

CIAC BOYS BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
September 10, 2024

Agenda

1. Introduction of New Committee Members/Review CIAC Sports Committee Guidelines
2. Approval of Minutes April 25, 2024
3. Boys Basketball Finances
4. High School Showcase Recap
5. Shot Clock Update
6. The Jiggs Cecchini Holiday Basketball Challenge Rhode Island vs Connecticut Update
7. Date for Dedication Sub-Committee Meeting-Tuesday, October 8
8. NFHS Rule Adoption Option
9. Boys Basketball Divisions 2023 D1 16, D2 27/36, D3 29/41, D4 32/41, D5 23/27
10. Boys Basketball Divisions Formula Review
 - Subcommittee Recommendations
 - ECC Proposal
11. Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting Date

CIAC Sports Committee Guidelines

I MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Sports Committee members are composed of the following:

1. CIAC Liaisons are appointed by the Executive Director for the CIAC. CIAC Liaisons are not voting members.
2. Two (2) representatives from the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD) are recommended by the CAAD Executive Director and approved by the CIAC Staff Liaison and the CIAC Executive Director. CAAD reps are voting members
3. One (1) delegate from each tournament classification as recommended by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA). Representatives from the Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) are recommended by the CHSCA Executive Director and approved by the CIAC Staff Liaison and the CIAC Executive Director. CHSCA reps are voting members.
4. Consultants are appointed by the CIAC Liaison and the CIAC Executive Director. Consultants are not voting members.
5. School administrators appointed by the CIAC Liaison and the CIAC Executive Director. School administrators are voting members.
6. One (1) official as appointed by the governing board for the respective sport. The official's rep is a voting member.
7. Committee Chairs are members of the committee as stated above and are appointed by the CIAC. Committee chairs may only vote in case of a tie.
8. The Tournament Director and Assistant Tournament Director are appointed by the CIAC and are voting members of the committee.
 - a. In sports that use officials, that committee may include a Tournament Officials Assignor. The Tournament Officials Assignor may be considered as an Assistant Tournament Director and therefore would be a voting member.

Important: Members represent their respective groups to the CIAC, not their own individual perspectives. For example, members appointed by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association should speak and vote for the CHSCA and not their own personal perspective. Therefore, it is vital that members are aware of the viewpoint of the organization that they represent and act as representatives for them even though their own personal perspective may differ from that group.

Note: Often committee members have suggestions and ideas. Ideas from committee members must fall under these guidelines and philosophy established under the power of the committee and may not be significant by-law changes without following the formal proposal process described below.

II COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

The chairperson works in conjunction with the CIAC Liaison. Together they:

1. Set the yearly meeting schedule
2. Set the agenda for each meeting
3. Guide the committee to stay within the guidelines set by the CIAC and the CIAC Board of Control
4. Assure that the responsibilities of the sports committee are carried out

Note: The CIAC Liaison holds the responsibility to control the process for vetting proposals.

III AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEES

1. All CIAC sports committees act under the auspices of the CIAC Board of Control. Sports Committees may not make substantive changes to CIAC or sports by-laws nor make decisions which would in any way alter the structure of the CIAC. It is the responsibility of the CIAC Liaison to the sports committee to regulate decision making processes and to work with the CIAC Executive Director to assure proper procedures are followed when making any changes.
2. The CIAC Board of Control has vested in each of its sports committees the responsibility to regulate its activities. Therefore, in sports such as ice hockey and soccer the respective committee has the authority to regulate and monitor the CIAC rules governing that sport and discipline schools which are in violation of their rules and regulations. All actions of a CIAC sports committee are reviewable and appealable to the CIAC Board of Control.
3. Any significant changes to tournaments or to sports by-laws must be referred to the CIAC Board of Control. The CIAC Liaison will work with the CIAC Executive Director in determining if a proposal or recommendation from a sports committee must be vetted and approved by the Board of Control.
4. Committee members should attend tournament contests and championships as representatives of the CIAC and assist as needed.
5. Gender equity shall be an important principle when establishing tournament formats.
6. All sports committees will be required to justify the number of divisions.
7. All sports committees have the latitude to promote opportunities which will enhance the overall quality of their tournament as long as such opportunities conform with the heretofore listed regulations. Such opportunities must be made part of the published tournament regulations and be consistently applied to all teams that make the tournaments. Any change in tournament structure which departs from the usual procedure of determining divisions by size of school must be approved by the CIAC Board of Control.
8. The CIAC Board of Control directs all CIAC sports committees to follow National Federation rules, if such rules exist for their particular sport. Requested modifications may be considered by the CIAC Board of Control. Compliance with National Federation rules is an extremely important objective of the CIAC. Hence, modifications will be permitted only after clear evidence that the request has been well researched and sound documentation of evidence for modifications to rules is available.
9. CIAC sports committees may recommend to the Board of Control modifications of Federation rules for a duration of one year, "trial" only.
10. The committee may alter rules for tournament entry.
11. The committee may implement rules that ensure the adherence to CIAC sportsmanship policies.
12. The committee may make recommendations to the sports awards committee
13. The committee may make recommendations to the season limitations committee
14. CIAC sport committees are requested to notify the Officials Committee regarding any changes in rules or game conditions which may affect any provision of an agreement.

IV PROPOSALS - PROCESS FOR BY-LAW CHANGES

1. The primary function of a sports committee is to consider formal proposals that would affect CIAC by-laws that come from the following groups: 1) CAAD, 2)CHSCA, 3)one of the CIAC recognized Conferences, 4) A member school principal
2. Unless there is a change initiated for the safety and welfare of student-athletes, any request for a change that affects a sport must be referred to that committee in the form of a formal written proposal.
3. After considering a proposal, the committee will decide to do one of the following:
 - a. Fully support the proposal endorsing it to become an official CIAC proposal.
 - b. Deny the proposal therefore preventing any change to the sport.

- c. Approve a review of the requested change so the CIAC can gather information so the committee can further study the impact of the changes requested.
4. The CIAC sport committee will then decide whether to make a recommendation to the CIAC board of control to implement the official CIAC proposal. The committee must consider an implementation date that allows for adequate time for notification and best serves the CIAC member schools.

Note: The CIAC continually receives requests for changes to sports rules; however, those requests for change should be considered an idea and not an official CIAC proposal. Once the idea is properly vetted by the committee it can be denied any further consideration or if overwhelmingly supported by the committee, can become an official CIAC proposal.

CIAC Basketball Committee Meeting
4/25/24
Minutes

I WELCOME - Mr. Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting which was held via zoom.

II MINUTES - The committee accepted the minutes from the 2/28/24 meeting.

III TOURNAMENT REVIEW - It was a successful tournament.

Mohegan was very supportive.

Floyd Little will be available next year. Renovations should be completed by the winter season.

The difficulty for finding semifinal sites continues.

Finding neutral sites for the girls was not a problem but there is a concern about seating capacity.

A school was fined for not using the correct game ball. They won't be allowed to host a tournament game again.

There was a problem with a trashed locker room. Gatorade was dumped all over the locker room.

Two teams did not stay on the court for the medal presentation. Both teams were fined.

Dan Scavone had a talk with Mohegan about updating the music and they did.

We need to find a way to distribute passes more efficiently.

IV FINANCES - We don't have a complete financial report at this time.

V FORMULA EXPLANATION - The boys committee reviewed the tournament formula. Vo-Ag schools will not be considered schools of choice going forward. We now have three years of data. There will be a sub committee to make a recommendation.

VI ECC PROPOSAL - To be considered as two divisions was presented to the committee. No action was taken.

**Connecticut Association of Schools
Boys Basketball Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison
July 2023 through June 2024**

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jul '23 - Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul '22 - Jun 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
552 10 · B. Basketball Income		
552 12 · B. Basketball Gate Receipts	331,246.95	304,339.97
552 14 · B. Basketball Rule Books	0.00	18.00
552 18 · B. Basketball Entry Fees	12,695.00	12,200.00
552 18a · B. Basketball - Special Events	14,220.00	20,145.00
552 10 · B. Basketball Income - Other	0.00	660.00
Total 552 10 · B. Basketball Income	<u>358,161.95</u>	<u>337,362.97</u>
Total Income	<u>358,161.95</u>	<u>337,362.97</u>
Gross Profit	<u>358,161.95</u>	<u>337,362.97</u>
Expense		
745 10 · B. Basketball Expenses		
745 12 · B. Basketball NFHS Rule Books	805.88	782.02
745 13 · B. Basketball Awards	1,389.50	1,338.50
745 16 · B. Basketball Tournament Exp		
745 16a · Site Director	13,000.00	12,525.00
745 16b · Labor	6,785.00	7,879.00
745 16g · Custodian/Mainten	0.00	200.00
745 16h · Police	6,337.68	2,374.91
745 16j · Printing/Signs	243.75	0.00
745 16k · Site Rental	17,125.00	15,930.00
745 16m · Meals	6,384.76	4,909.47
745 16n · Set Fee 1st, 2nd, 1/4 Final	36,449.00	32,195.00
745 16q · Security/Crowd	0.00	1,250.00
745 16r · Special Events/ Showcase	18,880.27	19,977.55
745 16t · Media	8,661.00	5,766.40
745 16u · Statistics	1,324.50	1,324.50
745 16x · Hospitality/Dedication	577.66	2,481.36
745 16y · Tournament Mileage	1,177.72	468.57
745 16z · Clinic Expenses	170.58	317.85
745 16 · B. Basketball Tournament Exp - Ot...	11,786.31	9,002.27
Total 745 16 · B. Basketball Tournament Exp	<u>128,903.23</u>	<u>116,601.88</u>
745 17 · B. Basketball Official	39,687.12	36,885.65
745 18 · B. Basketball Tourn Dir Fee	4,100.00	7,100.00
Total 745 10 · B. Basketball Expenses	<u>174,885.73</u>	<u>162,708.05</u>
Total Expense	<u>174,885.73</u>	<u>162,708.05</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>183,276.22</u>	<u>174,654.92</u>

Connecticut Association of Schools
Boys Basketball Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison
July 2023 through June 2024

	<u>Jul '23 - Jun 24</u>	<u>Jul '22 - Jun 23</u>
Net Income	<u>183,276.22</u>	<u>174,654.92</u>

9-10-1a NOTE (NEW), 4-10: Allows state associations to adopt a modification to the closely guarded rule if they have adopted the 35-second shot clock, allowing players to dribble the ball for more than five seconds while closely guarded and maintain that a player may not hold the ball for five or more seconds. Rationale: Permits states utilizing the 35-second shot clock to allow players to dribble without enforcing the closely guarded rule since they have a 35-second time limit to attempt a try for goal, maintaining an appropriate pace of play.

CIAC Boys Basketball Committee

Subcommittee Report

The task of the CIAC subcommittee was to evaluate the formula used for establishing divisions for the CIAC Boys Basketball State Tournament. The subcommittee makes the following recommendations to the CIAC Boys Basketball Committee:

- Point adjustments be made to the league multipliers based on tournament success over the past three years. The multiplier range should be adjusted to 0-4 rather than the current 0-3.

Current League Multipliers

League Multipliers: BL 1.0 - CCC 3.0 - CRAL 1.0 - CTC 1.0 - ECC 2.0 - FCIAC 3.0 - IND 2.0 - NCCC 1.0 - NVL 3.0 - SCC 3.0 - SL 1.0 - SWC 3.0

Adjusted League Multipliers

League Multipliers: BL 1.0 - CCC 3.0 - CRAL 1.0 - CTC 1.0 - ECC 2.0 - FCIAC 3.0 - IND 2.0 - NCCC 1.0 - NVL 3.0 - SCC 3.0 - SL 1.0 - SWC 3.0

- Reduce the number of schools in Division One to 16.(Division One has been either 20 or 24.)
- Once divisions are established, allow schools to opt up to Division One. Once schools have opted up to Division One, allow any school that is not a school of choice to opt down to Division Two. Fill Division One bracket back to 16 using the schools of choice with the next highest point totals.

Proposal to CIAC Boys Basketball Committee

Submitted by the Eastern Connecticut Conference

The Eastern Connecticut Conference is requesting that the CIAC Boys' Basketball Committee look at our conference as two leagues within one when adding the league multiplier for state tournament classification. Currently, the CIAC formula uses a multiplier (x2) for all 19 Eastern Connecticut Conference schools. We feel this is not equitable, nor fair, for all of our league member schools. We break our league into four divisions and we also hold two postseason tournaments due to the disparity of size and competitiveness within our league. There is a huge gap between our Division 1 and Division 2 schools when comparing them to our Division 3 and Division 4 schools. They should not be weighted in the same manner by our state association when classifying schools for post season play.

Our request is that schools that compete in Division 1 and Division 2 of the ECC will fall under the multiplier (x2) currently utilized by the CIAC basketball committee for state tournament alignment. However, we ask that schools that compete in Division 3 and Division 4 of the ECC fall under the multiplier (x1) that is more appropriate for these schools. We feel this will go a long way into placing our league member schools into the appropriate classification for post season play at the state level.

In the 2023-24 state tournament, our Division 3 and Division 4 member schools have played against schools twice or even three times larger in school enrollment and regular season schedules that do not compare in competitiveness. A simple change in how our league is calculated at the state level will prove dividends for all involved. If our Division 3 and Division 4 schools were all in the (x1) multiplier, they would have been classified differently this year and their opponents in the state tournament would have been more appropriate for their level of play.

Each year, the ECC re-aligns based on enrollment, strength of program, returning student-athletes within that program and other variables to form competitive schedules and fair divisions for our league member schools. To ensure appropriate timing, the CIAC boys' basketball committee will have our league alignment well in advance for classification purposes. Our ECC alignment for the 2024-25 boys basketball season is completed. Our suggestion when putting your state classifications together for 2024-25 based on our alignment:

Division 1 and Division 2 (CIAC x2 multiplier): St. Bernard, NFA, Fitch, New London, East Lyme, Waterford, Windham, Woodstock Academy, Killingly.

Division 3 and Division 4 (CIAC x1 multiplier): Ledyard, Montville, Griswold, Stonington, Plainfield, Tourtellotte, Putnam, Wheeler, Bacon Academy, Lyman Memorial

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Buonocore
Eastern Connecticut Conference Boys Basketball Chair
Ledyard High School Athletic Director and Assistant Principal

Al Carbone
Chief Advisory Officer
Eastern Connecticut Conference