

CIAC SEASON LIMITATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 15, 2017

Members present: Joe Canzanella, Brian Fell, Art Kohs, Joe Madaffari, Matt Perachi, Todd Stoeffler, Tom Neagle (chair), Joe Tonelli and Steve Wysowski (CIAC staff).

Call to Order – Dr. Neagle called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes – On a motion by Joe Madaffari, the minutes of November 7, 2016 were approved.

2017-18 Season – As agreed at our previous meeting and confirmed by Karissa, there will be no substantive changes to the 2017-18 calendar, but we do want to double check the calendar for errors. After reviewing the dates of the 2017-18 calendar, and on a motion by Art Kohs the 2017-18 calendars were approved.

2018-19 CIAC Game Limitations and Practice Dates – Art Kohs reviewed the calendar dates for the 2018-19 seasons. After proofing the calendars, and on a motion by Art Kohs, the game limitations and practice dates calendars for 2018-19 were approved.

2019-20 CIAC Game Limitations and Practice Dates – Joe Tonelli mentioned that normally we would be formulating the 2019-20 calendar for next year's handbook. However, since at this meeting we will be considering a proposal that could alter some of the dates for 2018-19, which is used as a basis for the following year, it would be best to wait to publish this calendar.

Vetting Process – Since we are finishing the two-year trial which took place during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons, the CIAC directed the CAAD Board of Directors, through their league representatives to get feedback on each of the fall, winter and spring seasons. In addition, Joe Canzanella, President of the CHSCA, solicited some feedback from his constituents. Although many leagues did not want to see major change, there seemed to be some interest in making some minor adjustments in the calendar for the 2018-19 season to mainly address some of the concerns about the winter season. Based on the feedback, a draft proposal was formulated in a calendar view, which highlighted the changes for consideration by the members of the CIAC Season Limitations Committee.

Proposal for Consideration by the Season Limitations Committee – Basically, the feedback on the fall calendar focused on one suggested adjustment, which was to move the date of the first contest from a Friday to a Thursday to provide more flexibility in schedules in all fall sports in the first week of the season. In the winter season, when gym time is at a premium, the proposal has three sports (girls basketball, wrestling and ice hockey) starting on the Monday after Thanksgiving. The ice hockey start date always coincided with girls' basketball, even when they started the Monday of Thanksgiving week. Then, by moving the first practice date from a Saturday to a Thursday for (boys basketball, indoor track, swimming and gymnastics) it still allowed for a staggered start to manage gym time in the most critical week of the practice season. It also provided these sports with the opportunity to start both the practice season and the game season on a Thursday, rather than a Saturday, which was important to those sports for added flexibility in scheduling. The members of the Season Limitations Committee viewed these changes in a very positive manner. After considerable discussion, the committee unanimously agreed to endorse these changes and formulate a Season Limitations Committee proposal to be sent to the CIAC staff, CAAD, CHSCA and others for vetting. The goal is to gain support for these changes and bring the proposal back to committee for a vote on November 8, 2017. If approved, the committee representatives will present the proposal at the next CIAC Board of Control meeting. If the CIAC Board approves the proposal it would provide ample time to implement the changes for the 2018-19 season.

Adjournment – With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The committee will meet next on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.