

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONTROL

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CIAC BOARD ACTIVITIES 2010-11

- The Connecticut legislature enacted a new concussion management and return to play requirements law which CIAC helped to draft. CIAC is the only authorized provider for the required coaches' training and, to date, over 7,000 coaches have been trained through the CIAC coaches' education program.
- The Middle School Athletic Guidelines were updated and approved.
- A new football playoff structure was implemented and the championships were held for the first time at Rentschler Field.
- The board and staff are collaborating with the Connecticut State Medical Society's Committee on the Medical Aspects of Sports on a proposed injury surveillance study in high school sports. A grant proposal has been written and we are awaiting funding to accomplish this study.
- We worked with CAAD to develop and distribute a video "Parenting Your Student Athlete."
- We continue to review and revise regulations concerning Cooperative Team Rules.
- We continue to contend with the issue of rising expenses associated with running tournaments when revenue is flat or declining. We continually seek ways to reduce expenses and enhance revenue.
- We have instituted the use of quarter final home sites for the higher ranked team in most sports due to site availability and to help control costs.
- The three goals for this year have been extended for 2011-12. We will expand the non-voting members of the board to include leagues that are not currently represented.
- We allowed schools to schedule make-up games on Sunday during the winter season due to the extreme weather conditions this past winter.
- This year we saw the full implementation of the eight semester rule as well as a subsequent increase in appeals hearings by the Eligibility Review Board.
- We sponsored a successful Sportsmanship Conference held in September and the Scholar Athlete Recognition Banquet was attended by more than 1,750.
- By-law changes approved by the board include:
 - Eight-semester appeal language change to be more inclusive and consistent with other hardship language
 - Altered the way that schools can calculate participation in Cooperative Football teams. If this is successful for football, it may be extended to other sports as well.
 - In season rules for athletes modified to allow athletes to participate, on a limited basis, in a college showcase if approved by the school during the season, and allows athletes to participate in clinics during the season with approval of the school

The CIAC board expresses its appreciation to the entire CIAC staff for the leadership, guidance and support they provide as we serve the needs of all Connecticut student-athletes. I want to thank all of the members of our board for the dedication, commitment, and collective wisdom that they have brought to our deliberations this year.