- A change needs to be made in the Strength of League factor. No school should receive points based solely on the membership in their league.

The Boys Basketball Committee at their May 2 meeting approved the recommendations of the sub-committee for a formula which incorporated school recommendations.

The CIAC Board of Control at their May 3 meeting gave full approval for the use of five divisions for the CIAC Boys Basketball State Tournament.

There will be no appeals of divisional placement based on the formula. Schools can opt up to Division One by submitting the change of division form on the CIAC On-Line Eligibility Center.

BOYS BASKETBALL DIVISIONAL CRITERIA NOTES & EXPLANATIONS

The formula uses Power Point and CIAC tournament results data from the previous three seasons. For the 2018-19 school year divisions, data from '15-'16, '16-'17 and '17-'18 was used.

All school are ranked from number 1-183 using the data points in the formula (details below). The divisions were then determined by taking the allotted number of schools starting at the top of the rankings - the top 20 totals are in Division I, the next 36 are in Division II, the next 38 are in Division III, the next 40 are in Division IV and the lowest 49 are in Division V.

Teams Per Division:

Excluding the 20 teams in Division I, the remaining 163 divisional slots were not divided equally across Divisions II-V. An attempt was made to be sure each division will have enough tournament qualifying teams to avoid an excessive number of byes.

Division V contains schools which are both the smallest and have the lowest Power Point numbers in the state, so there needs to be a higher number of schools in that division to balance the qualifiers. Note this type of staggering is not unique to basketball, most sports divide their schools in a similar manner.

Enrollment Multiplier:

The formula starts with each school being assigned a number of points based on its boys enrollment in grades 9-12 for the previous school year. In determining the 2018-19 divisions, each team starts with 75% of its 2017-18 boys enrollment as a base. All sports use the previous year's total for divisional purposes.

League Multipliers:

The number of Power Points each school has received during the three-year period is added onto 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.

The season totals for each of the three years are then multiplied by a number assigned to each league. The league multipliers are higher for the leagues which the boys basketball committee has designated as Tier I or Tier II (stronger leagues). It is important to note that no team receives an automatic number of points simply for being in a powerful league. The multipliers simply weight the points which a team receives based on the relative strength of its league's teams.

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 tournament for boys sports, a school must have 25 male students from outside of the geographical area of its district. Schools that do not meet that criteria receive no success points, regardless of how successful they have been in the state tournament.

Each sports committee has the option for 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 boys basketball committee has defined success as reaching the quarterfinal round of the state tournament.

For each of the three years of data being used for rankings, schools subject to success rankings receive 100 additional points for reaching the quarters, 150 for reaching the semifinals, 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.

CIAC Boys Basketball Divisions Criteria

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| Using Data From: | 2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Teams Per Division | <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>I</td> <td>II</td> <td>III</td> <td>IV</td> <td>V</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>36</td> <td>38</td> <td>40</td> <td>49</td> </tr> </table> | I | II | III | IV | V | 20 | 36 | 38 | 40 | 49 |
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| Enrollment Multiplier: | 0.75 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Success Points: (Added to schools of choice only) | <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">100</td> <td>Each Quarterfinal Reached</td> </tr> <tr> <td>150</td> <td>Each Semifinal Reached</td> </tr> <tr> <td>200</td> <td>Each Final Reached</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300</td> <td>Each Championship Won</td> </tr> </table> | 100 | Each Quarterfinal Reached | 150 | Each Semifinal Reached | 200 | Each Final Reached | 300 | Each Championship Won | | |
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| League Multipliers: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tier I Leagues | Tier II League | | | | | | | | | | |
| CCC 3.0 | ECC 2.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCIAC 3.0 | Other Leagues | | | | | | | | | | |
| NVL 3.0 | BL 1.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| IND 3.0 | CRAL 1.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCC 3.0 | CTC 1.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| SWC 3.0 | NCCC 1.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SL 1.0 | | | | | | | | | | |

Proposal to CIAC Boys Basketball Committee

Submitted by the Eastern Connecticut Conference

The Eastern Connecticut Conference is requesting that the CIAC Boys' Basketball Committee look at our conference as two leagues within one when adding the league multiplier for state tournament classification. Currently, the CIAC formula uses a multiplier (x2) for all 19 Eastern Connecticut Conference schools. We feel this is not equitable, nor fair, for all of our league member schools. We break our league into four divisions and we also hold two postseason tournaments due to the disparity of size and competitiveness within our league. There is a huge gap between our Division 1 and Division 2 schools when comparing them to our Division 3 and Division 4 schools. They should not be weighted in the same manner by our state association when classifying schools for post season play.

Our request is that schools that compete in Division 1 and Division 2 of the ECC will fall under the multiplier (x2) currently utilized by the CIAC basketball committee for state tournament alignment. However, we ask that schools that compete in Division 3 and Division 4 of the ECC fall under the multiplier (x1) that is more appropriate for these schools. We feel this will go a long way into placing our league member schools into the appropriate classification for post season play at the state level.

In the 2023-24 state tournament, our Division 3 and Division 4 member schools have played against schools twice or even three times larger in school enrollment and regular season schedules that do not compare in competitiveness. A simple change in how our league is calculated at the state level will prove dividends for all involved. If our Division 3 and Division 4 schools were all in the (x1) multiplier, they would have been classified differently this year and their opponents in the state tournament would have been more appropriate for their level of play.

Each year, the ECC re-aligns based on enrollment, strength of program, returning student-athletes within that program and other variables to form competitive schedules and fair divisions for our league member schools. To ensure appropriate timing, the CIAC boys' basketball committee will have our league alignment well in advance for classification purposes. Our ECC alignment for the 2024-25 boys basketball season is completed. Our suggestion when putting your state classifications together for 2024-25 based on our alignment:

Division 1 and Division 2 (CIAC x2 multiplier): St. Bernard, NFA, Fitch, New London, East Lyme, Waterford, Windham, Woodstock Academy, Killingly.

Division 3 and Division 4 (CIAC x1 multiplier): Ledyard, Montville, Griswold, Stonington, Plainfield, Tourtellotte, Putnam, Wheeler, Bacon Academy, Lyman Memorial

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your consideration.

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