

# THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

## The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association

### CIAC Task Force Presentation – How the CIAC Receives and Resolves Proposals, Appeals, and Complaints Filed by CIAC Members and Individuals

*Providing exemplary programs and services that promote excellence in the education of all children*



# Eligibility Determination and Appeals

*Initial eligibility is determined at the school level*



*CIAC Eligibility Committee  
(7 Administrators)*



*CIAC Eligibility Review Board  
(10 Administrators; 1 Athletic Director; 1 Superintendent)*



*CIAC Board of Control  
(only cases involving critical and conflicting opinion among the  
Eligibility Committee and the Eligibility Review Board  
or other compelling reasons)*

# Who Can Propose a Change to CIAC Sports Rules and/or Bylaws?

- A CIAC Member School Principal
- A CIAC Member School League
- The Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD)
- The Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA)
- A CIAC Sports Committee

# Sport Specific Committee Rules Change Request Process

1. Unless there is a change initiated for the safety and welfare of student-athletes, any request for a change that affects a sports committee must be referred to that committee for review.
2. Once an official CIAC proposal is developed, the CIAC staff may survey any stakeholders that could be affected by the requested change. This may include CAAD, CHSCA, CAPSS, CSDE, CSMS, CABE, all coaches of the sport, all school principals, all athletic directors, and any other CIAC committees that govern aspects of the requested change or outside groups that may need to weigh-in. The responses of the various groups and any further modifications to the original request will be submitted back to the sports committee for review.
3. The CIAC sports 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 adequate time for notification and best serves the CIAC member schools.

Example: Penalty kicks to determine soccer championships.

# Multi-sport Rule Change Requests or Sport Specific Rule Change with Budget Implications

- Rules change requests that impact multiple sports are first considered by the CIAC Board of Control to determine which committee will review and vet the request.
- A recommendation is made back to the CIAC Board of Control for consideration.

Examples: Fall golf option; basketball shot clock.

# CIAC Bylaw Amendments

- Procedural aspects of the [Bylaws] regulations for the Conference may be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Control members present and voting at any duly called and held meeting of the Board of Control.
- A change in the [Bylaws] regulations may be submitted by any voting member school through its representative, to the Executive Director of the Conference at least one month before the next meeting of the Board of Control. It is mandatory that the Board of Control consider any such proposed amendment and act upon it. It is mandatory that the Board of Directors submit any such proposed amendment, with or without recommendation, to member schools at least two weeks before the meeting of the Legislative Body. A proposed amendment may be altered or modified on the floor of the meeting, provided the subject matter thereof shall remain substantially the same as that described in the written notice of amendment.
- Changes in the [Bylaws] regulations made during the year by the Board of Control must be submitted to the Legislative Body at its annual meeting for vote. (*Every CIAC member high school votes to ratify any CIAC bylaw change.*)

Example: Forming a cooperative team program outside of established student-athlete limits.

# Reporting Violations of CIAC Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations

- Alleged violations may be reported by a member school principal, athletic director, coach, parent, or student-athlete.
  - The member school alleged to be in violation is notified and asked to investigate.
  - Member schools self-report confirmed violations.
- A charge for any violation may be brought against a member school, principal, athletic director, coach and/or member of the coaching staff by another member school or by the executive director of CAS-CIAC. Any penalties assessed will be administered in accordance with established due process procedures.
  - The member school charged with a violation is notified. The charged school may submit a self-report or the CIAC may assign a third party to investigate the charge.

Questions

