

CIAC Football Committee

May 6, 2025

Agenda

1. Football Committee Minutes 1/9/25, 3/6/25, 4/10/25
2. CIAC Football Showcase-Corey Plasky
3. Instant Replay for State Championship Games
4. Co-Op Teams in Higher Divisions
5. Future Agenda Items

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1/9/2025

I FINANCIAL REPORT - The full financial report was not available for the meeting.

II MINUTES - The committee approved the minutes from the 9/19/24 meeting.

III REVIEW OF THE 2024 CHAMPIONSHIPS -

- a. Gregg reviewed the attendance and gate receipts for the championships.
- b. \$30,000 to host the championships at CCSU
- c. \$38,000 to host the championships at Rentschler
- d. Does holding a championship game at 6:30 pm hurt attendance?
- e. We can not play at three different sites because we don't have enough staff.

IV ALLIANCE PROPOSAL

- a. The proposal was distributed to the committee for discussion.
- b. Schedules are done already and divisions can change by the start of the season.
- c. Other sports don't have a requirement to play in your division.
- d. Would a change disrupt a successful tournament?
- e. The committee will take up this question at a future meeting.
- f. The CIAC does not have oversight over the Alliance

V FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Difficult situation with a team opting out of the tournament. The committee would like to discuss this issue in the future.
- b. Vote on the Alliance proposal
- c. Questions about new rules



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Meeting summary for CIAC Football Committee Meeting (03/06/2025)

Quick recap

The committee rejected a proposal regarding football scheduling and agreed to form a subcommittee to explore the use of instant replay in state championship football games. They also discussed the issue of teams opting out of the playoffs, co-ops participating in the playoffs, and the potential consequences of players leaving for prep schools. The committee decided to leave the current system in place for teams opting out of the playoffs and to add a reminder about notifying the office by November 15th.

Next steps

- Gregg to respond to the Alliance on behalf of the committee regarding the rejection of their proposal.
- Gregg to form a subcommittee to examine the proposal for instant replay in state championship football games and make recommendations back to the full committee.
- Gregg to send out a request for volunteers to serve on the instant replay subcommittee.
- Gregg to add language to the football packet about alerting the CIAC office if a team is concerned about their ability to participate in the playoffs.
- Gregg to add language to the football packet about contacting the 9th and 10th seeded teams about potential playoff participation if a higher-seeded team drops out.
- Committee to discuss co-op teams in higher divisions at the next meeting.
- Committee to discuss requiring all-weather fields for the second round of playoff games at the next meeting.
- Corey to present information about the CIAC-sponsored football showcase at the next meeting.

Summary

Rejection of Football Scheduling Proposal

The committee voted unanimously to reject the Connecticut High School Alliance proposal regarding football scheduling. The proposal would have required teams to play a minimum number of games against teams in their class or above to qualify for postseason. Members expressed concerns about mandating specific scheduling requirements and felt it was unnecessary. The vote was 11-0 against adopting the proposal.

Exploring Instant Replay in Championships

The meeting discussed the proposal for using instant replay in state championship football games. The committee agreed to form a subcommittee to explore this concept further, considering the potential benefits and challenges. They also discussed the issue of teams opting out of the playoffs, with a consensus to leave the current system in place but to add a reminder in the packet about the need to notify the office by November 15th if a team does not plan to participate. The committee also considered the issue of co-ops participating in the playoffs, with a suggestion to discuss this further in the next meeting. Lastly, the committee discussed the issue of players leaving for prep schools, with a suggestion to advise member schools on the potential consequences of reclassification.

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4/10/25

I WELCOME - This is a single purpose meeting to discuss the proposal to use instant replay in championship games.

II HISTORY AND OTHER STATES - Joe Monroe made a presentation

- Alabama, Nebraska, Texas and Minnesota are currently using replay.
- The purpose of replay is to aid officials.
- Joe Reviewed the procedure for using the replay and the process if a call is reversed or not.
- The committee needs to decide what is reviewable.
- Is there a cost to rent the video system?
- Who operates the system?

III OPERATING THE SYSTEM - Report by Jim Brennan

- Judgment calls are not part of the system
- Goalines, inbounds, catches, turnovers
- The call on the field is assumed correct unless there is indisputable evidence that the call was incorrect
- There is a communicator on the field to the booth
- The booth has to look at it before the game is stopped
- Will there be a monitor on the field
- Replay booth overrules the field

IV DISCUSSION - The committee had an informal discussion on several topics

- Equipment availability
- Cost
- Challenges would be new in the playoffs and not something that was used during the season
- Who initiates the challenge
- How much can we do given our capabilities and our facilities?
- Should be used as a trial during the season before using it in the playoffs
- Form a subcommittee to make recommendations
- What can be appealed?

V NEXT MEETING

- Talk about divisions
- Form a subcommittee for replay