CIAC BOARD ACTIVITY 2008-2009

- The CIAC board approved a $1.00 increase in ticket prices for the 2009-2010 school year. The increase will help to offset an anticipated shortfall resulting from lost sponsorships and reduced grant subsidies.
- The CIAC staff surveyed principals, athletic directors, and superintendents to determine interest in expanding the football playoff structure. The board decided to take no action on proposals for a revised format for the 2009 football season.
- The CIAC board voted to revise the transfer rule for those student athletes transferring to a school of choice. The proposed change in the CIAC bylaws will be brought before the membership at our annual meeting.
- The CIAC board added a representative from the Connecticut Athletic Trainers Association (CATA) to serve on the board of control as a consultant.
- A physician affiliated with the UCONN women’s program and UCONN Medical Center has been made available to provide advice and assistance to the CIAC and act as a liaison with the Connecticut State Medical Society Committee on Sports Medicine.
- In September 2008, the CIAC received a proposal from the Mohegan Sun to host the CIAC High School Basketball Championships at its arena. After negotiations with CIAC staff, the board of control approved a contract with Mohegan Sun and both the boys’ and girls’ championship games were held at the Mohegan Sun Arena. The entire event was an overwhelming success.
- In September, the CIAC entered into an agreement with the Michaels Jewelers Foundation to own and manage the Michaels Jewelers Recognition programs for high school and Unified Sports®.
- In response to a request to amend our policy on home-schooled students, the CIAC board continued to maintain its long-established policy which prohibits home-schooled students from participating in CIAC sports.
- The CIAC board endorsed a letter requesting school principals and athletic directors to educate their coaches on the ethics of criticizing officials in the press.
- The CIAC Fall Sports Tournament Income Report showed positive results, even in light of the current economic climate. The net result was a $32,000 gain for CIAC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The board needs to continue to address the goals which were put forward at the beginning of the 2008-2009 year. They are:
  1. To educate all stakeholders involved with CIAC on the mission, expectations and purpose of CIAC and all rules and regulations.
  2. To design and implement a program to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to CIAC and high school athletics.
  3. To design and implement a marketing and public relations program designed to enhance the public image and influence of CIAC.
- To discuss implementation of eligibility rules quiz for student athletes.
- To continue discussion of possible changes in the football playoff format to expand greater participation in post season tournaments.

APPRECIATION

Thanks to the CIAC staff for the leadership, guidance and support they provide to all of the student athletes of Connecticut.