

## CIAC Girls Basketball Committee Proposal

The following proposal was unanimously approved on September 10, 2020 by the CIAC Girls Basketball Committee.

*Teams must attain a thirty percent minimum win percentage to qualify for the CIAC Girls Basketball tournament. The number of teams to qualify is a minimum of 16 in each division even if some teams qualify at less than thirty per cent.*

The CIAC Board of Control approved the creation of a fifth division for the 2019-20 CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament. The board also approved a one year proposal for the 2019-20 CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament which endorsed a “fill the brackets” process for creating the five divisions in this tournament.

The CIAC Girls Basketball Committee met on September 10, 2020 to discuss the issue of how to proceed with the process of determining tournament divisions. The committee looked at data which included feedback from all teams who made last year’s tournament with a winning percentage below 40% and those who qualified above 40%. After a long discussion, the committee agreed that filling the brackets was not the best solution for determining tournament divisions. The committee then analyzed how many teams would have qualified for the tournament with the standard 40% winning percentage. (See chart below.) It was determined that the number of qualifiers was not optimum for conducting a tournament. After looking at the number of teams that would be added with both a 35% winning percentage and a 30% winning percentage, the committee voted to use the 30% winning percentage in determining which teams would qualify for the tournament.

Division	Qualifiers (40%)	Additional Qualifiers (30%)
LL	28	+3
L	23	+6
MM	24	+5
M	23	+9
S	19	+6

The creation of a fifth division in the CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament has necessitated the use of a different winning percentage. The same number of teams(181) when divided into four divisions worked but spreading the same amount of teams over five divisions has created a problem which can be solved by this proposal.

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Any sport committee request to move to a lower qualifying standard from a previously adopted standard must be approved by the CIAC Board. Supporting rationale must accompany each request and be of sufficient merit to convince the Board that such a move meets the objectives of the CIAC.

