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93rd ANNUAL BOYS BASKETBALL 2014-15 TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
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ALERT PAGE

- **Site for Girls and Boys Basketball Finals** -- The finals will be held at the Mohegan Sun Arena on Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22, 2015. The schedule of games will be announced.
- **NOTE:** The CIAC Boys and Girls Basketball Committees voted to adopt video replay for the FINAL GAMES OF THE TOURNAMENT ONLY and only in facilities that have official video equipment and replay capabilities. Video replay will only be used on the final shot of the quarter, half or end of the game when the official needs to confirm if the point was scored before time elapsed and/or if the point was a two or three point shot.
- **“Success in Tournament”** – To be used for placement in 2014-15 tournament

Recently the CIAC Board of Control approved a recommendation from a Board sub-committee to change how the basketball committee was placing schools of choice (charters, magnets, parochial) in divisions. The procedure that was in place, which involved a multiplier of base enrollment was found to be inequitable because all schools of choice were not subject to the multiplier. The sub-committee’s work resulted in a recommendation to the Board to discontinue the practice of artificially increasing enrollment for placement purposes and use “success in tournament” as the only means to move schools of choice to a higher division. Further, the Board authorized any team sport to adopt “success in tournament” for tournament placement if the sport committee so desired. Also, the definition of schools of choice was expanded to include all schools that can draw students from numerous communities or from outside of their district’s boundaries. The new definition includes charter, inter-district magnet, vocational technical, vocational agriculture, project choice schools (vocational agriculture and project choice schools when more than 25-gender specific-students attend from out-of-district) and parochial high schools.

The boys’ and girls’ basketball committees will be using “success in tournament” for placement during the 2014-15 school year. Following are the basics of how the system will work:

1. All schools will be placed in divisions based on their enrollment as of October 1 of the previous school year as reported to CIAC and/or the State Department of Education. All enrollment figures are verified with the SDE.
2. Committees will have pre-determined the number of schools in each division.
3. The “success in tournament” factor will then be applied to all schools of choice – “success in tournament” is defined as having reached the quarter-finals in at least two of the last three years. Any school that was in the quarter-finals two of the last three years would move up one division. Any school that was in the quarter-finals three of the last three years would move up two divisions. No team would move more than two divisions.
4. After all moves are made the committee will re-balance the divisions to conform to the pre-determined number of schools in each division.
5. Every year the sport committee will follow the same process as outlined, reviewing data for the past three years and moving schools as appropriate.
6. Use of “success in tournament” only applies to schools of choice that draw from numerous communities or outside their school district boundaries. All other schools will remain in the division as determined by their base enrollment.
7. Tournament classes will be distributed after enrollment (plus success factor) is determined. A team may “opt-up” to the LL tournament for a one year period. Request to move up must be received in writing by November 17, 2014. Classes (L, M and S) will not be rebalanced if schools opt to move up.

- **Officials** – Officials are allowed to be assigned to an individual team only once from the qualifying through semi-final rounds. In the finals, an official who has officiated a qualifying, first or second round game for a team **may be assigned** to officiate a finals that involves that team.

Semi-final victors will be allowed **one additional scratch** of an official from the tournament list of officials.

- **Tournament Site Selection** – **THE CIAC BASKETBALL COMMITTEE AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MOVE ANY GAME TO A NEUTRAL LARGER SITE FOR SAFETY REASONS AND TO ACCOMMODATE ALL SPECTATORS AND MEDIA WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE GAME.**
- **Scrimmages** – Teams must have a minimum of three (3) days of practice prior to scheduling a full team scrimmage.

All sports **teams will have a minimum of fourteen (14) practice days** before the date of the first scheduled competition. Sundays do not count as a day of practice. Saturdays and holidays may be used as practice days unless prohibited by local board policy or the CIAC committee on seasons limitations. An **individual athlete must participate in a minimum of ten (10) practices** prior to competition unless the athlete has been participating in a sport that overlaps with the winter sport season and then would not be required to complete ten (10) practices prior to competition.

- **Reporting Regular Season Scores** – In order to ensure that standings and rankings on both the CIAC’s websites and other sites which draw their data from us are timely and accurate, all regular season scores must be entered online no more than 24 hours following the game’s completion. It is highly recommended that scores are entered from the site as soon as the game ends.

Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the “Submit Scores/Forms” option of the “CIAC for Coaches” menu at CIACsports.com, or the “Submit Scores” button in our CIACmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at CIACsports.com or CIACmobile.com requires either a coach’s or scorekeeper’s access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from a school’s athletic director.

- **Special Needs Students** – Coaches are reminded to inform contest officials prior to each competition of any special needs student who could be competing in the contest when his/her disability could impact the individual’s performance or the conduct of the competition.
- **CIAC Tournament Site Media Policy** – The CIAC places tremendous value on the role the media plays in promoting and highlighting high school sports. To that purpose CIAC tournament venues and hosts should make every effort to provide a working environment conducive to all media (print, broadcast and internet based) covering our events. The following are **minimum standards**, developed in consultation with the CIAC Media Advisory Committee, which should be provided for working media at all CIAC tournament sites:
 1. A minimum of one hour following the conclusion of post-game interviews to write in the press box, press area or a suitable facility in close proximity to the site of the event (i.e. office, classroom, etc.)
 2. Access to electric power (shared power strip, etc.)
 3. Access to wireless internet service

Site directors should communicate these requirements to any staff person who may be responsible for the administration of the event. If for some reason a site will not be able to provide these items for a contest, a site representative should inform the CIAC in advance and work with the media on-site before the game and work to provide a reasonable solution to the issue. Members of the media who will be covering events are directed to contact the appropriate site as far in advance as possible to inform them they will be at the event and discuss what arrangements will be made for working media at the site.

- **Tie-Break Procedures** – Please see 9.1, page 10 as the procedures have been modified.

2014-15 NATIONAL FEDERATION BASKETBALL RULE CHANGES

- 3-5-3 Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves and tights are permissible:
- Anything worn on the arm and/or leg is a sleeve, except a knee brace, and shall meet the color restrictions.
 - The sleeves/tights shall be black, white, beige or the predominant color of the uniform and the same color sleeves/tights shall be worn by teammates.
 - All sleeves/tights shall be the same solid color.
 - Meet the logo requirements in 3-6.
Note: In general, a brace is defined as anything that contains hinges and/or straps or an opening over the knee cap.
- 4-19-3d Intentional fouls include but are not limited to: Excessive contact with an opponent while the ball is live or until an airborne shooter returns to the floor.
- 9-1-4g A player occupying a marked lane space ... may enter the lane on the release of the ball by the free throw shooter.
- 10-6-12 NEW The following acts constitute a foul when committed against a ball handler/dribbler:
- Placing two hands on the player.
 - Placing an extended arm bar on the player.
 - Placing and keeping a hand on the player.
 - Contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands.

2014-15 Major Editorial Changes

- 1-12-1a The ball ... its solid color shall be Pantone Matching System (PMS) Orange 151, Red-Orange 173 or Brown 1535, effective 2019-20.

2014-15 Points of Emphasis

1. Announcer Responsibilities
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ANNUAL 2015 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

1.0 **CLASSES**

- 1.1 Only institutional members of the CIAC are invited to participate in the boys' basketball tournament. The 2015 tournament will be formatted to include four (4) classes. Placement of schools has been based on the 2013-14 boy enrollment in grades 9-12. Classes are determined using enrollment figures and "success in tournament".
- 1.2 Tournament classes will be distributed after enrollment (plus success factor) is determined. A team may "opt-up" to the LL tournament for a one year period. Requests to move up must be received in writing by November 17, 2014. Classes L, M and S will not be rebalanced if schools opt to move up.
- 1.3 The 2015 Boys' Basketball Championships will be played using a single elimination by class format.

2.0 **DATES / SITES / TIMES OF GAMES**

- 2.1 Member schools may start practice on, but not before, Monday, December 1, 2014.
- 2.2 Member schools may play the first game on, but not before, Wednesday, December 17, 2014.
- 2.3 The last date for games to count for the 2015 Boys' Basketball Tournament will be Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

2.4 **Scheduled Playing Dates for the 2015 Boys' Basketball Tournament**

Qualifying Round	Friday, March 6, 2015	
First Round	LL & M – March 9	L & S – March 10
Second Round	LL & M – March 11	L & S – March 12
Quarter-finals	LL & M – March 13	L & S – March 16
Semi-finals	LL & M – March 17	L & S – March 18
Finals	March 21, 22 – Mohegan Sun Arena – Times TBA	

- 2.5 **Game Times** – Single games will be played at 7:00 p.m.
Double-headers will be played at 6:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. except for finals
Highest ranked team plays first in double-headers
- 2.6 In the event of inclement weather, the site director has the authority to postpone the game. "Back-to-back" games may be scheduled. The site director must immediately notify the tournament director who will make the final decision regarding scheduling and postponement dates. The postponed game will be played on the next day excluding Sunday, except in the case of the Championship Final games.
- 2.7 All qualifying, first round, second round and quarter-final games will be played at the site of the higher ranked team, provided the court and seating capacity have met CIAC standards. (See Appendix C)
 - a. **THE CIAC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MOVE ANY GAME TO A NEUTRAL LARGER SITE FOR SAFETY REASONS AND TO ALLOW ALL SPECTATORS TO SEE THE GAME.**
- 2.8 All state semi-final and final games will be played at sites determined by the Tournament Director.
- 2.9 Once a neutral site for a game is announced, neither of the competing teams may practice on that site.

3.0 **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

- 3.1 **Schedule Form** – All games played with CIAC member schools, the American School for the Deaf, or CIAC-approved out-of-state schools must be reported on the schedule form. Games not included on the schedule form will not count for tournament qualification. This form must be completed and submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center. **NO NEW GAMES CAN BE SCHEDULED AFTER DECEMBER 16.**

Game Results – All regular season game scores must be submitted online no more than 24 hours following the game's completion. It is highly recommended that scores are entered from the site as soon as the game ends.

Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the "Submit Scores/Forms" option of the "CIAC for Coaches" menu at CIACsports.com, or the "Submit Scores" button in our CIACmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at CIACsports.com or CIACmobile.com requires either a coach's or scorekeeper's access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from a school's athletic director

Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC board of control. Cancellation of any regular season contest/make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.

- 3.2 **Site Availability Form** – Due Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – Must be completed and submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center.
- 3.3 **Neutral Site Availability Form** – Due Tuesday, January 20, 2015.
- 3.4 **Tournament Rosters** – Due Monday, March 2, 2015 – Via the password-protected online eligibility center. **Each school will be allowed up to fifteen (15) boys in uniform.** (App. E.4)

<p><u>Team Picture</u> – Black and white or color is <u>required</u> – This must be either mailed or e-mailed to the CIAC office by February 23, 2015 – E-mail to jsylvester@casciac.org or mail to 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410.</p>
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- 3.5 **Entry Fee** – There is a \$100 entry fee for boys basketball.

If a school needs an invoice in order to pay its tournament fee, one can be downloaded by using the "Generate Tournament Invoice" link under the boys basketball options in the password-protected online eligibility center.

- 3.6 **Final Game Scores** – Regardless of regular season postponed games, the date of Tuesday, March 3, 2015 **MUST BE THE FINAL DAY TO COUNT FOR THE TOURNAMENT.** All games played after the entry form has been submitted, must be completed, and scores reported via the web site no later than 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

4.0 **EXPENSES / TICKETS**

- 4.1 The CIAC will reimburse schools whose sites are used for qualifying, first round, second round and quarter-final games a fee of \$375 for M & S schools and \$425 for LL & L schools per game to help defray the cost of hosting a game. All other expenses except the payment of game officials and the site director will be paid by the host school. The lower ranked team provides the cost of transportation.

- 4.2 Schools will bear all traveling expenses.
- 4.3 The Boys Basketball Committee will pay all game expenses directly associated with the staging of the state semi-finals and final tournament games **exclusive of travel**.

4.4 **Ticket prices 2014-15 -- * Subject to change – depending on the venue**

Children five (5) and under	Free
Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)	\$5.00
Students (grades 1-12)	\$5.00
Adults (all others not in the above categories)	\$8.00
Adults – Semi-finals	\$10.00
Finals – ALL TICKETS	\$10.00

*Ticket prices for the state semi-finals and finals are subject to change based upon the venue especially when non-school or college sites are used. On-line pre-sale tickets will be available for events which require advanced sales for proper management of the event.

Passes – During the 2015 tournament the following passes will be honored at all games where an admission is charged.

- Principal (or designee) of participating schools with CAS membership card
- Press Card
- CT Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD) membership card
- CIAC boys basketball officials' membership card
- CIAC head boys varsity basketball coach (**must be written request via self-addressed stamped envelope ONLY**)

No other complimentary admission will be permitted.

- 4.5 Tickets for pre-sale **WILL NOT** be distributed by the CIAC office to schools for qualifying, first and second round games. Schools wishing to pre-sell tickets for these games may do so by:

- Making the request to the CIAC office
- Picking up the tickets at the CIAC office
- Using only CIAC tickets, school tickets may not be substituted
- Returning unsold tickets and money to the CIAC office
- Selling no more than 40% of the capacity of the basketball facility**

- 4.6 Complimentary tickets will be distributed as follows:

For first round, second round and quarter-final games – The home team for first and second round games will obtain complimentary tickets by removing the **first ten (10) tickets from the ticket roll** to be used for on-site sale. (Note: A qualifying game will be treated in the same manner as a first and second round game for the distribution of complimentary tickets. **For the visiting teams** – The principal or designee of opposing team will fax a list of ten (10) people for complimentary tickets to the host school / neutral site for admission. These people must identify themselves at the door.

For semi-final games – Each school will receive ten (10) e-tickets as complimentary tickets. Pre-sale tickets for these games will be distributed to member schools from the CIAC office. **PRE-SALE SCHOOLS MUST CALL HOST SCHOOL BY 2:00 P.M. THE DAY OF THE GAME AND LET THEM KNOW HOW MANY TICKETS WERE SOLD. WE MUST NOT OVERSELL A GYM.**

For final games – Each school will be reimbursed for ten (10) tickets at the finals. A written request must be sent to the CIAC office. **Pre-sale tickets for the finals will be sold online through the Mohegan Sun Arena Box Office.**

5.0 FORFEITS

- 5.1 Member schools will be required to submit regular season schedules for all sports controlled by CIAC in which member schools participate. Determination of forfeitures will be based on this schedule.

A forfeit game shall count as a victory for the team declared the winner and as a loss for the team declared a loser in determining tournament qualifications and ratings. For tournament qualifications only the following reasons for a forfeit shall be accepted.

- 5.2 A team shall forfeit a game or games if through a violation it is required to do so under the CIAC Rules of Eligibility.
- 5.3 A team shall forfeit a game if the game official declares the game a forfeit as a result of a National Federation rule violation, or a team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the game official.
- 5.4 Forfeitures will be honored by CIAC sports committees when there is mutual agreement between the principals of the two schools involved in a game not played or terminated and the reasons for the forfeit have been approved by CIAC. If there is not mutual agreement and not playing the game impacts the tournament in any way, the CIAC sports committee Chair, in conjunction with CIAC staff and the tournament director will make the determination if the game should be forfeited.

When a game is being forfeited both schools involved must: (a) submit the forfeit form, which is found under the options for the sport in question in the CIAC Online Eligibility Center, within 72 hours of the scheduled time of the contest; and, (b) record the result of the game on their schedule as a win or loss (depending on if the school is giving or receiving the forfeit) with the word "Forfeit" entered in the field for the score of the game.

On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures (72 hours) if a question of team forfeiture arises the Executive Director or his/her designees, in consultation with the Chairman of the sports committee affected and the principals of the two schools will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interests of the tournament as a whole.

- 5.5 All games listed on the original schedule and submitted to the CIAC which are not played and have not been forfeited in accordance with this policy will be considered by each sport committee as No Contest and shall not count for tournament qualification and ratings unless it affects the minimum number of games required to qualify for tournament participation. In this instance the sport committee shall review the evidence submitted by the teams involved and may grant an exception from the minimum game number requirement. The minimum winning percentage as determined by the individual sports committee must be met under all circumstances.
- 5.6 Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control cancellation of any regular season contest / make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.

6.0 OFFICIALS

- 6.1 Each school must complete this form and submit via the password protected online eligibility center – by February 9, 2015 – eight (8) varsity officials who in their opinion would be competent to officiate tournament games. From these lists a master List of Officials will be developed.
- 6.2 The game officials for all of the tournament games will be assigned by the CIAC. **OFFICIALS WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY BY THE CIAC OFFICE.**

- 6.3 Site directors should meet and greet officials and escort them to their private locker rooms and provide an escort to their cars when they are ready to leave.
- 6.4 Identity of officials assigned games by the Assistant Tournament Director, will not be disclosed prior to the game.
- 6.5 **Official Timers and Scorers** shall be adults who have been trained to perform their respective duties. **The official scorer is required to wear a black and white vertically striped garment.**

7.0 **PROTESTS**

- 7.1 On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures and Board of Control hearings, if a question of interpretation of tournament regulations or the operation of the tournament arises, the Chairman of the CIAC Board of Control, the Executive Director of CIAC, and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee in question will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interest of the tournament as a whole.
- 7.2 **Decisions by Game Officials** – Protests arising from the decisions, interpretations and misapplication of the National Federation or CIAC game rules by officials during the contest will not be considered. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the officials are final.

The record of the official scorekeeper at the conclusion of the contest is final unless an error is discovered. Such error shall be corrected as covered by specific contest rules.

Any team leaving the contest area before the conclusion of the contest because of dissatisfaction with the officiating will render the school liable to disciplinary action by CIAC.

8.0 **QUALIFYING**

- 8.1 To be eligible for consideration in the tournament, a team must play a minimum of twelve (12) games AGAINST VARSITY OPPONENTS and have won 40% of its approved scheduled games played. Only the first two games played with any single opponent shall be included in a team's final record.
- 8.2 Only games played with Conference member schools, American School for the Deaf, or out-of-state schools who are members of their state athletic association shall be considered.
- 8.3 Games played against non-member CIAC member schools or out-of-state schools who are not members of their state association will not count for tournament standings. However, those games **will** count toward the 20 game maximum limitation.

9.0 **RANKING WITHIN CLASSES**

- 9.1 Teams will be ranked within classes by winning percentage (number of games won divided by the number of games played). When two or more teams have the same winning percentage, the following steps will be used to break the ties:
 - 1) **Most wins** – Example: A 10-10 team would secure the higher ranking over a 9-9 team.
 - 2) **Head-to-Head Competition With Tied Group** – A comparison will be done of the number of losses each team has in games against any of teams in the tied group. The team with the fewest losses vs. the teams in the group will secure the higher ranking.

Examples:

- a. Two teams are tied with the same record. They played once during the regular season and Team A won. Team A wins the tiebreaker because its zero losses within the tied group are less than Team B's one loss.
 - b. Three teams are tied with the same record. Team A did not play either of the other two teams, Teams B and C played once and Team B won. In this scenario Teams A and B both have zero losses within the group and Team C has one loss within the group. Therefore, Teams A and B remain tied for the first two of the three positions and Team C is locked into the third spot among the three teams. You would move to the next criteria to break what is now a two-way tie between Teams A and B.
- 3) **Power Rating** – Each school is assigned a power rating based on the divisions, qualifying status and records of the school(s) that they beat. Win vs LL tournament qualifying schools = 10 points; vs L tournament qualifying schools = 8 points; vs M tournament qualifying schools = 6 points; vs S tournament qualifying schools = 4 points; vs non-qualifying team with six or seven wins = 3 points; vs non-qualifying school with less than six wins = 1 point. Total points will be added and divided by number of games played to determine the school's rating. The team with the higher power rating will secure the higher ranking.
- 4) **Most Wins vs the Highest Classification** – First the number of wins vs LL teams will be compared. If one team has more than the other it will secure the higher ranking. If the team's LL win totals are equal then number of wins vs L teams will be compared, if the teams are still equal the number of wins vs M teams will be compared. If the teams are still equal you would move on to the next criteria to break the tie.
- 5) **By-lot Tiebreaker Number** – If a tie remains, the team securing the higher ranking will be determined electronically by lot using computer assigned random tiebreaker numbers to be set at the start of the season. The team with the greater tiebreaker number will secure the higher ranking.

9.2 **Pairings** – The pairings will be made as follows:

<u>First Round</u>	<u>Second Round</u>	<u>Quarter-finals</u>	<u>Semi-finals</u>	<u>Finals</u>
1 vs 32				
16 vs 17	1 vs 16			
8 vs 25		1 vs 8		
9 vs 24	8 vs 9		1 vs 4	
4 vs 29				
13 vs 20	4 vs 13			
5 vs 28		4 vs 5		
12 vs 21	5 vs 12			1 vs 2
2 vs 31				
15 vs 18	2 vs 15			
7 vs 26		2 vs 7		
10 vs 23	7 vs 10			
3 vs 30			2 vs 3	
14 vs 19	3 vs 14			
6 vs 27		3 vs 6		
11 vs 22	6 vs 11			

9.3 If fewer than 32 teams qualify, the higher ranked teams will draw byes for the first round.

9.4 If more than 32 teams qualify, the qualifying pairings shall be as follows:

<u>If 33 teams</u>	<u>If 34 teams</u>	<u>If 35 teams</u>	<u>If 36 teams</u>
32 vs 33	32 vs 33	32 vs 33	32 vs 33
	31 vs 34	31 vs 34	31 vs 34
		30 vs 35	30 vs 35
			29 vs 36

9.5 A TEAM MAINTAINS ITS INITIAL PERCENTAGE RANKING THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.

9.6 ***Final ranking and pairing information will be distributed to coaches on the CIAC web site by Wednesday, March 4, 2015 by 2:00 p.m.***

9.7 **League Playoffs** – League playoff games **SHALL NOT BE COUNTED** for tournament qualification or rating.

10.0 **SUPERVISION / SPORTSMANSHIP**

10.1 Players and coaches disqualified in a game will be required to serve the additional penalty as outlined in the CIAC regulation on “Disqualification.”

10.2 In the interest of crowd control and proper supervision the CIAC Board of Control has approved the tournament regulation requiring the principal of the participating schools or his/her designee to attend all tournament games. The school administrator should identify him/herself to the site director.

10.3 When a member school’s coach is ejected from a game for an infraction as prescribed by the rules, the game may not continue until the member school replaces the ejected coach with a certified coach. If this cannot be accomplished within 15 minutes after the ejection, the official in charge will declare a forfeit win for the opposing team.

10.4 Use of tobacco products or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind, including champagne, are not permitted in the gymnasium. The principal or his/her designee at the game shall see that this rule is enforced and adhered to by the teams.

10.5 **Conduct and Good Sportsmanship** – We require that all school personnel – administrators, faculty, and coaches – give special and specific emphasis about CIAC’s expectations for good sportsmanship during the basketball tournament requiring that athletes and members of the student body conduct themselves in a manner that reflects nothing but credit upon your school. Any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of students and adults is unacceptable and will be addressed with strong and appropriate measures. The CIAC is the guests of the site school or private facility and as guests, we shall act in full accord with our principles of sportsmanship. (See Appendix F)

10.6 **Signs, Noisemakers, Balloons Forbidden** – Please stress to pupils over your public address system the regulation that the use of confetti, signs, banners, placards, balloons and streamers is DEFINITELY NOT ALLOWED at tournament games. Bugles, horns, drums, whistles, or other noisemakers contribute nothing to the game and are a genuine source of annoyance to spectators. THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED, AND ANYONE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ANNOYANCE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE GAME.

11.0 **TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES**

11.1 **Rules** – Rules – All contests shall be governed by CIAC and National Federation Rules.

- 11.2 **Uniforms** – All teams will be required to have two (2) sets of NUMBERED JERSEYS (alternate colors). The numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 may not be used, singly or in combination.

The higher ranked team will wear the light colored jerseys and have the choice of team bench and for this purpose the original rating assigned to a team will be maintained throughout the tournament.

- 11.3 **Ball** -- Each school will bring a **SPALDING TF 1000 LEGACY** game ball in good condition. Teams should provide their own for pre-game warm-up.

- 11.4 **Bands** – Bands, drill teams, baton twirlers and similar organizations are not to be admitted or to perform at any tournament games.

- 11.5 **Cheerleaders** – Cheerleaders of participating schools, if supervised, will be admitted free to tournament games in which their school team participates. Each school will be allowed **UP TO 20 cheerleaders in uniform**.

- 11.6 **Crowd Control** – The CIAC Regulations for Insuring Maximum Crowd Control apply to the boys basketball tournament.

- 11.7 **Late Entry Policy**

- No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control.
- Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the web site, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.
- All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center.

- 11.8 **Tournament Regulations Violations**

If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee of \$500 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.

- 11.9 **Towels** – Shall be furnished by the participating teams.

- 11.10 **Solicitation of Funds / Selling T-shirts, etc.** – Solicitation of funds or selling merchandise for any purpose at any of the tournament games is prohibited unless permission to do so is given by CIAC. (Team IP has a contract with and thereby authorized by CIAC to sell T-shirts and other merchandise at the basketball championship games.) Food, candy and beverages may be sold by the site schools.

- 11.11 **Movies, Video Tape** – Prior permission of the site director must be obtained if video tape and/or movie equipment is to be used during tournament games. The use of this equipment is limited to participating schools and is only for post-game use of the teams involved. No commercial use of these tapes or films is permitted.

It is considered to be unethical for an athletic department to video an opponent without their knowledge and approval.

All non-commercial videotaping at tournament sites must not create a safety hazard, or obstruct a view.

- 11.12 **Half-time** – For the FINAL GAME ONLY – the half-time will be 10 minutes in duration.

APPENDIX A

2014-15 BOYS BASKETBALL DIVISIONS

(Classes after the 2013-14 boy enrollment figures plus “success in tournament”)

NOTE: This listing of divisions is accurate based on information as of September 2013. This listing in the packet will not be updated throughout the year as schools add or delete teams. The current listing reflecting changes made after the packet was published can be found on the boys basketball page of the CIAC web site.

LL Division (40 schools)

Bridgeport Central
Bristol Central
Cheshire
Danbury
Darien
East Hartford
Fairfield Ludlowe
Fairfield Prep.
Fairfield Warde
Farmington
Glastonbury
Greenwich
Hamden
Hartford Public
Ledyard *
Manchester
Middletown – Xavier
New Britain
New Haven – Hillhouse *
New Milford
Newtown
Norwalk
Norwalk – McMahon
Norwich Free Academy
Ridgefield
Shelton
Simsbury
Southington
Stamford
Stamford – Westhill
Trumbull
Waterbury – Crosby
Waterbury – Wilby
Waterbury – Kennedy
W. Hartford – Conard
W. Hartford – Hall
West Haven
Westport – Staples
Woodbridge – Amity
Woodstock Academy *

L Division (46 schools)

Avon
Berlin
Bethel
Branford
Bridgeport - Bassick
Bridgeport - Harding
Bristol Eastern
East Haven
East Lyme
Enfield – Fermi
Groton – Fitch
Guilford
Hartford – Bulkeley
Hebron – RHAM
Madison – Daniel Hand
Manchester – Cheney
Meriden – Maloney
Meriden – Platt
Middletown
Middletown - Vinal
Milford – Foran
Milford – Jonathan Law
Milford – Platt Tech.
Monroe – Masuk
Naugatuck
New Canaan
New Fairfield
New Haven – Career *
New Haven – Cross
New London
Newington
North Haven
Redding-Joel Barlow
South Windsor
Southbury – Pomperaug
Storrs – EO Smith
Stratford
Stratford – Bunnell
Torrington
Vernon – Rockville
Wallingford – Lyman Hall
Waterbury – Kaynor *
West Haven – Notre Dame
Wethersfield
Windsor
Wilton

M Division (46 schools)

Ansonia
Ansonia – O’Brien
Beacon Falls - Woodland
Bridgeport–Bullard Haven
Bridgeport- Kolbe Cath. *
Bristol – St. Paul *
Brookfield
Burlington – Lewis Mills
Colchester – Bacon Ac
Danbury – Immaculate *
Danbury - Abbott
Ellington
Enfield
Fairfield – Notre Dame *
Granby Memorial
Groton - Grasso
Hartford – Capital *
Hartford – Classical *
Hartford – A.I. Prince
Hartford – Weaver *
Killingly
Killingly - Ellis
Manchester – E. Catholic
Meriden - Wilcox
Montville
New Britain - Goodwin
Norwich Tech.
Plainfield
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Seymour
Stamford – Trinity *
Stonington
Suffield
Tolland
Torrington - Wolcott
Trumbull – St. Joseph
Wallingford - Sheehan
Waterford
Watertown
Weston
Windham
Windham Tech.
Winsted – N.W. Reg.
Wolcott
Woodbury - Nonnewaug

S Division (52 schools)

Bloomfield
Bloomfield - MLC
Bolton
Canton
Chaplin – Parish
Clinton - Morgan
Coventry
Cromwell
Deep River – Valley Reg
Derby
Durham - Coginchaug
E. Haddam – Hale Ray
East Hampton
East Granby
East Windsor
Enfield – Public Safety
Falls Village-Housatonic
Griswold
Hamden – Eli Whitney
Hartford - Achievement
Hartford - AAE
Hartford - HMTCA
Hartford - SMSA
Hartford – Two Rivers
Hartford - University
Higganum - HK
Lebanon – Lyman Mem.
Litchfield
Litchfield - Wamogo
New Britain – Med Prof.
New Haven - Amistad
New Haven - Hyde
No. Branford
No. Stonington - Wheeler
Old Lyme
Old Saybrook
Oxford
Portland
Putnam
Somers
Stafford
Terryville
Thomaston
Thompson – Tourtellotte
Uncasville – St. Bernard
Washington – Shepaug
Waterbury – Holy Cross
Waterbury – Sacred Heart
W. Hartford – N.W. Cath.
Westbrook
Windsor Locks
Winsted - Gilbert

*Success in tournament

APPENDIX B

93rd ANNUAL BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The boys basketball schedule form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center. No games may be scheduled after December 16, 2014.

2014-15 Boys Basketball Classes After Enrollment (plus “success in tournament”)

LL – 40 Schools

L – 46 Schools

M – 46 Schools

S – 52 Schools

1. By individual schools in classifying teams listed on their basketball schedule
 2. Only the first TWO games against the same VARSITY opponent will be counted toward tournament qualification.
 3. Games **NOT LISTED** on this schedule form will not count toward tournament qualification.
 4. Your schedule points will be determined by this schedule. If you participate in multi-team tournaments, list possible opponents on this schedule.
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APPENDIX C

CRITERIA TO BE USED FOR SELECTION OF SITES FOR QUALIFYING, FIRST ROUND, SECOND ROUND AND QUARTER-FINAL GAMES

Home Sites – Qualifications and Neutral Sites Criteria

The home site qualification form and neutral sites criteria must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by January 20, 2015. If athletic directors have questions – please contact Jiggs at (860) 658-4362 or at CIAC office (203) 250-1111.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM MAY COST YOU A FIRST ROUND, SECOND ROUND OR QUARTER-FINAL GAME.

Boys basketball quarter-finals will be determined by:

1. Tournament Director reserves the right to select a neutral site based on previous experience with schools involved throughout the tournament.
2. Seating capacity per division:
Class S – 500 Class M – 600 **Class L – 800** **Class LL – 950**
3. Schools have the opportunity to find a neutral school in their area if their site does not meet the criteria.
4. Play at their opponent’s site if their capacity meets CIAC standards.
5. **The CIAC reserves the right to move any game to a neutral larger site for safety reasons and to allow all spectators to see the game.**

APPENDIX D

SELECTION METHOD FOR CIAC BASKETBALL OFFICIALS

1. In January each CIAC school is required to submit a list of eight (8) varsity officials from its IAABO board's list of varsity officials (the board which assigns home games) who are competent to officiate tournament games. Each IAABO board will communicate to the athletic directors and head coach of all of the schools it services, its list of approved, varsity officials prior to December 10, 2014. In addition, each school is asked to submit two (2) varsity officials from other boards whose abilities are of tournament caliber. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the loss of a school's privilege to delete names from the master list of tournament officials between March 4-9.
2. Ballots are tabulated and a complete list of officials is compiled, along with numbers of votes received by each official.
3. This list is presented to the CIAC Advisory Committee on Officials for study and input. The Advisory Committee consists of the commissioners from officials boards that have one or more officials who have received sufficient votes to participate in the tournament, and the Assistant Tournament Director.
4. A list of approximately 85 of the most competent varsity officials in Connecticut (based on the votes of coaches) is established. The list must be sufficiently large to accommodate the number of games scheduled for any tournament date, in addition to those officials who are not available due to prior commitments.
5. The number of varsity officials selected from each board is based on the percentage of schools each board serves, relative to the total number of CIAC schools in CIAC basketball.
6. The list of tournament officials is prepared and presented to participating coaches on the CIAC web site at the time of the announced pairings. Coaches will be allowed to delete the names of **NO MORE THAN TWO (2) OFFICIALS WHOSE SERVICES THEY WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE**. Coaches must use the CIAC web site to delete officials. Deadline: Monday, March 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m. This information will be considered in making assignments for second round, quarter-final, semi-final and final games.
7. "Teams" of varsity officials will be selected from within each board. In assigning officials for all tournament games the Assistant Tournament Director will normally select from a "neutral board" when competing teams come from **different board representation**. If both competing teams are from the **same board**, officials from that board **may be assigned**. The Assistant Tournament retains the authority to assign from any board in the event of extenuating circumstances.
8. All assignments will be made by the **Assistant Tournament Director**. The identity of varsity officials assigned to games will not be disclosed prior to games.
9. In accordance with action taken by the Basketball Committee, **three (3)** varsity officials will be assigned to the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of all boys basketball games. **There will be no alternate officials for quarter and semi-final games**. In the interest of the game, the assistant director may assign three (3) varsity officials for selected first or second round games.
10. Officials are allowed to be assigned to a team only once from the qualifying through semi-final rounds. In the finals, an official who has officiated a qualifying, first or second round game for a team, **may be assigned** to officiate a final that involves that team.

Semi-final victors will be allowed **one additional scratch** of an official from the tournament list of officials.

APPENDIX D

2015 BOYS BASKETBALL SELECTION OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

The officials form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by February 9, 2015.

The 2014-15 Boys Basketball Committee has adopted the format for the selection of officials for tournament games as outlined in the enclosed communication. Please read it carefully.

To assure that we obtain the most qualified board certified officials, each coach is **required** to:

1. Submit a complete varsity officials ballot, **regardless of your win-loss record**;
2. Indicate the names of two (2) certified officials outside your own board who, in your opinion, are of tournament caliber.

Note:

- If you lack sufficient knowledge about “outside” board officials, please leave those spaces blank.
DO NOT ADD OFFICIALS FROM YOUR BOARD.
- For schools who are serviced by more than one board, restrict your votes to those boards.
- Vote for only those officials who are currently working boys varsity high school games.

To be fair to fellow coaches and officials, we should continue to strive for total involvement of all schools in the selection of officials. Please give this your serious and prompt attention.

IF YOU FAIL TO SUBMIT A BALLOT YOU WILL LOSE THE PRIVILEGE OF DELETING NAMES FROM THE TOURNAMENT LIST.

APPENDIX E

2015 BOYS BASKETBALL ENTRY FORM

(Limited to Members of the Conference)

1. Tournament rosters must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by Monday, March 2, 2015.
2. Entry fee of \$100 must be mailed to the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

If a school needs an invoice in order to pay its tournament fee, one can be downloaded by using the “Generate Tournament Invoice” link under the boys basketball options in the password-protected online eligibility center.

3. Report all varsity games won or lost with member schools, out-of-state schools, or American School for the Deaf no more than 24 hours following the game’s completion. Date of last game to count is Tuesday, March 3, 2015. All scheduled games are to be listed on the entry form. Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the “Submit Scores/Forms” option of the “CIAC for Coaches” menu at CIACsports.com, or the “Submit Scores” button in our CIACmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at CIACsports.com or CIACmobile.com requires either a coach’s or scorekeeper’s access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from the school’s athletic director. Games played with out-of-state schools must have been reported to CIAC for investigation and rating not later than December 8, 2014. Out-of-state games not reported by this date may count as losses for tournament purposes.

Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest / make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.

4. **Each school will be allowed up to fifteen (15) boys in uniform.** There cannot be any alternates or substitutes to the original list of fifteen submitted. (DISREGARD OF THIS RULE MAY MEAN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.)
5. EACH PLAYER LISTED MUST BE ASSIGNED A NUMBERED UNIFORM FOR BOTH **WHITE** AND **DARK** JERSEYS. Also list his GRADE LEVEL in school and HEIGHT.
6. The PRINCIPAL of the participating school is responsible for the knowledge, distribution and implementation of the CIAC Crowd Control Regulations which appear in the CIAC Handbook.
7. THE HIGER RANKED TEAM SHALL WEAR WHITE JERSEYS. THE ORIGINAL RATING ASSIGNED TO A TEAM WITHIN ITS ENTIRE STATEWIDE DIVISION WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.

Always have alternate jerseys available. In cases of similarity of colors, the lower ranking team will wear color assigned by the site director.

CERTIFICATION:

The school principal certifies that the individuals listed on the Official Tournament Entry Form have satisfied the State health Statutes, CIAC and local regulations regarding physical examinations.

APPENDIX F
CIAC BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

To be read on the public address system by the captains at all CIAC 2015 basketball tournament games:

To be read by the Home Team Captain:

“Welcome to tonight’s game between _____ and the _____ (opposing school and mascot nickname). We view the basketball court as an extension of the classroom where we learn the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and respect for others. Tonight we ask for your enthusiastic support for these important principles as you root for your respective team.”

To be read by the Visiting Team Captain:

“We also ask that you support the student-athletes from both participating schools by honoring our request to treat all the players, coaches and officials with courtesy and respect. Thank you and enjoy tonight’s game.”

Recommendation:

The sportsmanship statement should be read before all regular season games.

APPENDIX G

CIAC 2014-15 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Memorandum to All Site Directors and Competing Schools

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference appreciates the use of your facilities and the following is offered with the idea of assisting those who have been designated as Site Directors. The close observance of these suggestions will make for a smooth-running tournament and will bring satisfaction and enjoyment to all.

The Site Director – In order to operate one of its most important programs the CIAC has selected competent school personnel to take complete charge of the games in the basketball tournament. The site director is entirely responsible for the particular game assigned to his/her school; he/she is the direct representative of the organization and, more specifically, of the Basketball Committee and the Tournament Director. While the site director obviously cannot do all the work him/herself, it is his/her responsibility to engage such competent personnel as may be needed to see that the program is conducted successfully. However, site directors are requested to be realistic regarding the hiring of personnel. Site directors will have to use their best judgment depending on anticipated attendance. Only adults should be assigned to the positions of timer and scorer, and the scorer must be reminded to get from each team the name and number of each squad member as well as the five starting players. It is most advisable to have a hand operated clock(s) on hand and expert scorers in the event that the electrical clock and/or scoreboard become inoperative. Serious violations of CIAC policy or worthwhile recommendations on the part of participating schools should be reported in writing to the Tournament Director immediately after the game. ALL EXPENSES WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY FROM CIAC OFFICE. Return all proceeds of ticket sales and all expenses incurred to CIAC office. Remind officials that they have complete charge of the actual playing of the game. RETURN UNSOLD TICKETS, INCOME, EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL REPORT TO CIAC OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER GAME IS PLAYED.

Telephone Scores of Games Immediately – Every site director knows full well that in order to operate a successful tournament, things should move smoothly and rapidly. This is particularly true when it comes to making pairings and selecting sites for the next game, and as a consequence we must know as soon as possible the results of all games – which team won, and the score. We are, therefore, asking each site director to TELEPHONE (COLLECT) the results of each game immediately at the conclusion of the contest. This is a very important responsibility and we ask your full cooperation. Tournament Director Jiggs Cecchini's telephone (860) 658-4362.

Opening Ceremony

1. Arrange for playing the National Anthem before the start of each game.
2. Draft a short memo to be read to the spectators before each game which will include: Important crowd control regulations such as prohibition of horns, whistles, etc., as well as the encouragement of good sportsmanship.

Supervision of Locker Rooms – Provide for supervision in each team's locker room before, during and after the game in order to prevent vandalism of facilities or theft of personal property.

Officials – The game officials will be assigned by the CIAC, and they will take complete charge of the actual playing of the game itself. Officials should be met at the door, escorted to their locker rooms before and at the conclusion of the game, and escorted to their cars when they are ready to leave. Officials will be paid directly by CIAC. All other operational details are the responsibility of the site directors. Please provide parking for officials close to the entrance of the gym.

Press – Adequate publicity and favorable public relations are necessary in the operation of any tournament, and in this connection the CIAC appreciates the work and contribution of a fine group of people who bring accounts of our individual games to the public. Consequently, we are asking our site directors to see that newspaper writers and radio sportscasters are treated courteously and supplied with as good accommodations as are possible consistent with the facilities available. Members of the press will, upon proper identification, be admitted to any game. Newspaper reporters who are actually

covering the game should be provided a seat at a table in the press box or “on the floor,” or at least where spectators will not be jumping up and down, blocking their view.

Stringers – Some large newspapers which cover many regional games in one evening send out part-time reporters (stringers) who do not carry press passes. The newspaper, through the head of the sports department, should notify the site director the afternoon of the game that one of these “stringers” will be at the game that evening. When he has properly identified him/herself, admit him/her and provide a place at the press table. If he brings a guest, assign this person to a seat in the stands. Do not accept for admission white tickets which merely indicate that the holder is a member of the Sports Writers Alliance.

Telephone – If at all possible, at the conclusion of the game, try to make telephones available so that a reporter can call his/her game into his/her newspaper if he/she has to make an important deadline.

Completion of Final Report – Important – A very important responsibility of the site director is the completion of the final financial report of each game. Kindly make a separate report for each contest; use one copy of the form enclosed with tickets as a work sheet and send one copy to the Tournament Director, CIAC, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410, as soon as possible after the game. If the report can be typewritten, it will be appreciated. Honoraria will be mailed to site directors by the CIAC as soon as all tournament financial reports are in the hands of CIAC.

All tickets will be numbered and the site director should carefully indicate on his/her report the “starting number” and the “next unused number.” The difference between these two figures should indicate the actual number of tickets sold. (There is a tendency to forget that the printed numbers of tickets are inclusive.)

APPENDIX H

**Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference
Concussion and Head Injury Awareness Information
Part of Annual Review 2014-15
Required for ALL School Coaches, Parents and Students in Connecticut**

NOTE: This document was developed to provide coaches, parents and students with an annual review of current and relevant information regarding concussions and head injuries. A new form is required to be read, signed, dated and kept on file by their associated school district annually to comply with Public Act No. 14—66 AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT ATHLETES AND CONCUSSIONS. Forms may be found on the CIAC web site or through the athletic department at your school.

A concussion is the immediate and transient alteration of neurological function in the brain caused by mechanical acceleration and deceleration forces.

Part I – SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION

- A concussion should be suspected if any one or more of the following signs or symptoms are present, OR if the coach/evaluator is unsure.

1. Signs of a concussion may include (what the athlete looks like):

- Confusion/disorientation/irritability
- Trouble resting/getting comfortable
- Lack of concentration
- Slow response/drowsiness
- Incoherent/ slurred speech
- Slow/clumsy movements
- Loss of consciousness
- Amnesia/memory problems
- Act silly/combatative/aggressive
- Repeatedly ask same questions
- Dazed appearance
- Restless/irritable
- Constant attempts to return to play
- Constant motion
- Disproportionate/inappropriate reactions
- Balance problems

2. Symptoms of a concussion may include (what the athlete reports):

- Headache or dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurred or double vision
- Oversensitivity to sound/light/touch
- Ringing in ears
- Feeling foggy or groggy

Note: Public Act No. 14-66 requires that a coach MUST immediately remove a student- athlete from participating in any intramural or interscholastic athletic activity who (A) is observed to exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following a suspected blow to the head or body, or (B) is diagnosed with a concussion, regardless of when such concussion or head injury may have occurred. **Upon removal of the athlete a qualified school employee must notify the parent or legal guardian within 24 hours that the student athletes has exhibited the signs and symptoms of a concussion.**

Part II – RETURN TO PARTICIPATION (RTP)

Currently, it is impossible to accurately predict how long concussions will last. There must be full recovery before someone is allowed to return to participation. Connecticut Law now requires that no athlete may resume participation until they have received written medical clearance from a licensed health care professional (Physician, Physician Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Athletic Trainer) trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

Concussion management requirements:

1. No athlete SHALL return to participation (RTP) on the same day of concussion.
2. Any loss of consciousness, vomiting or seizures the athlete MUST be immediately transported to the hospital.
3. Close observation of an athlete MUST continue following a concussion. This should be monitored for an appropriate amount of time following the injury to ensure that there is no escalation of symptoms.
4. Any athlete with signs or symptoms related to a concussion MUST be evaluated from a licensed health care professional (Physician, Physicians Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Athletic Trainer) trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.
5. The athlete MUST obtain an initial written clearance from one of the licensed health care professionals mentioned above directing them into a well defined RTP stepped protocol similar to one outlined below. If at any time signs or symptoms should return during the RTP progression the athlete should cease activity* .

6. After the RTP protocol has been successfully administered (no longer exhibits any signs or symptoms or behaviors consistent with concussions), final written medical clearance is required by one of the licensed health care professionals mentioned above for them to fully return to unrestricted participation in practices and competitions.

Medical Clearance RTP protocol (Recommended one full day between steps)²

Rehabilitation stage	Functional exercise at each stage of rehabilitation	Objective of each stage
1. No activity	Complete physical and cognitive rest until asymptomatic. School may need to be modified.	Recovery
2. Light aerobic activity	Walking, swimming or stationary cycling keeping intensity <70% of maximal exertion; no resistance training	Increase Heart Rate
3. Sport Specific Exercise	Skating drills in ice hockey, running drills in soccer; no head impact activities	Add Movement
4. Non-contact Training drills	Progression to more complex training drills, i.e. passing drills in football and ice hockey; may start progressive resistance training	Exercise, coordination and cognitive load
5. Full Contact Practice	Following medical clearance, participate in normal training activities	Restore confidence and assess functional skills by coaching staff

If at any time signs or symptoms should worsen during the RTP progression the athlete should stop activity that day. If the athlete's symptoms are gone the next day, s/he may resume the RTP progression at the last step completed in which no symptoms were present. If symptoms return and don't resolve, the athlete should be referred back to their medical provider

Part III - HEAD INJURIES

– Injuries to the head includes:

- Concussions: (See above information). There are several head injuries associated with concussions which can be severe in nature including:
 - a) Second impact Syndrome - Athletes who sustain a concussion, and return to play prior to being recovered from the concussion, are also at risk for Second Impact Syndrome (SIS), a rare but life-altering condition that can result in rapid brain swelling, permanent brain damage or death; and
 - b) Post Concussion Syndrome - A group of physical, cognitive, and emotional problems that can persist for weeks, months, or indefinitely after a concussion.
- Scalp Injury: Most head injuries only damage the scalp (a cut, scrape, bruise or swelling)... Big lumps (bruises) can occur with minor injuries because there is a large blood supply to the scalp. For the same reason, small cuts on the head may bleed a lot. Bruises on the forehead sometimes cause black eyes 1 to 3 days later because the blood spreads downward by gravity;
- Skull Fracture: Only 1% to 2% of children with head injuries will get a skull fracture. Usually there are no other symptoms except for a headache at the site where the head was hit. Most skull fractures occur without any injury to the brain and they heal easily;
- Brain Injuries are rare but are recognized by the presence of the following symptoms:
 - (1) difficult to awaken, or keep awake or (2) confused thinking and talking, or (3) slurred speech, or (4) weakness of arms or legs or (5) unsteady walking" (American Academy of Pediatrics – Healthychildren, 2010).

I have read and understand this document and understand the law requires me to immediately remove any player suspected of having a concussion and to not allow them to return to participation until they have received written medical clearance by a licensed health care professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

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APPENDIX I

FROM THE ARCHIVES – CIAC BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	Winner	Runner-up	Year	Winner	Runner-up
1921-22	A Naugatuck (Declared winner on season's record)		1946-47	L Hillhouse 43	Leavenworth 30
1922-23	A Wilby-Waterbury 21	Naugatuck 20		M Branford 33	Wilcox Tech. 31
1923-24	A Hillhouse-New Haven 32	Bristol 16		S Old Saybrook 38	Torrington 29
	C-D Simsbury 26	Branford 22	1947-48	L Hillhouse 37	Torrington 29
1924-25	A Torrington 34	Stamford 25		M Lyman Hall 48	Shelton 38
	C-D Litchfield 29	West Hartford 23		S Ellsworth 45	Bloomfield 43
1925-26	A Hillhouse-New Haven 13	Torrington 10	1948-49	L New Britain 58	East Hartford 46
	C-D Litchfield 14	Terryville 13		M Sacred Heart, Wtby. 41	Darien 31
1926-27	A Bristol 27	Hillhouse 13		S Tourtellotte 62	Clinton 31
	C Branford 18	Leavenworth-Wtby 16	1949-50	L New Britain 38	Bpt. Central 37
	D Tourtellotte-Thompson 37	Litchfield 15		M Stonington 48	Darien 46
1927-28	A Bristol 22	Harding-Bpt. 17		S Tourtellotte 40	Ellsworth 26
	C Canton 21	Deep River 15	1950-51	L Bulkeley, New London 50	Bpt. Central 40
	D Terryville 37	Essex 25		M Derby 44	Sacred Heart 39
1928-29	A Bristol 22	Hillhouse 16		S Tourtellotte 45	Berlin 39
	C-D Tourtellotte 24	Putnam 22	1951-52	L Hillhouse 54	Harding 53
1929-30	A Naugatuck 27	Bpt Central 23		M Shelton 67	Wethersfield 47
	C-D Branford 32	Putnam 6		S Simsbury 56	East Hampton 38
1930-31	A Naugatuck 27	Manchester 18	1952-53	L Wilby 62	New London 53
	C-D Killingly 35	New Milford 11		M Lyman Hall 48	East Haven 47
1931-32	A Hillhouse 24	Bristol 20		S Stafford 52	Suffield 47
	C-D New Canaan 41	Tourtellotte 34	1953-54	L Weaver 58	Hillhouse 42
1932-33	A Bristol 23	Hillhouse 21		M East Haven 55	Gilbert, Winsted 36
	C-D New Canaan 25	Thomaston 24		S Terryville 59	Morgan, Clinton 48
1933-34	A Bristol 35	Bpt Central 33	1954-55	L Hillhouse 61	Ludlowe, Ffld 47
	C-D New Canaan 25	Salisbury 20		M East Haven 54	Wilcox Tech. 32
1934-35	A Meriden 29	Harding-Bpt. 23		S Ellsworth 52	Windsor Locks 33
	C-D Old Saybrook 24	New Milford 18	1955-56	L Weaver 62	Manchester 52
1935-36	L Meriden 24	Hillhouse 19		M Stonington 62	East Haven 60
	M Branford 29	Lyman Hall 19		S New Canaan 72	Putnam 58
	S Terryville 35	Killingly 29	1956-57	L Weaver 77	Hillhouse 72
1936-37	L Hillhouse 34	Bristol 24		M East Haven 76	Seymour 52
	M Branford 38	Lyman Hall 17		S New Canaan 70	Windsor Locks 51
	S Staples-Westport 26	Farmington 23	1957-58	L Wilbur Cross 69	Bulkeley, Htfd. 50
1937-38	L Manchester 32	Naugatuck 25		M Darien 49	East Haven 38
	M Branford 37	Windsor 17		S New Canaan 59	Woodbury 49
	S Bloomfield 13	Terryville 8	1958-59	L Wilbur Cross 55	Hillhouse 53
1938-39	L Bridgeport Central 35	Bassick-Bpt. 25		M Plainville 59	Lyman Hall 47
	M East Hartford 48	Manchester Trade 33		S Litchfield 56	Ellsworth 39
	S Ellsworth-S. Windsor 39	Farmington 21	1959-60	L Wilbur Cross 79	Notre Dame, WH 58
1939-40	L Bassick 35	Stratford 25		M East Haven 54	Abbott, Danbury 47
	M Lyman Hall-Wallingford 45	Middletown 18		S Suffield 64	St. Anthony, Bristol 62
	S Ellsworth 55	Glastonbury 17	1960-61	L Wilbur Cross 65	Hartford Public 59
1940-41	L Windham 25	Bristol 24		M Plainville 45	Lyman Hall 36
	M Manchester Trade 49	Branford 34		S Bloomfield 59	Windsor Locks 55
	S Ellsworth 39	Bloomfield 29	1961-62	L Hartford Public 67	Bulkeley, Htfd 64
1941-42	L Naugatuck 36	Crosby-Wtby 33		M New Canaan 49	Plainville 48
	M Branford 41	Woodrow Wilson 35		S Thomaston 63	Portland 55
	S Old Saybrook 31	Portland 29	1962-63	L Hillhouse 68	Wilbur Cross 65
1942-43	L Harding 51	Stamford 29		M East Haven 38	Plainville 25
	M Plainville 41	Watertown 27		S Ellington 45	Durham 38
	S Ellsworth 34	Tourtellotte 24	1963-64	L Hillhouse 64	Hartford Public 49
1943-44	L Torrington 36	New Britain 27		M Middletown 66	East Catholic 53
	M East Hartford 39	Branford 37		S LaSalette, Cheshire 62	Woodbury 43
	S Tourtellotte 28	Bloomfield 27	1964-65	L Hillhouse 57	Notre Dame, Bpt. 51
1944-45	L Hillhouse 32	Weaver-Htfd. 28		M East Catholic 59	Plainville 52
	M Branford 31	Derby 25		S Litchfield 69	Rocky Hill 63
	S Ellsworth 37	Litchfield 18	1965-66	LL Wilbur Cross 58	Weaver 56
1945-46	L Hillhouse 34	Bristol 29		L Norwalk 93	S. Catholic, Htfd. 76
	M Branford 44	Stonington 31		M Abbott Tech. 84	South Windsor 58
	S Bloomfield 35	Ellsworth 26		S Portland 51	Coventry 50

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1966-67	LL Wilbur Cross 74	Hartford Public 66	1982-83	LL Brien McMahon 73	Norwalk 65
	L Sacred Heart 70	Fairfield Prep. 57		L Harding 58	Wilby 51
	M Abbott Tech. 45	Middletown 41		M St. Thomas Aq. 73	Sacred Heart 57
	S Cromwell 60	Litchfield 56		S Terryville 61	Shepaug Valley 46
1967-68	LL Wilbur Cross 123	Bpt. Central 82	1983-84	LL Hillhouse 70	Wilbur Cross 60
	L East Catholic 75	Fairfield Prep. 69		L Harding 55	South Catholic 43
	M Middletown 48	Wilton 45		M Sacred Heart 72	Weston 48
	S Cromwell 61	Litchfield 33		S Terryville 65	Cromwell 62
1968-69	LL Hillhouse 76	Wilbur Cross 71	1984-85	LL Wilbur Cross 71	Hartford Public 65
	L Fairfield Prep. 61	East Catholic 51		L Harding 47	St. Bernard 46
	M Middletown 64	St. Thomas 54		M Kolbe-Cathedral 55	St. Joseph 53
	S Cromwell 75	Lewis Mills 35		S Suffield 57	Cromwell 46
1969-70	LL Hillhouse 80	Bpt. Central 78	1985-86	LL Hillhouse 118	Brien McMahon 90
	L South Catholic 71	East Catholic 67		L Harding 54	St. Paul 51
	M South Windsor 65	Daniel Hand 58		M St. Joseph 51	Weston 50 (OT)
	S Cromwell 82	Wamogo 50		S Putnam 60	Portland 58
1970-71	LL Weaver 88	Hartford Public 86	1986-87	LL West Haven 53	Hillhouse 48
	L South Windsor 54	East Catholic 34		L Harding 69	Bristol Central 49
	M Kolbe Cathedral 77	St. Thomas Aq. 68		M St. Joseph 72	Kolbe Cathedral 64
	S Cromwell 40	Nonnewaug 39		S Tourtellotte 78	Somers 65
1971-72	LL Wilbur Cross 83	Hartford Public 77	1987-88	LL Holy Cross 70	Norwalk 65
	L East Catholic 45	Harding 42		L St. Joseph 69	Harding 66
	M N.W. Catholic 72	Kolbe Cathedral 67		M St. Paul 54	New London 52
	S Ellington 53	Cromwell 44		S Avon 64	Windsor Locks 44
1972-73	LL Wilbur Cross 65	Hartford Public 58	1988-89	LL Danbury 78	New Canaan 76
	L Harding 76	Bloomfield 63		L Bassick 76	Harding 72 (2 OT)
	M N.W. Catholic 65	Nonnewaug 49		M New London 85	North Haven 57
	S St. Thomas Aq. 57	Immaculate 49		S Coventry 58	Tolland 51
1973-74	LL Wilbur Cross 98	Trumbull 65	1989-90	LL Hillhouse 77	Wilbur Cross 71
	L South Catholic 71	Naugatuck 57		L Bristol Central 66	St. Joseph 65
	M St. Paul, Bristol 71	Daniel Hand 70		M New London 64	Kennedy 56
	S Coginchaug 49	St. Thomas Aq. 48		S Thomaston 61	Cromwell 59
1974-75	LL Bridgeport Central 70	Wilbur Cross 69	1990-91	LL Weaver 79	Danbury 76
	L New London 75	Harding 65		L Harding 75	New Milford 61
	M St. Paul, Bristol 59	Ansonia 38		M South Catholic 51	St. Thomas Aq. 41
	S St. Joseph, Trumbull 64	St. Thomas Aq. 63		S Thomaston 74	Marianapolis 60
1975-76	LL Lee, New Haven 80	Weaver 77	1991-92	LL Stamford 71	Harding 70
	L Harding 79	So. Catholic 60		L St. Joseph 85	East Catholic 67
	M Middletown 63	Ellington 38		M Morgan 63	Rocky Hill 50
	S Immaculate 72	St. Joseph 71		S Somers 82	H-K 81 (3 OT)
1976-77	LL Brien McMahon 68	Stamford 66	1992-93	LL Hartford Public 83	Danbury 68
	L South Catholic 78	Harding 76		L St. Joseph 76	Bullard-Havens 57
	M Middletown 69	Pulaski 51		M St. Thomas Aq. 63	E.O. Smith 48
	S St. Joseph 89	St. Thomas Aq. 63		S Marianapolis 68	Gilbert, Winsted 60
1977-78	LL Hillhouse 56	Weaver 55	1993-94	LL Hartford Public 70	Danbury 68
	L Harding 80	South Windsor 66		L Middletown 82	E.O. Smith 54
	M Middletown 71	St. Joseph 57		M New London 82	Sheehan 65
	S Canton 64	Cromwell 61		S Somers 74	Cromwell 49
1978-79	LL Wilbur Cross 74	N.W. Catholic 73	1994-95	LL Holy Cross 57	Windsor 49
	L South Catholic 73	Harding 63		L Ansonia 56	St. Joseph 54
	M St. Thomas Aq. 84	Masuk 71		M New London 49	Trinity Catholic 43
	S Cromwell 56	Litchfield 54		S Terryville 59	Putnam 56
1979-80	LL Wilbur Cross 59	New Canaan 56	1995-96	LL Norwalk 62	Xavier 59
	L East Haven 63	Bullard Havens 57		L St. Joseph 67	Torrington 47
	M Pomperaug 68	Notre Dame, Ffld. 65		M Trinity Catholic 69	N.W. Catholic 63
	S Cromwell 57	Coginchaug 51		S Lewis Mills 52	Portland 49
1980-81	LL Wilbur Cross 80	Holy Cross 73	1996-97	LL Fairfield Prep. 66	Norwalk 60
	L St. Bernard 64	Bristol Eastern 46		L Harding 64	St. Joseph 58
	M St. Thomas Aq. 65	Woodrow Wilson 63		M Sacred Heart 48	N.W. Catholic 46
	S Bacon Academy 75	Canton 56		S Marianapolis 63	Immaculate 47
1981-82	LL Norwalk 85	Holy Cross 76	1997-98	LL Windsor 74	Norwalk 66
	L St. Bernard 74	Crosby 55		L Crosby 81	Notre Dame, WH 72
	M St. Thomas Aq. 71	Montville 61		M N.W. Catholic 85	AI Prince 66
	S Portland 57	Coginchaug 41		S Gilbert 48	Tolland 43

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1998-99	LL Windsor 53	Weaver 44
	L Trinity Catholic 63	Holy Cross 44
	M Kolbe-Cathedral 72	New London 71 (OT)
	S Gilbert 55	Hyde, New Haven 40
1999-00	LL Bulkeley, Hartford 59	Harding 56
	L Holy Cross 74	Bassick 50
	M N.W. Catholic 80	Trinity Cath. 71 (2OT)
	S Suffield 46	Hyde 45
2000-01	LL Harding 41	NFA 38
	L St. Joseph 66	Holy Cross 48
	M Trinity Catholic 63	Kolbe Cathedral 56
	S Windsor Locks 64	East Granby 53
2001-02	LL Weaver 77	New Britain 61
	L Bloomfield 66	Berlin 41
	M N.W. Catholic 45	Trinity Catholic 43
	S Rocky Hill 65	Ellington 41
2002-03	LL Bridgeport Central 58	Notre Dame, WH 56
	L N.W. Catholic 73	Wilbur Cross 71
	M Trinity Catholic 72	Kolbe Cathedral 65
	S Hyde 66	Immaculate 64
2003-04	I Trinity Catholic 69	Crosby 67
	II Kolbe Cathedral 74	Bassick 67
	III New London 64	Holy Cross 57\
	IV Enfield 55	Griswold 45
2004-05	I Crosby 56	Trinity Catholic 54
	II New London 72	Wethersfield 68
	III Avon 55	Fairfield/Ludlowe 48
	IV Old Saybrook 69	Wamogo 49
2005-06	I Hillhouse 81	East Catholic 43
	II Torrington 55	Holy Cross 40
	III Berlin 58	Wilby 53
	IV Plainville 64	Putnam 61
2006-07	LL Hillhouse 55	East Catholic 39
	L Weaver 80	Maloney 73
	M Weston 59	Waterford 35
	S East Windsor 53	Cromwell 48
2007-08	LL Crosby 82	Trinity Catholic 79
	L Maloney 54	Lyman Hall 46
	M Stratford 63	Hartford Public 55
	S Bloomfield 78	Kolbe Cathedral 71
2008-09	LL Windsor 72	Crosby 69
	L Bulkeley 58	Torrington 57
	M Sacred Heart 65	Bloomfield 59
	S Cromwell 40	Hyde 34
2009-10	LL Bridgeport Central 78	Hillhouse 66
	L Stratford 51	New London 47
	M Sheehan 72	Bloomfield 61
	S Hyde 70	A.I. Prince 58
2010-11	LL St. Joseph 79	Fairfield Prep. 53
	L New London 63	N.W. Catholic 55
	M Trinity Catholic 57	Career 51
	S Valley Reg. 70	Classical 46
2011-12	LL St. Joseph 62	Hillhouse 54
	L Career 51	N.W. Catholic 49
	M Waterford 71	Watertown 57
	S Immaculate 67	Capital Prep. 53
2012-13	LL Hillhouse 52	Fairfield Prep. 42
	L Woodstock Academy 52	Trinity Catholic 49
	M Valley Reg. 52	Weston 45
	S Granby Memorial 83	Weaver 81 (2OT)
2013-14	LL Bpt. Central 76	Fairfield Prep. 73
	L Windsor 63	Career 59
	M East Catholic 87	Weaver 60
	S Sacred Heart 65	Valley Reg. 56