

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS
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2012-2013 Annual Report
CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONTROL
Submitted by Robert Hale, Jr., Chair

CIAC BOARD ACTIVITIES 2012-13:

- Football playoff structure continued for the third year and the championships were held at Rentschler Field with adjustments that helped improve the financing for the event. Next year, the football championships will be held at CCSU's Arute Field. This facility is more appropriately sized for the fan base and will ensure quality of field conditions because it is a turf field (which can also be cleared of snow if necessary). Finances should be strengthened further with this move.
- The board and staff continue to collaborate with the Connecticut State Medical Society's Committee on the Medical Aspects of Sports. Two areas of focus included:
 - Implementation of the new rule requiring of a minimum number of practices prior to individual participation in scheduled contests.
 - Adoption of regulations about how football teams should function relative to multiple practices in a day based on recommendations from the Corey Stringer Institute.
- The Board continued to review and revise regulations concerning Cooperative Team Rules. Specifically, it
 - expanded the number of schools that can comprise a coop team.
 - approved the use of an alternate method (not counting freshmen) for calculating coop team eligibility sizes
- 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 made adjustments to regulations as needed to accommodate schools in the aftermath of hurricane Sandy 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:
 - changes in the Sunday rules to allow schools to make-up games on a Sunday after 12:30 PM at any time during the season
 - language that would clarify that member schools must participate fully in any CIAC sanctioned sports they offer (ie they may not pick and choose which CIAC sports they want to be part of)
 - revised language relative to participation of transgender students;
 - modifications to the conditions for cooperative team sponsorships (see bullet above); and,
 - increasing the number of days in which an "unattached" athlete can participate in outside competitions.

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.