

CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 9, 2024

Agenda

1. Review and Approval of the September 11, 2024 Committee Minutes
2. Dedication Sub-Committee Recommendations
 - Tournament Dedication – Unified Sports/Bob Hale
 - Merit Award – Boys Coach – Reggie Tucker
 - Merit Award – Girls Coach – Bob McMahon
 - Merit Award – Officials –
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 - Special Merit Award – Chris Lindwall
 - Special Merit Award – Heidi Schmidt
 - Special Merit Award – Elaine Piazza
3. Review of Divisions for the 2024-25 Season
4. Review and Updating of the 2024-25 Packet
5. Future Agenda Items
 - Creation of Committee to Discuss Possible Use of BBB Point System

CIAC Girls Basketball Committee

Minutes

9/11/24

- 1) WELCOME - Mr. Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting which was held via zoom. Introductions were made for all members of the committee.
- 2) The committee held a moment of silence for Tom Murray.
- 3) CIAC SPORT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES - The committee reviewed the CIAC Sport Committee Guidelines which were distributed to everyone.
- 4) MINUTES - The committee approved the minutes of the April 25, 2024 meeting.
- 5) FINANCES - Mr. Simon distributed the financial balance sheet and reviewed it with the committee. We are going to have to keep an eye on the expenses and revenue from Mohegan Sun.
- 6) SHOT CLOCK - Mr. Scavone talked about the success of using the shot clock last year. Overall it was good. We need to re-educate clock operators and new shot clock operators. Several clinics have been set up. Discussion occurred on the closely guarded rule.
- 7) SHOWCASE RECAP - Chris Lindwall reported 34 Teams competed at Staples HS on the 14th and 15 of June. We need to look at a more centralized location to get more teams included.
- 8) Jiggs Checchini Holiday Basketball Classic - Mohegan could not accommodate our schedule this year.
- 9) DEDICATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING - Is Tuesday, Oct 8, 2024
- 10) DIVISIONS - Mr. Simon reviewed the number of schools who were in each division and how many of those qualified for the tournament last year. The committee discussed the structure of divisions for the girls' tournament.

Girls Basketball Divisions
2024-25

LL Division (666 Over – 34)

Bridgeport Central	826
Bridgeport – Harding	731
Danbury	1766
Darien	702
East Hartford	967
Enfield	733
Fairfield Ludlowe	817
Fairfield Warde	667
Glastonbury	889
Greenwich	1252
Hamden	917
Hamden-Sacred Heart**	316
Manchester	885
Meriden – Maloney	673
Middletown – Mercy**	384
New Britain	1179
New Haven – Cross	823
New London**	389
Newington	671
Norwalk	906
Norwalk – McMahon	901
Norwich Free Ac.	1084
Ridgefield	710
South Windsor	673
Southington	977
Stamford	1160
Stamford – Westhill	1185
Trumbull	1113
Trumbull – St. Joseph**	438
Waterbury-Holy Cross**	247
Waterbury – Kennedy	740
W. Hartford – Conard	713
West Haven	885
Westport – Staples	797

L Division (491-665 – 34)

Bethel	531
Bridgeport – Bassick	632
Bristol Central	595
Bristol Eastern	586
Bristol – St. Paul**	211
Cheshire	607
Fairfield- Notre Dame**	267
Farmington	631
Groton – Fitch	633
Guilford	495
Meriden – Platt	591
Middletown	630
Monroe – Masuk	527
Naugatuck	601
New Canaan	611
New Haven – Hillhouse	499
New Milford	574
Newtown	638
Shelton	661
Simsbury	632
Southbury – Pomperaug	492
Storrs – E.O. Smith	586
Stratford	573
Stratford – Bunnell	548
Vernon- Rockville	512
Wallingford – Lyman	505
Waterbury – Crosby	665
Waterbury – Wilby	642
W. Hartford – Hall	663
W. Hartford-NW Cath.**	195
Wethersfield	562
Wilton	642
Windsor	561
Woodbridge – Amity	653

MM Division (337-490 – 34)

Avon	490
Berlin	413
Branford	373
Bridgeport-Bullard Haven	416
Bridgeport-Kolbe**	168
Brookfield	431
Bulkeley/University *	351
East Haven	478
East Lyme	468
Ellington	371
Hartford Public	366
Hartford – AI Prince	354
Hartford – Weaver	390
Hebron – RHAM	378
Killingly	406
Ledyard	414
Madison – Daniel Hand	365
Manchester-E. Catholic**	222
Milford – Foran	350
Milford – Law	422
New Fairfield	338
New Haven – Amistad	352
New Haven – Career	374
North Haven	459
Redding – Joel Barlow	373
Rocky Hill	377
Suffield	378
Tolland	363
Torrington	468
Wallingford – Sheehan	362
Waterbury Career	460
Waterford	373
Woodbury–Nonnewaug	349
Woodstock Academy	470

*Cooperative team

***Success in tournament*

Girls Basketball Divisions
2023-24

M Division (239-336 – 35)

Ansonia	307
Ansonia – O’Brien	292
Beacon Falls-Woodland	312
Burlington-Lewis Mills	277
Colchester- Bacon Ac	305
Cromwell	244
Danbury – Abbott Tech	275
Danbury – Immaculate**	210
East Hampton	285
E.Windsor/Bloomfield	*336
Enfield – Comp Sci	242
Granby Memorial	287
Griswold	275
Hamden-Eli Whitney	283
Hartford – HMTCA	271
Higganum – HK	242
International/AAE*	294
Litchfield – Lakeview	327
Meriden – Wilcox Tech	310
Milford – Platt Tech	264
Montville	256
New Britain – Goodwin	254
Norwich Tech.	257
Oxford	266
Plainfield	287
Plainville	336
Seymour	282
Stonington	297
Waterbury – Kaynor	333
Watertown	332
Weston	332
Windham	305
Windham Tech.**	173
Winsted – N.W. Reg.	286
Wolcott	321

S Division (Up to 238 – 40)

Bolton	96
Canton	229
Chaplin – Parish Hill	62
Clinton – Morgan	236
Coventry	209
Derby	188
Durham-Coginchaug	208
East Granby	124
E. Haddam- Hale Ray	128
Falls Village-Housatonic	159
Groton – Grasso Tech.	235
Hartford – Achievement	141
Hartford – Capital	65
Hartford – Classical	179
Hartford – SMSA	100
Killingly – Ellis Tech	193
Lebanon-Lyman Mem	170
Manchester – Cheney	126
Milford – Luralton	238
Middletown – Vinal	147
New Britain-Innovation	177
North Branford	205
N. Stonington – Wheeler	101
Old Lyme	205
Old Saybrook	176
Portland	134
Putnam	128
Somers	194
Sprague – Ac Holy Fam	38
Stafford	178
Stamford – Wright	191
Terryville	169
Thomaston	90
Thompson-Tourtellotte	107
Torrington-Wolcott Tech	222
Uncasville-St. Bernard	115
Washington-Shepaug	188
Westbrook	91
Windsor Locks	199
Winsted – Gilbert	131

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51st ANNUAL 2024-25 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL REGULATIONS

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THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION IS ARRANGED IN TWELVE (12) SECTIONS.

- 1.0 Divisions
- 2.0 Sites / Dates / Times
- 3.0 Entry Procedures
- 4.0 Expenses / Tickets
- 5.0 Forfeits
- 6.0 Officials
- 7.0 Protests
- 8.0 Qualifying
- 9.0 Ranking / Seeding
- 10.0 Supervision / Sportsmanship
- 11.0 Tournament Rules / Procedures

- Appendix A – Schedule Form
- Appendix B – Home Site Form
- Appendix C – Site Form
- Appendix D – Officials Form
- Appendix E – Entry Form
- Appendix F – Site Director Memorandum
- Appendix G – Sportsmanship Statement
- Appendix H – Certifications/Coaching Certifications
- Appendix I – Girls Basketball Archives

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2024-25 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

ALERT PAGE

- **(NEW) – Closely Guarded Rule** – 9-10-1a NOTE, 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.
- **(NEW) – Uniform Rule** –
 - (1) All team members must wear jerseys of the same, single, solid color.
 - (2) The torso color of the home team’s jersey must be white and the torso of the visiting team’s jersey must be a contrasting dark color (exceptions are made, with notice to the respective assignment commissioners for holidays, remembrances, cancer awareness week, etc.)
 - (3) The jersey numbers cannot be the same color as the jersey.
 - (4) Team rosters cannot have both 0 and 00.
- **Coach Disqualification Rule** – All coaches who are disqualified at any level will be suspended for the next two games (see page 104 in the CIAC Handbook), take two NFHS coaching courses (“Teaching and Modeling Behavior” and “Sportsmanship”) and the school will pay a \$50 fine. In addition to the two-game suspension and fine, the CIAC reserves the right to review any incident that results in a coach’s disqualification and may assess additional game suspensions up to and including a one-year ban. The fine and proof of taking the coaching courses must be submitted to the CIAC office before the coach can resume his coaching responsibilities.
- **Player Technical Foul** – Beginning with the 2023-24 basketball season, a player that receives a technical foul will be directed to leave the game. The administration of this CIAC policy will be modeled after NFHS rule 3-3-4, which states in part that “...a player directed to leave the game shall not re-enter before the next opportunity to substitute after the clock has started properly following the player’s replacement.” In other words, a player that receives a technical foul must leave the game and cannot return until time has run off the clock. A coach will have the normal 15 seconds to replace the player who received the technical foul.

A few situations to consider:

- After a player is directed to leave the game for receiving a technical foul, a timeout does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
 - If a player receives a technical foul during the dead ball period prior to or during the administration of free throws, the free throws do not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
 - If a player receives a technical after the expiration of time to end a quarter, half, or extra period, the dead ball period between the **end** of the quarter, half, or extra period and the **beginning** of the next quarter, half, or extra period does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The player may not start the next quarter or extra period because the clock must start before the player can return.
 - If a player receives a technical foul prior to or during the dead ball period that an injured player is being attended to, the time it takes for the injured player to be safely moved from the playing court does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
- **35 Second Shot Clock** – BEGINNING WITH THE 2023-24 SEASON, THE USE OF A 35 SECOND SHOT CLOCK IN GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL IS ONLY MANDATORY AT THE VARSITY LEVEL AND IS OPTIONAL AT THE JV AND FRESHMAN LEVELS. AN ADULT MUST RUN THE SHOT CLOCK AT THE VARSITY LEVEL BUT IT IS NOT MANDATORY FOR AN ADULT TO RUN THE SHOT CLOCK AT THE JV AND FRESHMAN LEVELS.

- **Site for Girls Basketball Finals** - The finals will be held at the Mohegan Sun Arena on Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16, 2025. The schedule of games will be announced.
- **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.**
- **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.**
- **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 the tournament.

The CIAC Board of Control approved a recommendation from a Board sub-committee to change how the basketball committee was placing schools of choice 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 CIAC Girls Basketball Committee will be using “success in tournament” for seeding purposes. 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. The committee will have pre-determined the number of schools in each division.
2. The “success in tournament” factor will then be applied to all schools of choice . Schools of choice will be given points for success in each round of the tournament from the previous three years beginning with the quarter-finals.
 - o A team reaching the quarter-finals receives 1 point.
 - o A team reaching the semi-finals receives 2.5 points.
 - o A team reaching the championship game receives 4.5 points
 - o A team winning a state championship receives 7 points.

These points will be added together and applied to the scale below for division movement.

2.5 points – 4.5 points – one division
 5 points – 8 points – two divisions
 8.5 points or more – three divisions
 There is no four division movement.

3. After all moves are made the committee will re-balance the divisions to conform to the pre-determined number of schools in each division.

4. Every year the sport committee will follow the same process as outlined, reviewing data for the past three years and moving schools as appropriate.
 5. 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.
- **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 any interscholastic competition. All sports teams and individual athletes must have a minimum of ten (10) physical/exertional practice days with their school before the date of the first scheduled competition. No team/athlete shall practice/compete with their school more than six (6) consecutive days to provide a day of rest. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays may be used unless prohibited by local board policy. Sunday practices may be counted to fulfill the 10 day requirement.
 - **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 on the day of the game as soon as possible following the game’s completion.
 - **Changes in game starting times** – Both athletic directors must be in agreement with approval of tournament director.
 - **Students with Special Needs** – Coaches are reminded to inform contest officials prior to each competition of any students with special needs 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

2024-25 NATIONAL FEDERATION BASKETBALL RULE CHANGES

- 1-19** Limits the use of electronic devices used during a game for the purpose of recording and tracking stats, reviewing or diagramming plays, or other similar contest related functions.
- 2-11-11** Requires the non-official scorer(s) to compare records with the official scorer when multiple scorers are present, allowing the official scorer to remain focused on game activity.
- 2-12-6 (New), 3-3-7, 3-3-7 Note 1** – Allows 20 seconds for a player to address any minor blood on the body or uniform without leaving the game. If the blood cannot be appropriately covered/cleaned within 20 seconds, the head coach may take a time-out to address the issue or substitute for the player.
- 3-3-6** Requires a player who has been injured to be removed from the game if the coach is beckoned by the official, whether the coach enters the playing area or not, or if bench personnel (i.e., a coach or athletic trainer) enters the court without being beckoned. The coach may still use a time-out to continue assessment of the injury and keep the injured player in the game.
- 3-4-4a (New)** Allows the use of a school logo/mascot image to be centered directly above the uniform number in place of an identifying name, removing the restriction of allowing only lettering on the front of the jersey.
- 4-6-1 Exception (New)** – Creates an exception to basket interference by allowing a player(s) to touch only the net while the ball is on or within the basket provided that the contact did not affect the ball, allowing play to continue unless the contact of the net affects the try for goal.
- 4-10 Exception (New), 9-10-1a Note (New), State Association Adoptions** – 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.
- 4-47-5 (New), 10-2-1g (New), 10-4-5b** – Changes the penalty for failing to immediately pass the ball to the nearer official when a whistle sounds from a player technical to a warning for delay for the first violation and a team technical for any subsequent offense, lessening the severity of the penalty while addressing the behavior.
- 4-49 (New), 6-4-4g, 10-2-1h (New), 10-4-6f** – Changes the penalty for faking being fouled from a player technical to a warning for the first violation and a team technical for any subsequent offense and adds a definition and examples, lessening the severity of the penalty while addressing the behavior.
- 7-1-1** Establishes that a player is out of bounds if contact by a teammate or other bench personnel outside the boundary line provides an advantage, allowing the player to remain in bounds.
- 10-1-1 Penalty, 10-1-2 Penalty, 10-2-7 Penalty (New), 10-5-1 Penalty (New)** – Establishes that all administrative team and bench technical fouls that occur during pregame offset – no free throws are awarded – and the game will start with a jump ball and the head coach does not lose the privilege of the coaching box.
- 10-2-7 (New), 10-5-1i** – Changes the penalty for dunking or attempting to dunk or stuff a dead ball from a bench technical to a team technical. The penalty remains two free throws plus the ball for a division-line throw-in and a foul is added to the offending team's team count, but the coach no longer loses the coaching box to start the game and no personal foul is awarded.

2024-25 Basketball Major Editorial Changes

- 2-2-4 Note** Clarifies that scoring, time and bookkeeping errors are not reviewable after game officials' jurisdiction has ended, while state associations may intercede on a case-by-case basis for unusual incidents outside of these areas.
- 3-4-2a** Allows one visible manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference to be placed anywhere on the team jersey provided it does not interfere with the visibility of the uniform number and meets all size specifications.
- 4-12-2 Note (New), 9-7-1 Note (New), 9-9-3 Note (New)** – Clarifies that team control during a throw-in only applies to fouls committed by the offense and the three second and backcourt violations are not in effect. Additionally, this clarifies that team control, as a result of a throw-in, remains in that team's control until player control, by either team, is established.
- 9-2-10 Note 2 (New)** – Supports language in the NFHS Basketball Case Book asserting that officials should ignore an intentional throw-in plane violation or a player interfering with the ball following a goal when the clock is running and there are five or less seconds left on the game clock.
- 9-2 Penalties 1** – Clarifies that after a warning is issued during an alternating possession throw-in, the throw-in remains an alternating possession throw-in.
- Official NFHS Basketball Signals** – Creates a new signal No. 15 "Flopping" to communicate the new warning for faking being fouled and establishes that signal No. 21 "Delayed Violation: Withheld Whistle" shall be used to signal when a player steps out of bounds on their own volition. Signal No. 25 "Backcourt and First to Touch from Out of Bounds Violation" shall be used to signal the violation once the player is the first to touch the ball after returning to the court.
- Reminder:** The 2019-20 rule change to eliminate the option to have the uniform number the same color as the jersey when bordered with a contrasting color goes into effect for the 2024-25 school year.

2024-25 Basketball Editorial Changes

1-13-2, 2-10-6, 3-3-1c Note, 3-5-1 Note, 3-5-7, 7-3-2, 7-6-6, 8-5-3, 9-1 Penalties 1c, 9-2 Penalty, 10-2-1d, 10-4-3, 10-4-6h, 10-5-3

2024-25 Points of Emphasis

1. Warning for Delay
2. Faking Being Fouled
3. Proper Procedures for Handling Blood

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1.0 **CLASSES**

- 1.1 Only institutional members of the CIAC are invited to participate in the girls' basketball tournament. The 2024-25 tournament will be formatted to include five (5) classes. Placement of schools has been based on the October 1, 2023 girl enrollment in grades 9-12. Classes are determined using enrollment figures and "success in tournament".

Tournament divisions are available on the girls basketball page at ciacsports.com

LL – ___ L – ___ MM – ___ M – ___ S - ___

2.0 **DATES / SITES / TIME OF GAMES**

- 2.1 Member schools may start practice on, but not before, Monday, December 2, 2024.
- 2.2 Member schools may play the first game on, but not before, Friday, December 13, 2024.
- 2.3 The last date for games to count for the 2024-25 Girls Basketball Tournament will be Tuesday, February 25, 2025.
- 2.4 **Scheduled Playing Dates for the 2024-25 Girls Basketball Tournament**

Qualifying Round	February 27 @ Higher ranked team site
First Round	L, M – March 1 / LL, MM, S – March 3
Second Round	L, M – March 4 / LL, MM, S – March 5
Quarter-finals	L, M – March 6 / LL, MM, S – March 7
Semi-finals	L, M – March 10 / LL, MM, S – March 11
Finals	March 15 & 16 – Mohegan Sun Arena – Times TBA

- 2.5 **Game Times** -- First and second round single games will be played at 6:30 p.m.
Quarter-final and semi-final 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.
- 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 including Sunday.
- 2.7 All qualifying, first round, second round and quarter-final games will be played at the site of the higher seeded team, provided the court and seating meets CIAC standards. ***If the site is not available, the tournament director may select a new site or date. (See Appendix C) The CIAC reserves the right to move any game to a neutral larger site for safety reasons and to allow more spectators to see the game.***
- 2.8 All state semi-final games will be played at sites determined by the Tournament Director.
- 2.9 Once a site for a game is announced, neither of the competing teams may practice at that site.
- 2.10 Girls basketball tournament press conference is on Thursday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. at a Site TBD.

1.0 ENTRY PROCEDURE

- 3.1 **Schedule / Game Results** – 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 via the password-protected online eligibility center. Games not included on the schedule form will not count for tournament qualification. **NO NEW GAMES CAN BE SCHEDULED AFTER DECEMBER 13, 2025.**

All regular season game results must be entered online on the day of the game as soon as possible following the game's completion.

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 provided by the school's athletic director.

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- 3.2 **Site Availability Form** – Due Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – Must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center.
- 3.3 **Tournament Roster Form** – Due Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – Can be submitted on the Eligibility Center or the "Submit Scores/Forms" option under the CIAC for Coaches menu at ciacsports.com. **Each school will be allowed no more than 15 girls in uniform.**
- 3.4 **Entry Fee** – There is a \$100 entry fee for girls 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 girls basketball options in the password-protected online eligibility center.

- 3.5 **Final Scores** – Regardless of regular season postponed games, the date of Tuesday, February 25, 2025 **MUST BE THE FINAL DAY TO COUNT FOR THE TOURNAMENT.** All games must be completed, and scores submitted online the day of the game as soon as possible following the game's completion.

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 up to \$375 for M & S schools and up to \$425 for LL, L & MM schools per game to help defray the cost of hosting a game. Please itemize the costs. 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 Girls Basketball Committee will pay all game expenses directly associated with the staging of the state semi-finals and state final tournament games.

4.4 Ticket prices for the 2024-25 tournament are as follows (subject to change based upon the venue)

Children Five (5) and Under	Free
Military in uniform or with I.D.	Free
Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)	\$5.00
Students (grades 1-12)	\$5.00
Adults (All others not in the above categories)	\$10.00
FINALS – ALL TICKETS (Per Session)	\$10.00

ALL TICKET SALES FOR CIAC TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL BE SOLD AND REDEEMED VIA DIGITAL TICKETING.

Passes – During the 2024-25 tournament the following passes will be honored at **qualifying through semi-final games** where an admission is charged. **CIAC pass will NOT be honored at MOHEGAN SUN.**

- a. Principal (or designee) of participating schools with CAS membership card.
- b. Press Card
- c. CT Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD) membership card
- d. CIAC girls basketball pass (head girls varsity basketball coach **ONLY** must email jsylvester@casciac.org (For use up to semi-finals)
- e. CIAC girls basketball officials' membership card
- f. No other complimentary admission will be permitted.

Championship games at Mohegan Sun – CIAC head girls varsity basketball coach only must show ID at the ticket window to receive a ticket.

4.5 Pre-sale tickets for the finals will be sold online through the Mohegan Sun Arena Box Office.

4.6 There are no pass lists for tournament games. Once ticket sales for events are uploaded and active, each school's Athletic Director will receive ten (10) complimentary tickets from GOFAN.

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.

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.

6.0 OFFICIALS

- 6.1 **The game officials for all of the tournament games will be assigned by the CIAC. Officials will be paid directly by the CIAC office.**
- 6.2 Site directors should meet and greet officials and escort them to their private locker rooms and escort them to their cars when they are ready to leave.
- 6.3 **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.**

The official timer should sit between the shot clock operator and the official scorebook.

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.
- 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 30%* of its approved scheduled games played. Only the first two games played with any single opponent will be included in the twelve (12) games.
- 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 with non-member Connecticut secondary schools shall not be considered in the seeding of teams.

9.0 RANKING / SEEDING

- 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 seeding over a 9-9 team.
- 2) **Power Rating** – Each school is assigned a power rating based on the records of the school(s) that they beat. Schools receive one point in their power rating for each win each of the opponents they have defeated has during the season. The total number of wins of all the opponents you defeat will be your power rating.

For example, if Team A wins 10 games during the season and those 10 opponents have 13, 12, 11, 10, 10, 7, 7, 7, 6 and 4 wins, Team A's power rating would be 87. The team with the higher power rating will secure the higher seeding.

Notes:

1. If a school defeats a team twice, it will receive the number of wins that opponent has twice in its power rating.
2. The number of power rating points a CIAC member school will receive for defeating an out-of-state school, who is a member of their state association, is 10. In order to make the seedings on the web site not appear skewed early in the season due to our new policy of giving 10 wins for power points purposes to all out-of-state teams, the seeding pages on the site show the following in the power points total:
 - Two points for an out-of-state opponent beaten if viewing in December
 - Five points for an out-of-state opponent beaten if viewing in January
 - The full ten points for an out-of-state opponent beaten if viewing in February or March.
3. **By-lot Tiebreaker Number** – If a tie remains, the team securing the higher seeding 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 seeding.

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		2 vs 3	
3 vs 30				
14 vs 19	3 vs 14			
6 vs 27		3 vs 6		
11 vs 22	6 vs 11			

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

If 33 teams	If 34 teams	If 35 teams	If 36 teams
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

9.4 A TEAM MAINTAINS ITS INITIAL PERCENTAGE SEEDING THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.

9.5 **Seeding and Pairing Information** – Will be released on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 via the CIAC web site – www.ciacsports.com -- no later than 2:00 p.m.

9.6 **League Playoffs** – League playoff games shall not be counted for tournament qualification or rating.

9.7 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.

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 and vaping 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 **Bench and Field Conduct**

Personnel – A maximum of 20 personnel, including up to 15 players, coaches, managers, statisticians, medical personnel, etc. will be permitted free onto the site. Only players, coaches, managers, trainers, and statisticians will be permitted on the bench area.

Conduct – The above identified personnel shall not be outside the vicinity of the designated bench area. The coaches box must be marked as required by the rules.

10.6 **Conduct and Good Sportsmanship** – For the most part, we have been exceedingly proud of our high school students and their following of adult fans. We especially request that all school personnel – administrators, faculty, and coaches – give definite emphasis to the subject of good sportsmanship so that your students will conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect nothing but credit upon your school and its fine team. Any unseemly or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of students or adults is a direct reflection on the school. Please remember that you are the guests of the site school, and as guests you may want to be invited back next year.

The administrators representing the competing schools will be introduced with their teams and shake hands PRIOR to the start of the game.

10.7 **Player Technical Foul** – Beginning with the 2023-24 basketball season, a player that receives a technical foul will be directed to leave the game. The administration of this CIAC policy will be modeled after NFHS rule 3-3-4, which states in part that “...a player directed to leave the game shall not re-enter before the next opportunity to substitute after the clock has started properly following the player’s replacement.” In other words, a player that receives a technical foul must leave the game and cannot return until time has run off the clock. A coach will have the normal 15 seconds to replace the player who received the technical foul.

A few situations to consider:

- After a player is directed to leave the game for receiving a technical foul, a timeout does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
- If a player receives a technical foul during the dead ball period prior to or during the administration of free throws, the free throws do not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.
- If a player receives a technical after the expiration of time to end a quarter, half, or extra period, the dead ball period between the **end** of the quarter, half, or extra period and the **beginning** of the next quarter, half, or extra period does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The player may not start the next quarter or extra period because the clock must start before the player can return.
- If a player receives a technical foul prior to or during the dead ball period that an injured player is being attended to, the time it takes for the injured player to be safely moved from the playing court does not nullify the penalty of “sitting a tick” for the player. The clock must start before the player can return.

10.8 **Sportsmanship** – Member schools are expected to conduct their relations with each other at all levels of competition in the spirit of good sportsmanship. The school administration is responsible for the athletic program, including the policies and procedures relating to sportsmanship and the conduct of activities in the school. The CIAC “Class Act” standards will be used in all CIAC contests. The CIAC Standards for Sportsmanship as defined in the Class Act program are found at http://ciacsports.com/site/?page_id=10438.

11.0 **TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES**

- 11.1 **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 seeded team will wear the white 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 TF1000 Legacy size 28.5 game ball in good condition. No other ball other than a Spalding TF1000 Legacy 28.5 may be used.
- 11.4 **Bands** – Bands, dance teams and similar organizations may perform at the semi-finals and finals with prior permission from the tournament director.
- 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 NOT BE ALLOWED OVER 20 cheerleaders in uniform.
- 11.6 **Crowd Control** – The CIAC Regulations for Insuring Maximum Crowd Control apply to the Girls Basketball Tournament.
- 11.7 **Late Entry / Inaccurate Information 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.
- 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. Food, candy and beverages may be sold by the site schools.
- 11.11 **Movies, Video Tape** – No commercial use of these tapes or films is permitted. 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 decided according to the schedule. We hope to provide a 12-15 minute half-time.
- 11.13 **Start Time** – Teams may request an earlier start time. However, such request should be made through the Tournament Director no later than Noon the day before the scheduled game. If agreed upon, both schools must accept in Arbiter the change so all officials can be notified of the time change.

11.14 **Awards Ceremony** – IMMEDIATELY upon the conclusion of all FINALS games, the participating teams will line up in front of the scorer's table and shake hands.

- As each player/coach/manager completes the handshakes, please proceed directly to your team bench.
- As soon as the teams are back to their bench, the awards ceremony will begin with the presentation of medals to the players and coaches of the runner-up team.
- **When your name is announced, please come forward to receive your medal from a member of the CIAC Basketball Committee.**
- This will be followed with the presentation of the team plaque to the head coach and captains of the runner-up team.
- The runner-up team shall remain on their bench as the winning team is presented individual medals and the championship plaque following the same procedure.
- Once the awards ceremony concludes, teams will vacate the floor so that teams scheduled to play in the next game may enter the court area to begin warming up.
- CIAC staff members will direct team personnel and members of the media to a designated area where interviews may be conducted.
- Each team must be supervised in their assigned locker room by school administrator(s), team coaches, and/or other responsible school personnel before and after their game. This supervision must continue until all team personnel have exited the facility.

APPENDIX A
2024-25 GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Girls basketball schedule due at CIAC office via the password-protected online eligibility center.

- a. ONLY THE FIRST TWO (2) GAMES AGAINST THE SAME VARSITY OPPONENT WILL BE COUNTED TOWARD TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION.
 - b. GAMES NOT LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE FORM WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION.
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APPENDIX B
**CRITERIA TO BE USED FOR SELECTION OF SITES FOR
QUALIFYING, FIRST ROUND, SECOND ROUND AND QUARTER-FINAL GAMES**

2024-25 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Home Sites – Qualifications

The home site qualification form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by January 14, 2025.

NOTE: All qualifying, first round, second round and quarter-final games will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team unless the site is not approved by the Basketball Committee when evaluated against established criteria. A flat fee of \$425 for LL, L and MM games and \$375 for M and S games will be paid by the CIAC to those schools who conduct home site games.

CIAC will pay the officials and site directors. All other costs are paid for by the school.

Girls basketball quarter-final site should meet the following:

- Seating capacity per division
Class S – 500 Class M – 600 Class MM – 700 Class L – 800 Class LL – 950
 - Tournament Director reserves the right to select a site based on previous experience with schools involved throughout the tournament.
 - Schools have the opportunity to find a neutral school in their area if their site does not meet the criteria.
 - Play at their opponent’s site if their capacity meets CIAC standards.
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APPENDIX C
2024-25 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME SITES

Please submit via the password-protected online eligibility center by Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

In order to facilitate planning for the 2024-25 CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament, please answer as to the availability of your school as a site. We would appreciate hearing from every school.

Scorer and timer must be qualified adults. Basketball officials and site directors will be paid by the CIAC at the conclusion of the tournament.

The 2024-25 CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament Director is Matt Martorelli –
Office (860) 673-2514 / Cell (860) 335-7846 / Email – martorellim@fpsct.org

APPENDIX D

SELECTION OF 2024-25 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

1. A master list of the most qualified varsity officials in Connecticut is established. Based upon the number of schools participating in the sport of basketball, the Assistant Tournament Director will determine the total number of officials making up this master list which must be sufficient to accommodate the number of games scheduled for any one night.
2. 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 participating in basketball and the total number of officials making up the master list.
3. Each of the six (6) IAABO boards will communicate to the CIAC online its master list of tournament officials prior to February 7, 2025.
4. The master list of tournament officials is prepared and presented to head coaches on the CIAC website by February 12, 2025.
5. Between February 13, 2025, and February 21, 2025, each CIAC school shall review the master list of eligible /qualified officials and – identify up to ten (10) officials they prefer from the combined lists to officiate the CIAC tournament and up to two (2) officials they do not want to be assigned from the combined lists to their tournament game(s).
6. “Crews” of 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 comes from **different board representation**. If both competing teams are from the **same board**, officials from that board **may be assigned**. The Assistant Tournament Director retains the authority to assign from any board in the event of extenuating circumstances.
7. In accordance with action taken by the girls basketball committee, three (3) officials will be assigned to the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of all girls basketball games. **At the discretion of the assistant tournament director, three person officiating crews may be used at any point in the tournament.**
8. Semi-final victors will be allowed **one additional scratch of an official** from the tournament list of officials.

APPENDIX E

2024-25 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

(Limited to members of the Conference)

1. The tournament roster must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center not later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Entry fee of \$100 must be mailed to the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410 – please indicate on check that it is for girls basketball.
2. Report all games won or lost with member schools, out-of-state schools or American School for the Deaf online on the day of the game as soon as possible following the game’s completion. Date of last game to count is Tuesday, February 25, 2025. 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 provided by the school’s athletic director.
3. **Each school will be allowed up to fifteen (15) girls in uniform.** There cannot be any alternates or substitutes to the original roster of fifteen submitted. Schools must submit, PROPERLY ATTESTED BY THE PRINCIPAL, THEIR ENTIRE SEASON’S RECORD OF GAMES with CIAC member schools, the American School for the Deaf, and CIAC-approved out-of-state schools. This record shall include a roster of girls (**not over fifteen in number**) properly certified as to eligibility by the Principal. The physical fitness of those eligible shall be certified by a school medical official.
4. Only varsity games played with CIAC members, American School for the Deaf or CIAC approved out-of-state schools will be considered.
5. All teams will be required to have two (2) sets of numbered jerseys (alternate colors).

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

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2024-25 CIAC GIRLS 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. In most cases it will not be necessary to employ as many people as for a boy's game. Site directors will have to use their best judgment depending on anticipated attendance. Only adults should be assigned to the position 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. 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.

Telephone or Text 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 therefore we must know as soon as possible the results of all games – which team won, and the score. We are asking each site director to telephone or text the results of each game immediately at the conclusion of the contest.

Tournament Director Matt Martorelli / Cell – (860) 335-7846.

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.
3. Sportsmanship statement to be read by the **captain** of both the home team and visiting team.

Supervision of Locker Rooms – Provide for supervision in each team's locker room before, during and after the game to prevent injury, 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.

Bands / Cheerleaders – Not more than twenty (20) cheerleaders of participating schools, properly supervised, will be admitted free to tournament games in which their schools participate. **Bands, dance teams and similar organizations may perform at the semi-finals and finals with prior permission from the tournament director.**

Noisemakers Forbidden – Confetti, balloons, signs and streamers are NOT ALLOWED at tournament games. Bugles, horns, drums, whistles, or other noisemakers ARE NOT PERMITTED. ANYONE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ANNOYANCE MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE GAME.

Conduct and Good Sportsmanship – For the most part, we have been exceedingly proud of our high school students and their following of adult fans. We especially request that all school personnel – administrators, faculty, and coaches – give definite emphasis to the subject of good sportsmanship so that your students will conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect nothing but credit upon your school and its fine team. Any unseemly or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of students or adults is a direct reflection on the school. Please remember that you are the guests of the site school, and as guests you may want to be invited back next year.

Crowd Control – The Regulations for Insuring Maximum Crowd Control distributed by the boys/girls basketball committee will also apply to the 2024-25 basketball tournament.

Official Basketball – Spalding TF1000 Legacy size 28.5 – Each school will bring a game ball in good condition which complies with National Federation Rules to the tournament site. The ball to be used will be decided by the officials. Teams will furnish their own practice balls.

Choice of Basket and Bench – The higher rated team shall have choice of basket and bench and wear the light colored jerseys. The original seeding assigned to a team will be maintained throughout the tournament. **At the finals, team benches will be assigned.**

Towels – Are the responsibility of each team playing.

Concession Stands / Solicitation of Funds – Food, candy, beverages may be sold by the site schools. Approval from CIAC to sell merchandise is required. This regulation provides CIAC control of all sales, raffles and solicitations during CIAC tournament games.

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.

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. **Please allow sports writers to remain up to one hour after the game to file their story.**

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/she has properly identified him/herself, admit him/her and provide a place at the press table. If he/she 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.

APPENDIX G
CIAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

To be read on the public address system by the captains at all CIAC 2024-25 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 H

CERTIFICATION / COACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- Coaching Education Overview: Required coaching certifications, including medical certifications, can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
- Information on Coaching Permit Renewal for the State of Connecticut can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Coaching-Permit-First-Time-Issuance>
- Temporary coaching permit application can be found at this link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_186.pdf
- 5 Year coaching permit application can be found at this link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_185.pdf
- Coaching Course Registration: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Renewal: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/coaches_sudden_cardiac_arrest_awareness_annual_review.pdf?la=en
- Information on concussion training and certification can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/concussionpage.html>
- Concussion Renewal Form for Coaches: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/board/boardmaterials030624/approval_of_the_2024_25_concussion_and_head_injury_annual_review_for_coaches.pdf
- Mandated Reporter Training: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/Mandated-Reporter-Training/Home>
- EpiPen Training: <https://www.mycprcertificationonline.com/anaphylaxis-epinephrine-certification>
- Coaches Guide to Dehydration and Other Heat Illnesses: <https://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/heat-illness-parent-coach-guide.pdf>
- Heat Illness Legislation for Coaches, Parents and Students: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/PDF/2021PA-00087-R00HB-06492-PA.PDF>
- Exertional Heat Illness Review for Coaches: <http://www.caadinc.org/23-24HeatRev.docx>

Volunteer Coaches – The state of Connecticut Department of Education does not distinguish between volunteer or paid coaches when considering certifications or responsibilities. All coaches who are responsible for, or instruct students in any way must follow Connecticut State Law for certifications and responsibilities. Therefore, volunteer coaches are required to obtain the same certifications as all other coaches.

APPENDIX I

FROM THE ARCHIVES – CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS THROUGH THE YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
1974	L Trumbull 49	Lee, New Haven 48	1989	LL Southington 45	Danbury 42
	M Weston 50	Woodstock Academy 38		L Platt, Meriden 61	Notre Dame, Ffld 53
1975	L Lee, New Haven 76	Shelton 70		M No. Branford 48	Stonington 38
	M Weston 59	Cheshire 42		S Westbrook 59	Cromwell 46
	S Stafford 39	Woodstock Academy 33	1990	LL Bristol Eastern 58	Southington 50
1976	LL Shelton 64	Lee, New Haven 55		L Masuk 55	New Fairfield 47
	L Sheehan, Wallingford 61	Ledyard 45		M N.W. Reg. 29	Ellington 28
	M No. Branford 60	Stafford 56		S Wheeler, N Stonington 74	Cromwell 44
	S Valley Reg., Deep River 42	Immaculate, Danbury 37	1991	LL Bristol Eastern 44	Southington 38
1977	LL Lee, New Haven 37	Wm. Hall, W. Htfd 35		L Masuk 45	Lyman Hall 34
	L Ansonia 59	South Windsor 58		M New Fairfield 64	Immaculate 63
	M Kolbe-Cathedral, Bpt 64	No. Branford 46		S St. Thomas Aq. 55	N.W. Catholic 49
	S Somers 50	Westbrook 34	1992	LL Southington 65	Glastonbury 51
1978	LL Lee, New Haven 60	Naugatuck 44		L Sacred Heart Ac. 42	Guilford 41
	L Wilbur Cross 66	South Windsor 51		M New Fairfield 45	Immaculate 31
	M Ansonia 41	Immaculate 31		S St. Thomas Aq. 43	Thomaston 37
	S Westbrook 48	Putnam 34	1993	LL Southington 59	Newington 47
1979	LL Conard, W. Htfd 63	Norwalk 55		L Sacred Heart Ac. 58	Brien McMahon 44
	L Wilbur Cross 67	Lyman Hall 60		M Seymour 50	Stonington 44 (OT)
	M St. Joseph, Trumbull 41	Immaculate 30		S Thomaston 53	Putnam 41
	S Westbrook 56	Bacon Ac, Colchester 41	1994	LL Bridgeport Central 45	Shelton 41
1980	LL Amity, Woodbridge 63	Windsor 56		L Brien McMahon 69	Sacred Heart Ac 57
	L Wilbur Cross 75	Hillhouse 53		M Stonington 64	N.W. Catholic 61
	M Stonington 61	Masuk, Monroe 56		S Hale Ray 60	Thomaston 43
	S East Hampton 52	Coventry 44	1995	LL Staples 41	Bpt. Central 31
1981	LL Norwalk 79	Wethersfield 59		L Masuk 54	Lauralton Hall 44
	L Hillhouse 104	Bassick, Bpt 63		M Joel Barlow 58	Morgan Sch. 54
	M Old Saybrook 44	Valley Reg. 39		S Wamogo 49	St. Thomas Aq 47
	S Ellington 50	Westbrook 49	1996	LL Norwich Free Ac 52	Southington 43
1982	LL Southington 44	Westhill, Stamford 43		L Mercy, Middletown 67	Bristol Central 54
	L Hillhouse 75	Lyman Hall 57		M Morgan Sch. 47	Ellington 42
	M Ellington 54	Milford 51		S N.W. Catholic 45	Hale Ray 37
	S Westbrook 71	Canton 40	1997	LL Norwich Free Ac 46	Masuk 40 (OT)
1983	LL Bristol Eastern 52	Norwalk 47		L Seymour 48	St. Joseph 31
	L Branford 85	St. Bernard 57		M Ellington 55	N.W. Cath. 51 (3 OT)
	M Ellington 56	Milford 33		S Old Lyme 46	Wamogo 31
	S Westbrook 68	Wilcox Tech. 39	1998	LL New Britain 40	Fairfield 37
1984	LL Wilbur Cross 71	Shelton 67		L Hillhouse 73	Killingly 61
	L Branford 56	Masuk 47		M Seymour 50	Joel Barlow 27
	M Valley Reg. 50	St. Thomas Aquinas 49		S Wheeler 47	St. Paul Cath. 40
	S Westbrook 62	Somers 52	1999	LL Norwich Free Ac 64	Norwalk 59
1985	LL Shelton 54	Southington 52		L Daniel Hand 72	Killingly 68
	L Lyman Hall 81	Lee 47		M N.W. Catholic 58	New Fairfield 40
	M St. Thomas Aquinas 44	Plainfield 37		S Valley Reg. 43	Canton 37
	S Westbrook 76	East Hampton 53	2000	LL Norwalk 47	Norwich Free 45
1986	LL Southington 48	Rockville 42		L Hillhouse 51	Seymour 32
	L Lyman Hall 67	Platt, Meriden 64		M Morgan Sch 53	Sheehan 48
	M No. Branford 46	N.W. Catholic 40		S Kolbe Cathedral 64	St. Paul 44
	S Westbrook 70	Kolbe Cathedral 42	2001	LL Norwich Free Ac 63	Masuk 39
1987	LL Southington 66	Danbury 65		L Guilford 87	Brien McMahon 60
	L Bristol Eastern 82	Notre Dame, Fairfield 47		M Plainville 47	Bacon Ac. 30
	M No. Branford 56	Pomperaug 33		S St. Paul 42	Old Saybrook 31
	S Westbrook 45	Kolbe Cathedral 41	2002	LL Norwich Free Ac 71	Trumbull 43
1988	LL Southington 64	Holy Cross 39		L Guilford 73	Holy Cross 43
	L Killingly 86	Notre Dame, Fairfield 47		M East Catholic 42	N.W. Catholic 31
	M N.W. Catholic 54	Berlin 51		S Trinity Catholic 65	Wamogo 61 (OT)
	S Coventry 49	Kolbe Cathedral 46			

<u>Year</u>		<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Year</u>		<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
2003	LL	Manchester 64	Norwich Free Ac 59 (OT)	2019	LL	Norwalk 55	New London 53
	L	Guilford 61	Hillhouse 41		L	Hillhouse 39	Daniel Hand 34
	M	Career, New Haven 59	N.W. Reg. 48		M	Cromwell 60	Sheehan 51
	S	Trinity Catholic 58	East Granby 36		S	Trinity Catholic 52	Canton 45
2004	LL	Windsor 53	Fairfield 38	2020 No championships – tournament cancelled due to Covid			
	L	Hillhouse 62	Pomperaug 53	2021 No championships – tournament cancelled due to Covid			
	M	East Catholic 66	Avon 36	2022	LL	East Hartford 54	Wilton 33
S	Kolbe Cathedral 72	Trinity Catholic 64	L		Notre Dame Cath. 60	Newington 45	
2005	LL	Manchester 63	Windsor 48	MM	Sacred Heart Ac 52	St. Joseph 50	
	L	Hillhouse 71	Waterford 46	M	Holy Cross 61	Bacon Ac 38	
	M	Windham 72	Stonington 67 (OT)	S	Thomaston 42	Coventry 38	
	S	Kolbe Cathedral 63	Sacred Heart, Wtby 49	2023	LL	Hamden 63	Fairfield Ludlowe 48
LL	New Britain 67	Mercy 53	L		E.O. Smith 58	Pomperaug 46	
2006	L	Bulkeley 43	Farmington 42 (OT)	MM	New London 57	Mercy 47	
	M	Stonington 57	Holy Cross 48	M	East Hampton 31	Valley Reg 29	
	S	Trinity Catholic 59	Kolbe Cathedral 50	S	N.W. Catholic 74	Kolbe Cath. 65	
	LL	New Britain 54	Manchester 46	2024	LL	Hamden 46	Sacred Heart Ac 40
L	Joel Barlow 45	Waterford 42	L		Simsbury 55	Holy Cross 40	
2007	M	Holy Cross 67	Career 58	MM	N.W. Catholic 43	Sheehan 37	
	S	Kolbe Cathedral 67	Notre Dame, Ffld 57	M	St. Paul 49	Windham 42	
	LL	Career 71	New Britain 66	S	Somers 56	Thomaston 43	
	L	Kolbe Cathedral 59	East Lyme 48				
2008	M	Avon 50	Morgan Sch 46				
	S	Bloomfield 45	Coventry 39				
	LL	Norwich Free Ac 63	Career 42				
	L	Hillhouse 65	Fairfield Warde 59				
2009	M	Bacon Ac 55	Berlin 53				
	S	Old Lyme 39	Coventry 24				
	LL	Norwich Free Ac 50	Mercy 47				
	L	Hillhouse 47	Wethersfield 45				
2010	M	Kolbe Cathedral 64	Brookfield 50				
	S	St. Paul 39	Portland 37				
	LL	Career 39	Mercy 37				
	L	Hillhouse 77	E.O. Smith 50				
2011	M	Windham 54	Weaver 46				
	S	Portland 45	Cromwell 41				
	LL	Newtown 44	Mercy 42				
	L	Bacon Ac 38	E.O. Smith 34				
2012	M	Weaver 55	Tolland 47				
	S	Coginchaug 58	Capital Prep. 48				
	LL	Mercy 54	Lauralton Hall 53				
	L	Farmington 49	Bacon Ac 44				
2013	M	Cromwell 42	Notre Dame, Ffld 28				
	S	Capital Prep 84	Thomaston 55				
	LL	Lauralton Hall 68	South Windsor 53				
	L	Capital Prep 69	Weaver 53				
2014	M	New London 57	Morgan Sch 52				
	S	Thomaston 61	St. Paul 57 (2 OT)				
	LL	Wilton 73	South Windsor 45				
	L	Capital Prep 87	N.W. Catholic 59				
2015	M	St. Josseph 50	Cromwell 44				
	S	Thomaston 52	Canton 50				
	LL	Stamford 50	Greenwich 45				
	L	Capital Prep 51	New London 48				
2016	M	Cromwell 43	Notre Dame, Ffld 20				
	S	Canton 64	Thomaston 51				
	LL	New London 42	Trumbull 36				
	L	Daniel Hand 50	Holy Cross 45				
2017	M	New Fairfield 41	Bacon Ac 38				
	S	Canton 60	Thomaston 51				
	LL	Mercy 49	Wm. Hall 37				
	L	RHAM 58	Farmington 39				
2018	M	East Haven 49	Career 47				
	S	Coginchaug 71	SMSA 41				