

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

The Sixtieth Annual Meeting

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2011-2012 Annual Report

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONTROL

Submitted by Robert Hale, Jr., Chair

CIAC BOARD ACTIVITIES 2011-12:

- Monitored changes proposed to Connecticut legislation regarding concussions management. 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.
- Football playoff structure continued for the second year and the championships were held at Rentschler Field with adjustments that helped improve the financing for the event.
- The board and staff are collaborating with the Connecticut State Medical Society's Committee on the Medical Aspects of Sports on:
 - implementation of a minimum number of practices prior to individual participation in scheduled contests.
 - a proposed injury surveillance study in high school sports. A second grant proposal opportunity is anticipated to fund this effort.
- The Board continued to review and revise regulations concerning Cooperative Team Rules.
- The Board made changes to mandatory practices (team and individual) prior to the beginning of scheduled games.
- The Board continued to contend with the issue of rising expenses associated with running tournaments when revenue is flat or declining. CIAC continually seeks ways to reduce expenses and enhance revenue.
- The Board voted to expand the non-voting members of the board to include leagues that are not currently represented.
- The Board began a comprehensive review of CIAC By-Laws and regulations in three areas: Out of Season Rules, In-seasons Rules, CIAC Fines and Sanctions, and Seasons Limitations. Subcommittees met periodically throughout the year to discuss possible changes and reported to the Board. Due to the substantive nature of these rules the Board will continue discussion in 2012-2013
- The Board made adjustments to regulations as needed to accommodate schools in the aftermath of hurricane Irene and the heavy snowfall later in the fall season.
- 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:
 - a restriction on the number of unattached outside competitions in which track athletes may participate (to be consistent with the restrictions in place for other sports)
 - changes to the "Eight consecutive Semester/Four Years of Play Rules" –waivers, when justified, will only be granted once to any athlete.
 - changes in the Sunday rules to allow ,on a limited basis, a championship final to be pre-scheduled on a Sunday after 12:30 PM when the facility necessary for the event is only available on a Sunday

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.