

CIAC SEASON LIMITATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 8, 2017

Members present: Joe Canzanella, Brian Fell, Matt Perachi, Todd Stoeffler, Tom Neagle (chair) and Joe Tonelli (CIAC staff)

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

Minutes – On a motion by Brian Fell, the minutes of May 15, 2017 were approved.

Summary of the Proposal – Basically, 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. In the spring season, the only adjustment is that baseball conditioning week will begin on Saturday rather than the following Monday to allow two extra days which will provide the opportunity to rest a pitcher's arm.

Committee Action – Based on the extremely positive feedback and on a motion by Joe Canzanella, the committee unanimously voted to approve the proposal and to forward it to the CIAC Board of Control for their approval so that it can be implemented for the 2018-19 school year. The goal is to get the items to the Board prior to Thanksgiving.

Adjournment – With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The committee will meet again on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.