



**2020-21 Annual Report**  
**CT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONTROL**  
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The 2020-2021 school year was like no other school year in the history of this association. The Covid-19 pandemic forced the CIAC to make many accommodations in the way education-based interscholastic athletics were conducted. The year began with member schools playing in small regional pods which limited travel. There were no state tournaments in the fall. During the winter season, member schools played within their own leagues with a league tournament as the only post-season event. The spring season was played as a “normal” season with member schools playing full schedules and concluding with both league tournaments and state tournaments. All CIAC-sponsored sports except for football and wrestling were played this year.

CIAC Board of Control Priority – Because the 2020 spring sports season was cancelled due to the pandemic, the CIAC Board of Control prioritized the preservation of the 2021 spring sport season when making all decisions concerning athletics during the 20-21 school year.

One-Year Exceptions – The CIAC Board of Control granted several one-year exceptions to CIAC by-laws concerning academic eligibility, out-of-season rules, transfer rules, etc.

Sportsmanship Conference/Scholar-Athlete Banquet – The CIAC staff was able to host a virtual CIAC Sportsmanship Conference on February 10 and a virtual CIAC Scholar-Athlete Banquet which was televised on Fox-61 on May 2. Both of these events were made possible by the hard work of John Holt and the office staff.

Out-of-Season Coaching Subcommittee – The Out-of-Season Coaching Subcommittee delivered its final report to the CIAC Board of Control. The report focused on the positives and negatives of our current rules.

CIAC Summer Series – The CIAC Board of Control approved the CIAC Summer Series which would create summer camps run by the CIAC. This proposal had tremendous approval by member school administrators but, unfortunately, coaches could not commit to working at these camps during this summer.

Out-of-Season Regulation Enforcement – The CAAD Executive Board submitted a proposal seeking the creation of an investigative branch to monitor sports programs suspected of circumventing the CIAC Out-of-Season rules. The board passed the following motion: “The board directs CIAC staff to form an investigative branch to swiftly and formally investigate violations out of season coaching rules (as needed).”

Academic Eligibility Review – The CIAC Board of Control approved the creation of a committee to review CIAC academic eligibility rules and report back to the board with its findings.