

The following schedule identifies start dates and contest dates for each winter sport.

A list of CIAC staff responsible for winter sport committees can be found in the CIAC handbook (https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciachandbook_2021.pdf).

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date	Max. Number of Regular Season Games	Max. Number of Games Per Week	Last Date to Count Tournament	Minimum Number of Games to Qualify	State Tournament Dates
Basketball	November 21	December 7	16	2	February 5	8	February 8-February 21
Gymnastics	November 21	December 7	12	2	February 8	6	February 9-February 21
Ice Hockey	November 21	December 7	16	2	February 5	8	February 8-February 21
Indoor Track	November 21	December 7	12	2	February 5	1	February 8-February 21
Boys Swim	November 21	December 7	14	2	February 8	4	February 9-February 21
Wrestling	November 21	December 7	14	2	February 5	7	February 8-February 21

The use of any equipment throughout conditioning and the winter season must be maintained and sanitized in accordance with the ReOpen CT sector rules for sport: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid_Business_Recovery-Aug-14-updates/CTReopens_Sports_FitnessCenters814.pdf

Home or away games vs. out-of-state or non-CIAC member schools are not permitted for the winter sports season.

Basketball and Indoor Track must schedule all contests within leagues. Leagues should create divisions based on geography and play as many games as possible within those divisions.

Gymnastics and Boys Swim must schedule within leagues when possible. Any meets between opponents in different leagues meets must be held virtually.

Ice Hockey and Wrestling must schedule within leagues when possible. If schools need to schedule outside of leagues distance between schools should be the number one scheduling priority.

The first three games played against an opponent will count toward state tournament qualification.

Multi team events will not be permitted during the winter season, with the exception of “teams of one” that may compete with their host school.

Winter schedules should not be entered into Arbiter prior to **November 7th**. Due to the fact that new schedules must be developed, all existing winter season games will be removed from Arbiter prior to the start of November.

Teams must have a minimum of three days of practice prior to holding a full team scrimmage. Teams may hold a maximum of two scrimmages prior to the first contest date. All scrimmages must be held with schools located geographically close to one another.

Teams that did not play the minimum amount of games due to Covid related reasons yet have the winning percentage to qualify for the tournament will be considered for tournament qualification on a case by case basis.