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CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONTROL

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CIAC BOARD ACTIVITIES 2009-2010

- In August, the Board of Control updated their Swine Flu Contingency Plan and approved its implementation, if the need arose.
- The Board was presented a program designed to protect the logo of schools from being sold by vendors who have not received the license to sell the product and to pay royalties to the schools.
- In October, the Board authorized the CIAC staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Licensing Resource Group (LRG) on behalf of Connecticut member high schools.
- The Board determined that a forfeited game is considered a game played and a school may not add a game to their schedule after the start of the season.
- The Board approved a proposal from the CIAC Football Committee requesting to change the format of the football championships. The new format increases from 24 to 32 the number of teams eligible to participate in the post season football tournament. The proposal requires one additional week for the eight teams who qualify for the finals.
- The Board reviewed a list of pending issues and scheduled discussion of the issues over several Board meetings. Issues included:
 1. Sanctions against student-athletes for violation of CIAC regulations that result from the actions of adults (coaches, AD's, counselors, administrators).
 2. Penalizing schools for incorrect CIAC information provided by school personnel in such ways that athletes are not declared ineligible.
 3. Tournament supervision regulations.
- The CIAC staff is currently in negotiations to secure Rentschler Field as the site for all football championship games.
- The Board approved amendments to the Annual Membership Agreement. The amendments address the issues of non-payment of CIAC dues, fees, and payment of officials by member schools. The amendments also included consequences for failure to meet financial obligations.
- The Board supported proposed changes in the certification requirements for athletic directors. The new language would require an individual hold a Certified Athletic Administrators (CAA) Certificate if the individual is not a certified teacher.
- The Board approved a proposal presented by the CIAC staff which provides specific sanctions for coaches who criticize officials in a public forum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board needs to continue to address the goals which were put forward at the beginning of the 2009-2010 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.
4. To expand representation of the Board to include all conferences and also urban school districts.

APPRECIATION

As my final action as chair of the CIAC Board of Control, I wish to express my appreciation to the entire CIAC staff for the leadership, guidance and support they provide to all the student-athletes of Connecticut. I also wish to thank all of the members of our Board for their dedication, commitment, and collective wisdom that they have brought to our deliberations.

Having had the opportunity to be a part of the CIAC and, more specifically, the good fortune to have worked with Mr. Michael Savage, has been one of the highlights of my professional career. Thank you all.