2019 CIAC FOOTBALL PLAYOFF INFORMATION

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To: **Site Directors / Participating Schools** - CIAC Football Quarter-finals

From: CIAC Office

Re: Quarter-finals Game Management

Date: December, 2019

First, we congratulate you on your team making the CIAC football playoffs. We thank all of you for your willingness to host a game for the CIAC football playoffs. Since you are the host site director, we have included the following information to assist you and your site personnel on running the event. The following should help you in organizing and running a trouble free event.

**The site will provide the following**:

* **Medical Coverage** – Medical doctor must be on site in addition to an athletic trainer or EMT
* **Ambulance Services** – Site directors are responsible for on-site ambulance services. Note: CIAC requests site directors to be responsible for contacting the physician on-site. Each school is required to bring their own athletic trainer.
* **Security** – Police or school security adequate for the event.
* **Game Workers** – Secure adequate staff to manage the event. Ticket sellers and takers, announcer.
* **National Anthem – American Flag –** Higher ranked team band will be given first option to play the National Anthem. If neither school has a band the Anthem will be played from the booth.
* **Game Balls** – Each school will supply their own footballs for the game. The official ball is the **Spalding Alpha 72-6758, but any Spalding ball may be used**. Each team must bring their own game ball(s).
* **Scoreboards** – **Please check your scoreboards a few days before the game to be sure they are working correctly.**
* **Reimbursement for quarter-final and semi-final games** -- CIAC will reimburse the home team in the quarter-finals and semi-finals up to $1,700 for costs associated in staging the game. CIAC will assume the cost of the officials and site director.

**FOR THE OFFICIALS**:

* Provide locker room area – separate from teams, if possible
* Shower facilities
* Parking
* Security before and after the game
* CIAC will assign and pay ALL game officials / chain officials / clock

**TICKET SALES** – As per CIAC

 $5.00 - Senior Citizens (65 and older)

 $5.00 - Students

 **$10.00 - Adults**

 No charge - Children 5 years and under

 No charge – Military with I.D. or in uniform

**PRE-SALE TICKETS – PRE-SALE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY. NO ADVANCE TICKET SALES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SCHOOL. *Only online pre-sales will be conducted. Please collect each e-ticket and send to CIAC with the gate receipts and expense sheets. The only paper e-tickets will be the comps issued to the schools. All other tickets will be mobile tickets . Tickets located at https://gofan.co/app/school/CIAC***

**COMP TICKETS** –**THERE WILL BE NO COMP TICKET LIST AT THE GATE.** Each school is allowed up to fifteen (15) e-tickets. (Five of these comps are to be used for administration working the game – principal, athletic director, etc.) **All of these tickets will have a number on them so they can only be used once. Comp tickets for each round are available to download under the football options in the eligibility center. There is no need to return paper comp tickets.**

**PASSES** – The site will honor CIAC complimentary **2018 football** tournament passes with the raised CIAC seal, CAAD membership cards and CIAC **football** official’s association membership cards that MUST include the sport of football – the passes are for **ONE** person only.

**SIDELINE PASSES** – For quarter and semi-final games, the host school or site director is responsible for controlling

entry to the sideline area. CIAC is NOT issuing sideline passes for quarter or semi-final games.

**SCORE MANAGEMENT POLICY-**The score management policy rules apply to all quarter-final and semi-final games.

**TIE BREAKER POLICY** – The tie break procedures are included for your review.

**MEDIA** – CIAC will coordinate all media for the semi-finals and finals. Questions regarding the media should be directed to Stephanie Ford at CAS-CIAC (203) 250-1111 / Cell (860) 573-3526 or Joel Cookson – CAS-CIAC (203) 250-1111 / Cell (973) 216-8715.

**CIAC FOOTBALL COMMITTEE COVERAGE OF GAME** -- The football committee will attempt to have a representative at each game. The individual assigned will contact the site director.

**Marching Bands**

1. School must contact the site director and inform him if the band is attending so reserved seating can be held.
2. Bands should arrive at the site 45 minutes to one hour in advance to assure seating.
3. Halftime will be 20 minutes in duration unless both teams agree to a fifteen minute halftime.
4. Each school’s marching band will be permitted to perform on the field for eight (8) minutes.
5. If only one school has a marching band and the other school doesn’t have a halftime show, the one band will be permitted to perform for sixteen (16) minutes
6. The home team’s band will play the National Anthem from the stands – not on the field.
7. The visiting team’s band will perform first at halftime.

**Any other times must be cleared with the Tournament Director.**

**Game Timing Sheet - 6:30 p.m. Start**

Actual Time Game Clock

 4:30 p.m. Team Arrivals

 5:30 p.m. Team Warm-ups 60:00

 6:25 p.m. Coin Toss 5:00

 6:27 p.m. National Anthem 3:00

 6:30 p.m. Kick Off 0:00

**TIE GAMES**

If a playoff game ends in a tie, a tie-breaker system will be used as follows:

1. Immediately following the conclusion of the fourth quarter, a coin toss is to be held with the visiting team captain calling heads or tails. The winner of the toss shall be given the choice of OFFENSE OR DEFENSE, OR DESIGNATING THE END OF THE FIELD. The loser GETS THE REMAINING OPTION.
2. After a three-minute rest period, during which both teams may confer with their coaches, the offensive team shall put the ball in play, first and goal, on the ten (10) yard line.
3. The rules for loss of possession are the same as during the regulation game. If a touchdown is scored the try for an extra point(s) will follow. Field goal attempts are permitted during any down. When a team scores via either a field goal or the try for point following a touchdown it gives up possession of the ball.
4. If the score remains tied after each team has been given one series of downs in an overtime period, then the procedure shall be repeated with other overtime periods until a game winner is determined. In this case, there shall be an intermission of two minutes. At the subsequent meeting of team captains, the loser of the overtime coin toss will be given first choice of the options. If additional overtime periods are required, then first options will be alternated with no coin toss.
5. Each team will be PERMITTED ONE TIME OUT DURING EACH OVERTIME PERIOD.
6. Rules pertaining to offensive and defensive pass interference remain the same in the overtime period.
7. If the defensive team gains possession of the football by recovering a fumble or intercepting a pass, the ball immediately becomes dead. The defensive team may not score points.
8. The team scoring the greater number of points in the overtime shall be declared the winner. Overtime periods will continue until a winner is declared. In the quarter-final, semi-final and final game(s) teams will continue using the above tie-breaker procedures until a winner is declared**. Beginning with the third overtime period, teams must go for two after a touchdown.**