# CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

#### MISSION

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Thursday, September 4, 2025

9:00 a.m.		Call to Order		
1.0	ACTI 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.9 1.10	Review and Approval – CIAC Board of Control Minutes – May 1, 2025 Treasurer's Report Letter of Self-Report – Fairfield Prep. High School – Boys Lacrosse Letter of Self-Report – Maloney High School - Football Letter of Self-Report – Berlin High School - Football Letter of Self-Report – Newington High School – Football Letter of Self-Report – New Britain High School – Football Exception for In-Season Rule – East Lyme High School – Girls Soccer Exception for In-Season Rule – St. Joseph High School – Girls Soccer Opt Out Approvals – Wilcox Tech / Kaynor Tech. – Football Gilbert School – Boys Soccer		
2.0	DISC 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4	EUSSION ITEMS Executive Director Update – Glenn Lungarini Review of Letter of Self-Report – Fairfield Prep – June 2025 Boys Volleyball – Increase to Three Divisions Girls Basketball – Change in Process to Establish Divisions		
3.0	3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5	SULTANT REPORTS  CAS – Amy Yost  CAPSS - Gregg Shugrue  CABE  Sports Medicine –Dr. Carl Nissen  CATA – Marc Aceto	3.6 3.7 3.8 3.9	Unified Sports – John Nisk CAAD – Mark Berkowitz CHSCA – Len Corto Officials – Dan Scavone
4.0	COM 4.1 4.2 4.3	MITTEE REPORTS  Eligibility Committee  Eligibility Review Board  Cooperative Team Committee – Meets on  - Gymnastics Co-op Problem	9/23/25	
5.0	FUTU 5.1	TURE AGENDA ITEMS Parent Engagement		
6.0	STAF 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4	FF REPORTS John Holt Joe Velardi Dan Scavone Henry Rondon	6.5 6.6 6.7	Chris Cobb Gregg Simon Glenn Lungarini

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Thursday, May 1, 2025

<u>Present</u>: Glenn Lungarini, Gregg Simon, Ralph Mayo, Kevin Durkin, TJ Salutari, Dan Scavone, Damian Frassinelli, Kristen St. Germain, Katelyn Miner, Karen Packtor, Henry Rondon, Matthew Peel, John Holt, Bill Vanderrest, Dan Donovan, Jim Wygonik, Stephanie Lockhart, Chris Cipriano, Gary Franklin, Kendrick Moore, Bob Hale, Mark Berkowitz, Fred Balsamo, Joe Velardi

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

#### 1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and Approval CIAC Board of Control Minutes April 3, 2025 Wygonik motion to accept, Lockhart second, motion passes
- 1.2 Treasurer's Report Cipriano delivers financial report St. Germain motion to accept, Mayo second, motion passes
- 1.3 Letter of Self Report Lyman Memorial HS Violation of Transfer Rule Outdoor Track G. Simon Spring track athlete was ineligible for April 9 meet due to transfer rule. Paperwork had not yet been processed. Schools takes full responsibility. Seeking permission to reinstate athlete's eligibility. Wygonik motion to fine school \$100 and make athlete ineligible, Lockhart second.
- 1.3 Appeal by Lyman Memorial HS Administration for Student-Athlete Reinstatement (9:10)
  Lyman Memorial AD Elliott and Principal Apicelli join Zoom to ask for reinstalment of athlete and share that new streamlined process (with guidance) will prevent this issue in the future.

  St. Germain to reinstate athlete, Peel second, motion passes
- 1.4 Letter of Self Report St. Bernard HS Violation of Transfer Rule Softball G. Simon Athlete played in St Bernard first softball game on April 9. Was a transfer student. Sat our soccer for half season in fall but hadn't played soccer at sending school. School acknowledges student should have sat out half softball season. Violation was pointed out to school and then school reported to CIAC. Peel motion to forfeit April 9 game, fine school \$100, student is ruled ineligible, and new Athletic Director takes appropriate module, Durkin second. Motion passes.
- 1.5 Appeal by St. Benard HS AD Messina and Headmaster Macrino for Student-Athlete Reinstatement (9:25) SB will put plan in place to avoid issue/oversight in future, including communication with the sending school. Wygonik motion to reinstate immediately, Peel second. Motion passes.

#### 2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Executive Director Update Glenn Lungarini
  - \* Positive feedback on end of year one of Sheff District Pilot Program. Will continue for another year.
  - \* Out of season coaching program going into second year, has been positive feedback.

    Additional schools will participate this summer and CIAC will get data from schools on participation.
  - CIAC will run Girls Flag Football State Championship this spring, including NFL funding.
  - This Sunday will be first ever CIAC Football Showcase event. Over 115 participating athletes.
  - June Scholastic showcase for girls and boys basketball
  - PlayOn Sports has purchased MaxPreps and will be offering specially priced MaxPreps/VidSwap Platform
  - Wednesday June 4 final day of legislative session. Recent discussion about cardiac bill re: EAPs and AEDs

#### 2.2 Language Concerning Online Courses

- \* Need for online courses to coordinate with grading periods to determine student athlete eligibility
- \* Student taking online courses must be enrolled in member school to participate in athletics
- St. Germain motion to amend online course language in handbook, Salutari second, motion passes.

#### 3.0 CONSULTANT REPORTS

- 3.1 CAS Amy Yost n/a
- 3.2 CAPSS n/a
- 3.3 CABE n/a
- 3.4 Sports Medicine –Dr. Carl Nissen n/a
- 3.5 CATA Marc Aceto n/a
- 3.6 Unified Sports Bob Hale Annual Awards event was on Monday with over 800 in attendance, first track meet of season yesterday, flag football today. Lots of end of year festivities.
- 3.7 CAAD Mark Berkowitz CAAD Conference was in March with over 210 Athletic Directors in attendance. Very successful year with standout speakers.
- 3.8 CHSCA Len Corto (Bill Vanderrest) Thursday May 8 will be CHSCA Hall of Fame Banquet. Newest version of CHSCA magazine is posted online.
- 3.9 Officials Dan Scavone June 12 Officials Advisory meetings will conclude for year. 20th anniversary of CIAC Officials Association. New officials courses being offered.

#### 4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility Committee (One Approved/One Denied)
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board (No Appeals)
- 4.3 Cooperative Team Committee (Meets on 5/12)

#### 5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Parent Engagement

#### 6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- John Holt Hall of Honor was held on April 24 and met with good feedback. Norwich Free Academy #MentalHealthMatters Athletic Conference this past Monday was powerful and well done by NFA. CIAC has produced a video of the mental health panel featuring student athletes.
- 6.2 Joe Velardi Sportsmanship committee had final meeting of year, considering rebranding to Education Based Athletics Committee. Golf spring invitationals will happen soon. Successful Boys Volleyball invitational held in Woodbridge. Guidance to come for schools re: Emergency Action Plans.
- 6.3 Dan Scavone Boys and Girls lacrosse state championships to be held at Fairfield University's Rafferty Stadium. Field Hockey Committee working on seeding formula for next year.
- 6.4 Henry Rondon Esports spring championship next Tuesday at Quinnipiac. Work continues on inaugural Girls Flag Football Championship. Women in Leadership Conference is May 27.
- 6.5 Chris Cobb n/a
- 6.6 Gregg Simon NFA Mental Health Conference for athletes was powerful. Other schools should Consider reaching out to NFA on guidance on how to hold their own conference.
- 6.7 Glenn Lungarini May 16 is spring member reception event at TPC. Glenn thanks BOC for their work this year. Glenn thanks Bob Hals for his dedicated service as Unified Sports Director. Bob is retiring and John Niski will be taking over as Unified Director.

#### 7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

# CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS, INC.

#### CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

#### TREASURER REPORT

#### As of July 31, 2025

- 1. THE CAS CHECKING, SAVINGS AND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS HAVE A COMBINED BALANCE OF \$764,937 AT 07/31/25 COMPARED TO \$1,054,864 AT 07/31/24. THE MAJORITY OF CASH IS MAINTAINED IN A RAYMOND JAMES HIGH INTEREST SAVINGS ACCOUNT INSURED BY THE FDIC.
- 2. THE CAS RESERVE ACCOUNT HAS A BALANCE OF \$2,285,343 AT 07/31/25 COMPARED TO \$2,157,254 AT 07/31/24.
- 3. THE CAS FOUNDATION CHECKING, SAVINGS AND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS HAVE A COMBINED BALANCE OF \$180,748 AT 07/31/25 COMPARED TO \$277,234 AT 07/31/24. THE MAJORITY OF CASH IS MAINTANED IN A RAYMOND JAMES HIGH INTEREST SAVINGS ACCOUNT INSURED BY THE FDIC.
- 4. THE CAS FOUNDATION INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HAS A BALANCE OF \$3,219,983 AT 07/31/25 COMPARED TO \$3,040,395 AT 07/31/24.



# Fairfield College Preparatory School

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July 14, 2025

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, the administration of Fairfield Prep was made aware that the school's lacrosse program may have been in violation of out of season coaching rules. After an internal investigation, it appears that Fairfield Prep has violated rules from Article XII-In Season/Out-of-Season Rules, Section 2.1.e.3.

Fairfield Prep hereby self-reports a violation of Article XII-In Season/Out-of-Season Rules, Section 2.1.e.3, which occurred during the summer of 2024.

Article XII-In Season/Out-of-Season Rules, Section 2.1.e.3 states that a member school coach may coach a maximum of five players on a non-school, out-of-season team who were on the eligibility list the previous season, and that the group of athletes on this non-school team must remain fixed with no rotation of other athletes from the prior year eligibility list.

During summer 2024, three Fairfield Prep varsity lacrosse coaches who coached at Fairfield Prep in the spring coached Calvary Lacrosse Club teams that included Fairfield Prep student-athletes:

#### Calvary Lacrosse Club 2025 Team:

- Coaches: Tom Mariano (no Fairfield Prep affiliation) and Jack Murray (Jack had just completed coaching the Fairfield Prep Freshman Lacrosse team)
- Fairfield Prep students participated in four tournaments (PT, Naptown, IL, Alliance)
- Six different Fairfield Prep students appeared on rosters across these tournaments:
  - o Brooks Reynolds (PT, Naptown, IL, Alliance)
  - Nate Estrella (PT, Naptown)\*
  - Gavin Burke (PT, Naptown, IL, Alliance)
  - o Alex Meier (PT, Naptown, IL, Alliance)
  - o Emmet Crotty (PT, Naptown, IL, Alliance)
  - Griffin Rothe (Alliance)
- \*Note: Nate Estrella was injured after the first tournament

#### Calvary Lacrosse Club 2026 Team:

- Coaches: Mike Epstein (Fairfield Prep Varsity Lacrosse Offensive Coordinator) and Tony Vallance (Fairfield Prep Varsity Lacrosse Defensive Coordinator)
- Fairfield Prep students participated in five tournaments (PT, Trilogy, Naptown, IL, Alliance)
- Six different Fairfield Prep students appeared on rosters across these tournaments:
  - o Kiran Campos (PT, Trilogy, Naptown, IL)
  - o Andrew Steele (PT, Trilogy, Naptown, IL, Alliance)
  - Lance Delaney (PT, Trilogy, IL, Alliance)
  - Scout Callahan (PT, Trilogy, Naptown, IL, Alliance)
  - Brendan Morris (Trilogy, Naptown, IL, Alliance)

# Dylan McCarthy (Naptown, Alliance)

While neither team exceeded five Fairfield Prep athletes at any single tournament, the athletes on this non-school team did not remain fixed and other athletes from the prior year eligibility list were rotated on and off the team.

Fairfield Prep has conducted an internal investigation and identified this violation. The school is committed to full compliance with all rules moving forward.

We respectfully request guidance on any additional steps required to address this matter with CIAC and our coaching staff.

Sincerely,

Timothy Dee Principal Fairfield College Preparatory School Dear CIAC Board of Control,

Please accept this letter as a sincere and heartfelt apology on behalf of Maloney High School for a recent oversight regarding an interscholastic activity. We are writing to self-report a joint practice held with Berlin High School on Saturday, August 23rd, which was in violation of CIAC regulations.

I take full and complete responsibility for this mistake. While I had reviewed my coaches' schedule, I failed to recognize that a joint practice, even without officials or direct competition, would be considered an interscholastic activity on that date. My oversight of the Football Practice Calendar, which clearly designates the first allowable day for such activity, is a direct result of my failure to be as vigilant as is required of me.

I have already spoken at length with my coaching staff to address this situation and ensure they fully understand the gravity of the rules. Going forward, I have made it a top priority to reinforce the importance of careful review of all sports-specific information packets. I have personally messaged every coach, reiterating that we must be meticulous in adhering to all CIAC policies.

We are truly sorry for this violation and for any inconvenience or concern it has caused. We are committed to a full and immediate re-evaluation of our internal communication processes to ensure this never occurs again. We respectfully submit this self-report for your review and will accept any corrective action you deem appropriate.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Straub, Principal Maloney High School

### **Joint Practice Prior to Permitted Date**

Dear CIAC Board of Control,

On behalf of Berlin High School, we would like to reach out to you for your guidance and support. In an effort to be both preventative and transparent, I am writing on behalf of a joint practice between Maloney High School and Berlin High School that took place on Saturday August 23, 2025. There were no officials, no direct competition, and it was open to the public. We interpreted Interscholastic Activities as a competition, such as a scrimmage. We do understand that multiple schools participated in either combined practices or scrimmages. We understand we need to be in control of our own actions for our school. We are writing to self-report a violation of CIAC regulations regarding the scheduling of the joint practice.

There was no direct intent to violate regulations in this occurrence. We hired a new coach this year who coached high school football earlier in his career. We can assure you that no pads were used during the summer and the first day was at the joint practice. Our Director of Athletics maintains high standards for all stakeholders at Berlin and attended many of the practices, working closely with the new coaching staff. The early combined practice resulted from an oversight in scheduling and a misunderstanding of the first allowable joint practice date. Once our Director of Athletics identified the error, we immediately discussed the situation with our coaching staff to understand how the situation occurred. In response to the violation, both Athletic Directors met with each school's coaching staff to review the specific rules and identify the location in the football informational packet of each pertinent date to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

We take full responsibility for this mistake and are committed to reinforcing communication of CIAC policies with our coaching staff and athletic department to prevent similar oversights in the future for all sports and seasons. Our Director of Athletics has already made changes in how information will be shared for future seasons and all sports teams. Moving forward, we will print out the informational packet for each team, for all athletic teams, and have coaches go through this information during individual team meetings prior to each season.

We respectfully submit this self-report for your review and will accept any corrective actions deemed appropriate by CIAC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie Amenta David Francalangia

Principal Director of Athletics

# Newington High School

**Principal** Ms. Terra A Tigno

Assistant Principals Mr. Michael S Gaydos Mr. Mario A. Ficocelli Mr. James E. Harris



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CIAC 30 Realty Drive Cheshire, CT 06410

Re: Self-Report of Inadvertent Violation - Joint Practice Prior to Permitted Date

Dear CIAC Board of Control,

On behalf of Newington High School, I am writing to self-report a violation of CIAC regulations regarding the scheduling of practices. Our football program held a joint practice with New Britain High School on Monday, 8/25, prior to the date allowed by CIAC policy.

There was no direct intent to violate regulations in this occurrence. The event was scheduled in Arbiter in conjunction with game officials to review and highlight rule changes and equipment changes in the upcoming season with the student athletes during the event. The coaches even invited local media outlets to highlight the collaboration and sportsmanship of opposing teams. The early practice resulted from an oversight in scheduling and a misunderstanding of the first allowable joint practice date. Once we realized the error, we immediately discussed the situation with our coaching staff to understand how the situation occurred. In response to the violation, both Athletic Directors have met with each school's coaching staff to review the specific rules and identify the location in the football informational packet of each pertinent date to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

We take full responsibility for this mistake and are committed to reinforcing communication of CIAC policies with our coaching staff and athletic department to prevent similar oversights in the future.

We respectfully submit this self-report for your review and will accept any corrective actions deemed appropriate by CIAC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Juna Tigno

Sincerely,

Terra Tigno, Principal Newington High School

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# **NEW BRITAIN HIGH SCHOOL**

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#### SUPERVISORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

JESSICA FOLIGNO, STEPHEN HOWEY

INTERIM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

KRISTA CRIST

CIAC 30 Realty Drive Cheshire, CT 06410

Re: Self-Report of Inadvertent Violation – Joint Practice Prior to Permitted Date

Dear CIAC,

On behalf of New Britain High School, I am writing to self-report a violation of CIAC regulations regarding the scheduling of practices. Our athletic program recently held a joint practice with another team prior to the date allowed by CIAC policy.

There was no malice in this occurrence. The event was scheduled in Arbiter in conjunction with game officials to review and highlight rule changes and equipment changes in the upcoming season. The coaches even invited local media venues to highlight the collaboration and sportsmanship of opposing teams. The early practice resulted from an oversight in scheduling and a misunderstanding of the start-date rules. Once we realized the error, we immediately reviewed the situation to ensure accurate compliance moving forward. In addition, both Athletic Directors have met with each school's coaching staff to review the specific rules and identify the location in the football informational packet of each pertinent dates to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

We take full responsibility for this mistake and are committed to reinforcing communication of CIAC policies with our coaching staff and athletic department to prevent similar oversights in the future.

We respectfully submit this self-report for your review and will accept any corrective actions deemed appropriate by CIAC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Damon Peatce

New Britain High School

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# EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL

30 Chesterfield Road, P.O. Box 210 • East Lyme, Connecticut 06333 (860) 739-6946 • Fax (860-)739-1241

Henry Kydd III Principal Julie Shvetz Assistant Principal Lisa Belisle Interim Assistant Principal David Fasulo Assistant Principal Pathways Coordinator Kevin Marcaux Athletic Director

**September 28, 2025** 

Gregg Simon Associate Executive Director, CIAC 30 Realty Drive Cheshire, CT 06410

Dear Mr. Simon:

East Lyme High School, on behalf of our student Izel Delgado, is requesting an exemption to CIAC Appendix B II.F: "A student who is a member of a school team after the first scheduled tournament, meet or game in any season shall not practice or compete with an outside team...."

Izel, a member of our Women's Varsity Soccer team, has been invited by the Ecuadorian U-15 Women's National Team (https://www.fef.ec/seleccion-femenina-sub-15-inicia-su-primer-microciclo-rumbo-a-la-conmebol-liga-evolucion/) to participate in a Commebol Evaluation work tournament in Paraguay from September 15 to September 30<sup>th</sup>. If she does well in that event, she may have the opportunity play in the World Cup

(https://www.fifa.com/en/tournaments/womens/u17womensworldcup/morocco-2025) in Morocco October 17 to November 8.

The East Lyme Administration and Athletic Department understands that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity and as such approves of her absences from school and games during this time. A learning plan is being developed to assist in meeting her educational needs during her absences from school.

We request that Izel be permitted to participate in the Ecuadorian Women's National Team event outlined above, retaining her eligibility for the remainder of the fall 2025 Soccer season.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request. Please feel free to reach out directly to me should you need further information.

Sincerely,

Herry Kydd III Principal

East Lyme High School



#### Guayaquil, August 26, 2025

Giratlemen My regards:

CIAC USA

Myregards:

Please accept my cordial greatings. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that our U-15 Women's Stocked Team with field a Connebel Evaluitan work recomment in Paraguagi from September 15 to 80 of this year. Our Joshnical Director, Prof. Ana Rueda, has selected Miss Izel Dolgado, a player from East Lyme High School, who has been observed by our coaching stell as part of the talent evaluation process.

We appreciate your attention and are very grateful.

Sincerely,

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**Gregg Simon** 

Associate Executive Director, CIAC

30 Realty Drive

Cheshire, CT 06410

Dear Gregg,

St. Joseph High School, on behalf of student, Zoe Garces is requesting an exemption to CIAC Rule Appendix B II.F. "A student who is a member of a school team after the first scheduled tournament, meet or game in any season shall not practice or compete with an outside team."

Zoe is a member of our girls' varsity soccer team and has been invited and made the Ecuadorian U-17 national team which will compete in the U-17 World Cup to be played in Morocco on the following dates 10/17/25-11/08/25. Zoe is also required in preparation for the World Cup to train and practice with the Ecuadorian team from 8/23/25-9/5/25.

The World Cup U-17 game schedule is as follows based on how far the team advances:

10/17/25 Opening Ceremony

10/18/25 First game of group stages

10/21/25 Second game of group stages

10/24/25 Third game of group stages

10/28/25 First game of second round

The administration team of St. Joseph High School is currently creating a learning plan for Zoe for missed work when she is away. The St. Joseph Athletic department understands and supports this wonderful opportunity for one of our student-athletes to participate in.

We request that Zoe Garces be permitted to participate in the Ecuadorian Soccer Federation event as outlined above while retaining her athletic eligibility during the Fall 2025 CIAC girls' soccer season.



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Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Nancy DiBuono, Principal

St. Joseph High School



Guayaquil, 19 de Agosto de 2025

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#### De mis consideraciones:

Reciban un cordial saludo y el motivo del presente es para poner en conocimiento que nuestra Selección Nacional Femenina Sub-17 se concentrará en Casa de la Selección para un Microciclo de trabajo del 23 de agosto al 5 de septiembre, como parte de su preparación para su participación en la Copa Mundial Femenina Sub-17 de la FIFA Marruecos 2025.

Nuestro Director Técnico, Prof. Víctor Idrobo, ha seleccionado a la señorita ZOE GARCES CEPEDA; jugadora de los registros de vuestro Club y, de conformidad con el Reglamento sobre el Estatuto y la Transferencia de jugadores de la FIFA, Anexo 1, Artículo 1bis, Apartados 1,2 y sucesivos, esta Federación CONVOCA a la señorita GARCES para que integre nuestra Pre-Selección Nacional, por lo que agradecemos conceder la autorización correspondiente, para quien solicitamos se entregue copia de esta comunicación.

Anticipamos nuestros agradecimientos.

Atentamente,

**DEPORTE Y DISCIPLINA** 

SECRETARIO GENERAL













To: Gregg Simon From: Joe Velardi Date: 8/13/25

Re: Proposal to Add a Division for Boys Volleyball

#### Proposal.

The boys' volleyball committee requests that the CIAC approve an additional division in boys' volleyball for the 2026 season.

#### Rational.

- \* Boys' Volleyball currently has two divisions, an additional division would make three.
- \* Boys' Volleyball has been growing, adding 1-4 teams a year for the past several years, we anticipate 2-4 new teams for 2026.
- \* There are schools with a very low number of boys in the same division as schools with significantly higher boy enrollment. As an example Kolbe Cathedral (boys enrollment 154), lost a second round match to Masuk (538)
- \* There were 54 schools who participated in boys volleyball in 2025. 38 made the tournament. This required 3 first round games in each division, and the need for 5 tournament play dates. The available dates and sites at the time of year we conduct the boys' volleyball tournament are restricted because of Memorial Day, Graduations, Proms and the end of the school year.
- \* The committee conducted a survey of coaches and ADs at schools where boys' volleyball is played. Of the 44 responses, 38 were in favor, 3 voted no, 2 were undecided.
- \* There should not be any additional cost to schools because they wouldn't be playing more games.
- \* There will be additional costs to the CIAC for awards, and game management expenses. There would be additional costs for officials because we'd be playing another championship game, two more semifinals, and 4 more quarterfinals.