# CIAC SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

There was an orientation for student representatives on the committee. Mr. Salutari, Mr. Simon, Mr. Velardi, Ms. Odukwe and Mr. Rondon gave an overview of the CIAC and the function of the Sportsmanship Committee.

I WELCOME – Mr. Salutari welcomed the committee.

1. Introductions – The members of the committee introduced themselves.
2. Purpose of the CIAC Sportsmanship Committee – Mr. Velardi reviewed the goal of the CIAC Sportsmanship committee as setting the direction for sportsmanship in the CIAC.

II MINUTES – Mr. Salutari

1. The Committee approved the Minutes from the 3/6/23 meeting with the addition of including Ms. Odukwe and the students from St. Paul in supporting the Class Act program.
2. The Committee approved the Minutes from the 5/9/23 meeting.

III STUDENT ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD, STAT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EDUCATION & STUDENT EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD –  Ms. Odukwe, Mr. Rondon, Mackenzie Stewart, and Tyler Connelly

1. Final presentations were made from the SEAB and SAAB.
2. Summer orientation took place in August for State Student Advisory Council on Education, and SAAB
3. Topics at the SAAB meeting included:

                        Supporting schools in parent behavior at games

                        Positive Sportsmanship initiatives

                        The students had an idea share

                        There were lot of new people attending

                        SEAB, and SAAB will speak at the Sportsmanship Conference

                        Planning Committee is working on the leadership conference which will take place on Friday December 1 at SCSCU. They are looking to create ideas for students to take back to their communities.

                        We will be encouraging participation in the Men of Color Leadership Conference

                        Mr. Rondon is stressing to students: “What does it look like on the field? What happens on the field carries over into the bleachers.”

IV OFFICIALS REPORT – Mr. Scavone commended the Sportsmanship Committee for their work on the effective communication between officials and coach’s document. Other states borrowed the document. He commended Mr. Holt for his work in publicizing the need for officials. NBC 30 is going to do a story on the need for officials. He urged students to consider becoming an official someday. Torrington started an officiating class. Dan will attend the CTAHPERD Conference to recruit Health and PE teachers. Jr. IAABO has a curriculum for high school students.

V SOCCER CARD REPORTING SYSTEM – Mr. Simon spoke to the new reporting process in Soccer. For many years coaches complained that there are differences in cards. The soccer committee created some recommendations to target sportsmanship violations. Exceeding 10 cards, or 5 or more Tier 1 cards will put that team on probation from the CIAC. The Soccer committee put out a video and sent it to schools.

VI CLASS ACT REPORT - Mr. Simon, Ms. Odukwe, Mr. Rondon

1. We are trying to be a 100% class Act State.
2. 7 more schools joined this summer.
3. Over 150 schools are now Class Act.
4. Last year the CIAC revised the Class Act Standards.
5. Henry and Cherese are meeting with schools and principals and athletic directors to help schools start their programs.
6. It is very effective when students come from other schools to help support starting Class Act in Schools.
7. Concern over principals and athletic directors communicating. The question came up as to when should principals be involved.

VII CIAC SPORTSMANSHIP CONFERENCE – Mr. Simon, Mr. Holt

1. The Conference will be on October 3.
2. The Conference will be a “kick-off” for the leagues.
3. If your conference in your league is a fully Class Act league the CIAC will support the league conference.
4. There will be panel discussions from leagues, coaches and officials.
5. Special sportsmanship moments.
6. Looking for students to offer their perspective on what sportsmanship means to them.
7. Honor Michael Cup winners.

VIII Selection of the Balsamo Award

All awards were approved. Mr. Velardi will inform schools. Each school will receive a plaque at the Sportsmanship Conference, and will be mailed a $500 check.

VIII BEHAVIOR IN SPORTS SUMMIT – Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Hecht, Mr. Holt

Steve Baldwin gave an overview of the national “Behavior in Sport Summit”.

Define Education Based Athletics.

How are we getting the message out to parents?

In some states if a parent is ejected, they have to take the NFHS course.

Based on what other states are doing we are far ahead of other states.

Tell positive stories.

\*An excellent document with notes from the conference was shared with the committee.

IX CIAC SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2023-2024

Goal 1: Message parents about their behavior at games.

Actions:

* + 1. Encourage teams to write a letter to their parent groups
    2. Create a message from the CIAC to parents
    3. Publicize the meaning of Education Based Athletics
    4. Create a PowerPoint by the CIAC for Athletic Directors to share with parents
    5. Address the issue with youth sports

Goal 2: Encourage leagues to have stronger coordination and take on initiatives on sportsmanship.

* + 1. League leadership and sportsmanship meetings/conferences for athletes
    2. Use the CIAC Sportsmanship Conference as the kickoff for the year for leagues to follow
    3. Reinforce the issue of sportsmanship at League commissioners’ meetings
    4. Have representative from every league on the Sportsmanship Committee
    5. Use the Sportsmanship Committee to share ideas between the leagues

Goal 3. Add more coaches to the Sportsmanship Committee

* + 1. Assigned to the CHSCA

Goal 4. Clarify what the CIAC needs from Principals to support sportsmanship.

1. Schools get notice of gross violations of sportsmanship
2. There will be follow up with the principal when fights occur
3. Do we need to survey principals?

Goal to discuss: Establish consistent guidelines for site supervisors

1. A clear outline of what is allowed and what isn’t allowed, New York State
2. A universal check list
3. Involve student bodies, assemblies

X NEXT MEETING – Mr. Salutari