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104<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOYS BASKETBALL 2025-26 REGULATIONS

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**ALERT PAGE**

- **See Boys Basketball Divisional Criteria – Appendix J**
- **(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. This is applicable at all levels using a shot clock.  
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 96) 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.
- **Site for Girls and Boys Basketball Finals** -- The finals will be held at the Mohegan Sun Arena on Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22, 2026. 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.
- **The CIAC 2026 Boys Basketball Championships will be played using five (5) Divisions** – The Board of Control approved the committee placing schools in five divisions using a series of factors including enrollment, success in CIAC tournament play, strength of the league and power points for each team (determined by the sum of wins of defeated opponents – one point for each of their wins). All Division I schools will automatically qualify for the 2026 championships and Divisions II – V must win 40% of their games to qualify.

A school may “opt-up” to the Division I tournament for a one year period and must notify the CIAC by November 7, 2025. Divisions II, III, IV and V will not be rebalanced if schools opt to move up.

- **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 student 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 8.1, as the procedures have been modified.

## **2025-26 NATIONAL FEDERATION BASKETBALL RULE CHANGES**

**4-6-1a & b (New)** This rule change clarifies and expands the definition of basket interference to include additional actions that unfairly affect the ball while it is in a scoring position. Basket interference now occurs when a player slaps or strikes the backboard, causing the backboard or basket to vibrate, while the ball is on or within the basket, touching the backboard, or within the cylinder.

**4-22-1 & 2** This change removes the offensive team from goaltending violations, simplifying enforcement for officials and reducing ambiguity over whether a ball was a shot or a pass. It also encourages more scoring opportunities and minimizes confusion for players and coaches.

**4-22-3 (New)** This rule change establishes that once the ball contacts the backboard, it is automatically considered to be on its downward flight. Therefore, if a player touches the ball after it hits the backboard, and the ball has a possibility of entering the basket, it is ruled as goaltending. This clarification helps protect legitimate shot attempts, reduces rough rebounding situations, and addresses a common rules misconception among coaches and players. It provides officials with a clearer standard for enforcing goaltending in backboard-related plays.

**4-34-1** This rule change updates the definition of a player to clarify that a player is one of the five team members legally on the court at any given time, except during time-outs or intermissions. The change ensures consistency in rule enforcement by recognizing that it is difficult to distinguish between players, substitutes, and bench personnel during time-outs and intermissions. This clarification also supports the accountability of coaches for all team conduct during these periods and helps avoid misapplication of penalties such as technical fouls.

**7-5-4** This rule change updates the procedure for determining the designated throw-in spot following a stoppage of play (not due to the ball going out-of-bounds) in the frontcourt. Instead of relying on an imaginary line, officials now use existing court markings, specifically the three-point line, to determine the location. This change improves accuracy, consistency, and clarity for officials by using visible floor markings rather than imaginary lines, which were often misjudged.

**9-1-12 & 9-3-4 (New)** This rule change addresses situations where a thrower purposely and/or deceitfully delays returning inbounds after legally stepping out-of-bounds and then becomes the first player to touch the ball upon re-entering the court. Previously penalized as a technical foul, this action is now treated as a violation, aligning it with similar out-of-bounds scenarios. The change reduces the severity of the penalty to encourage more consistent enforcement by officials and prevents players from gaining an unfair advantage through deceptive re-entry tactics.

**10-4-4b** This rule prohibits players from illegally contacting the backboard or ring in ways that create an unfair advantage or interfere with a scoring attempt. This rule is designed to maintain fair play and protect the integrity of scoring opportunities by penalizing actions affecting the outcome of a shot, with a technical foul.

## 2025-26 Basketball Editorial Changes

4-19-3c, 4-47, 5.2.1 Situation C, 6-3-2a, 6-3-5b, 10-5-2

## 2025-26 NFHS Basketball Points of Emphasis

1. Contact on the Ball Handler
2. Bench Decorum, Communication, and Player Altercations
3. Faking Being Fouled

## **CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ANNUAL 2026 BOYS BASKETBALL REGULATIONS**

### **1.0 DIVISIONS**

- 1.1 Only institutional members of the CIAC are invited to participate in the boys' basketball tournament. The 2025-26 tournament will be formatted to include five (5) divisions. **A listing of tournament divisions are available on the boys basketball page at [ciacsports.com](http://ciacsports.com)**
- 1.2 Tournament divisions will be posted on the CIAC web site. A team may "opt-up" to the Division I tournament for a one year period by notifying the CIAC office by November 7, 2025. Divisions II, III, IV and V will not be rebalanced if schools opt to move up.
- 1.3 If schools opt up to Division I, the same number of DI schools (non-schools of choice) will be offered the opportunity to move down to DII. Non-school of choice schools will be asked (starting from the 16 seed and working towards the 1 seed), if they would like to move down to DII. Once a like number of schools to those moving up have accepted the offer, the divisions will be set.
- 1.4 The 2026 Boys' Basketball Championships will be played using a single elimination by division format.

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

- 2.1 Member schools may start practice on, but not before, Thursday, December 4, 2025.
- 2.2 Member schools may play the first game on, but not before, Tuesday, December 16, 2025
- 2.3 The last date for games to count for the 2026 Boys' Basketball Tournament will be Monday, March 2, 2026.

#### **2.4 Scheduled Playing Dates for the 2026 Boys' Basketball Tournament**

Qualifying Round	Wednesday, March 4
First Round	Div. II, IV – March 6 / Div. III, V – March 7
Second Round	Div. II, IV – March 9 / Div. I, III, V – March 10
Quarter-finals	Div. II, IV – March 12 / Div. I, III, V – March 13
Semi-finals	Div. II, IV – TBD / Div. I, III, V - TBD
Finals	March 21, 22 – Mohegan Sun Arena – Times TBA

- 2.5 **Game Times** – First and second round single games played at 6:00 p.m.  
Quarter-finals games played at 6:00 p.m.  
Semi-final and finals to be determined by CIAC

Change in game starting times – both athletic directors must be in agreement with approval of tournament director.

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 Div. I, II, III, IV and V qualifying, first round and second round games will be played at the site of the higher ranked team, provided the court and seating capacity have met CIAC standards. (See Appendix B)

Division I, II, III, IV and V quarter-finals will be played at the site of the higher ranked team provided the court and seating capacity have met CIAC standards. Semi-finals will be played at neutral sites.

a. **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 and final games will be played at sites determined by the Tournament Director.

2.9 Once a neutral site for a game is announced, neither of the competing teams may practice on that site.

2.10 **Boys basketball tournament press conference on Thursday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. at a site TBD.**

3.0 **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

3.1 **Schedule** – 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. Games not included on the schedule will not count for tournament qualification. **NO NEW GAMES CAN BE SCHEDULED AFTER DECEMBER 16, 2025.**

**Submit Regular Season Scores** – All regular season game scores must be entered online on the day of the game as soon as possible following the game’s completion.

- Scores must be entered on the new CIAC website at <https://ciac.fpsports.org/>.
- In the left-hand column select “Schedules – High School”.
- At the top of the page select the school and “boys basketball varsity” as the sport, then the team’s schedule will be displayed.
- Click on the green score entry button to make the entries.
- Only logged in users with security permission to enter scores for this sport will see the score entry button for their school’s games.
- The system will display a score entry screen that is specific for boys basketball.
- Enter the team scores.

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3.2 **Site Availability Form** – Due Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – Must be completed and submitted via the online eligibility center.

3.3 **Neutral Site Availability Form** – Due Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

3.4 **Tournament Rosters** – Due Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – **Each school will be allowed up to fifteen (15) boys in uniform.** You need an access log in from your athletic director to complete the form.

To complete the team roster form:

- a. Go to the CIAC website at [casciac.org](http://casciac.org)
- b. In the lefthand column select “Eligibility Center”
- c. Select “Team Roster/Tournament Roster”
- d. Check off each player that is on your roster

3.5 **Entry Fee** – There is a \$100 entry fee for boys basketball. Checks are to be made payable to CIAC and mailed to 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410.

3.6 **Final Game Scores** – Regardless of regular season postponed games, the date of Monday, March 2, 2026 MUST BE THE FINAL DAY TO COUNT FOR THE TOURNAMENT. All games played after the entry form has been submitted, must be completed, and scores submitted 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 \$375 for IV & V schools and \$425 for I, II, III schools per game to help defray the cost of hosting a game. All other expenses except the payment of game officials and the site director will be paid by the host school. The lower ranked team provides the cost of transportation.

4.2 Schools will bear all traveling expenses.

4.3 The Boys Basketball Committee will pay all game expenses directly associated with the staging of the state semi-finals and final tournament games and for Division I quarter-final games exclusive of travel.

4.4 **Ticket prices 2025-26** -- \* Subject to change – depending on the venue

##### **First round – second round – Quarter-finals**

Children five (5) and under	Free
Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)	\$5.00
Students (grades 1-12)	\$5.00
Adults (all others not in the above categories)	\$10.00
<b>Finals – ALL TICKETS (Per Session)</b>	\$10.00

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

**Passes** – During the 2026 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 and/or Athletic Director (or designee) of participating schools
- b. Press Card
- c. CIAC boys basketball pass (head boys varsity basketball coach ONLY must email [jsylvester@casciac.org](mailto:jsylvester@casciac.org) (for use up to semi-finals)
- d. CIAC boys basketball officials' membership card
- e. No other complimentary admission will be permitted

**Championship games at Mohegan Sun** – CIAC head boys varsity basketball coach only must show I.D. at the ticket window to receive a ticket.

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

## 5.0 **OFFICIALS**

- 5.1 The game officials for all of the tournament games will be assigned by the CIAC. **OFFICIALS WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY BY THE CIAC OFFICE.**
- 5.2 Site directors should meet and greet officials and escort them to their private locker rooms and provide an escort to their cars when they are ready to leave.
- 5.3 **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.

## 6.0 **PROTESTS**

- 6.1 On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures and Board of Control hearings, if a question of interpretation of tournament regulations or the operation of the tournament arises, the Chairman of the CIAC Board of Control, the Executive Director of CIAC, and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee in question will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interest of the tournament as a whole.
- 6.2 **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.

## 7.0 **QUALIFYING**

- 7.1 To be eligible for consideration in the tournament, a team must play a minimum of twelve (12) games AGAINST VARSITY OPPONENTS and have won 40%\* of its approved scheduled games played. Only the first two games played with any single opponent shall be included in a team's final record.
  - **All Division I teams qualify for the tournament. Division II, III, IV and V teams with a .400 or greater win percentage will qualify.**
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 Games played against non-member CIAC member schools or out-of-state schools who are not members of their state association will not count for tournament standings. However, those games **will** count toward the 20 game maximum limitation.

## 8.0 RANKING WITHIN CLASSES

8.1 Teams will be ranked within divisions by winning percentage (number of games won divided by the number of games played). When two or more teams have the same winning percentage, the following steps will be used to break the ties:

- 1) **Most wins** – Example: A 10-10 team would secure the higher ranking over a 9-9 team.
- 2) **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, 6 and 4 wins, Team A’s power rating would be 87.

The team with the higher power rating will secure the higher ranking.

### 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 rankings on the website not skewed early in the season due to our new policy of giving 10 wins for power points purposes to all out-of-state teams, I have set it up so the rankings pages on the site will 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 ranking will be determined electronically by lot using computer assigned random tiebreaker numbers to be set at the start of the season. The team with the greater tiebreaker number will secure the higher ranking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8.6 *Final ranking and pairing information will be distributed to coaches on the CIAC web site by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.*

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

## **9.0 SUPERVISION / SPORTSMANSHIP**

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

9.2 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.

9.3 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.

9.4 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.

### **9.5 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.

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

9.7 **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.

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- 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.

9.8 **SPORTSMANSHIP** – Member schools are expected to conduct their relations with each other at all levels of competition in a 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](http://ciacsports.com/site/?page_id=10438).

## 10.0 **TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES**

- 10.1 **Rules** – Rules – All contests shall be governed by CIAC and National Federation Rules.
- 10.2 **Overtime Procedure** – If two teams are tied at the end of regulation an overtime period or periods will be played to determine the winning team. An overtime period consists of a four-minute period, with teams continuing to play until a winner is determined. If the score remains tied at the end of an overtime period, additional four-minute periods are played until one team wins.
- 10.3 **Uniforms** – 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.
- 10.4 **Ball** – Each school will bring a **SPALDING TF 1000 LEGACY** game ball in good condition. Teams should provide their own for pre-game warm-up.
- 10.5 **Bands** – Bands, dance teams and similar organizations may perform at the semi-finals and finals with prior permission from the tournament director.
- 10.6 **Cheerleaders** – Cheerleaders of participating schools, if supervised, will be admitted free to tournament games in which their school team participates. Each school will be allowed **UP TO 20 cheerleaders in uniform**.
- 10.7 **Crowd Control** – The CIAC Regulations for Insuring Maximum Crowd Control apply to the boys basketball tournament.

10.8 **Late Entry Policy**

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

10.9 **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.

10.10 **Towels** – Shall be furnished by the participating teams.

10.11 **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. (Marketing Special Promotions has a contract with and thereby authorized by CIAC to sell T-shirts and other merchandise at the basketball championship games.) Food, candy and beverages may be sold by the site schools.

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

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

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

10.13 **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.

10.14 **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.

**10.15 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 soon as the teams have completed the handshakes, 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 the court 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

### 104<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The boys basketball schedule form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center. No games may be scheduled after December 16, 2025.

#### 2025-26 Boys Basketball Divisions After Enrollment

**TBD**

Division I – 16      Division II – 36      Division III – 40      Division IV – 39      Division V - 49

1. Only the first TWO games against the same VARSITY opponent will be counted toward tournament qualification.
2. Games NOT LISTED on this 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

#### **Home Sites – Qualifications and Neutral Sites Criteria**

The home site qualification form and neutral sites criteria must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by January 20, 2026. If athletic directors have questions – please contact Dave Schulz at (203) 650-5765.

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

**The CIAC reserves the right to move any game to a neutral larger site for safety reasons and to allow all spectators to see the game.**

## APPENDIX C

### SELECTION METHOD FOR CIAC BASKETBALL 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 13, 2026.
4. The master list of tournament officials is prepared and presented to head coaches on the CIAC website by February 18, 2026.
5. Between February 14, 2026, and February 27, 2026 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).

**Officials Selection** – Go to [casciac.org](http://casciac.org)

In the lefthand column click “Eligibility Center”

Click “Officials Voting”

At the top of the page select boys basketball

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 come 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 boys basketball committee, three (3) officials will be assigned to the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of all boys 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 D

### 2026 BOYS BASKETBALL ENTRY FORM (Limited to Members of the Conference)

1. Tournament rosters must be submitted via online eligibility center by Tuesday, March 3, 2026. You need an access log in from your athletic director to complete the form. To complete the team roster form:
  - a. Go to the CIAC website at [casciac.org](https://casciac.org)
  - b. In the lefthand column select “Eligibility Center”
  - c. Select “Team Roster / Tournament Roster”
  - d. Check off each player that is on your roster
2. Entry fee of \$100 must be made payable to CIAC and mailed to the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410.
3. Report all varsity games won or lost with member schools, approved 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 Monday, March 2, 2026. All scheduled games are to be listed on the entry form.
  - a. Scores must be entered on the new CIAC website at <https://ciac.fpsports.org/>
  - b. In the lefthand column select “Schedules – High School”
  - c. At the top of the page select the school and “boys basketball varsity” as the sport, then the team’s schedule will be displayed
  - d. Click on the green score entry button to make the entries
  - e. Only logged in users with security permission to enter scores for this sport will see the score entry button for their school’s meets
  - f. The system will display a score entry screen that is specific for boys basketball
  - g. Enter the team scores

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

4. **Each school will be allowed up to fifteen (15) boys in uniform.**
5. **EACH PLAYER LISTED MUST BE ASSIGNED A NUMBERED UNIFORM FOR BOTH WHITE AND DARK JERSEYS.** Also list his GRADE LEVEL in school and HEIGHT.
6. The PRINCIPAL of the participating school is responsible for the knowledge, distribution and implementation of the CIAC Crowd Control Regulations which appear in the CIAC Handbook.
7. **THE HIGER RANKED TEAM SHALL WEAR WHITE JERSEYS. THE ORIGINAL RATING ASSIGNED TO A TEAM WITHIN ITS ENTIRE STATEWIDE DIVISION WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.**

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

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

**APPENDIX E**  
**CIAC BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
**SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT**

To be read on the public address system by the captains at all CIAC 2026 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 F

### CIAC 2025-26 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Memorandum to All Site Directors and Competing Schools

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

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

**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 as a consequence we must know as soon as possible the results of all games – which team won, and the score. We are, therefore, asking each site director to **TELEPHONE or TEXT** the results of each game immediately at the conclusion of the contest. This is a very important responsibility and we ask your full cooperation. Tournament Director – Dave Schulz – telephone (203) 650-5765.

#### **Opening Ceremony**

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

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

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

**Press** – Adequate publicity and favorable public relations are necessary in the operation of any tournament, and in this connection the CIAC appreciates the work and contribution of a fine group of people who bring accounts of our individual games to the public. Consequently, we are asking our site directors to see that newspaper writers and radio sportscasters are treated courteously and supplied with as good accommodations as are possible consistent with the facilities available. Members of the press will, upon proper identification, be admitted to any game. Newspaper reporters who are actually Covering the game should be provided a seat at a table in the press box or "on the floor," or at least where spectators will not be jumping up and down, blocking their view.

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

## APPENDIX G

### **CIAC TOURNAMENT SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS**

#### **Positive Cheering and Behavior**

- Spectators will cheer positively to support their team, not negatively against the opponent. “No Negatives, No Names, No Numbers”.
- Spectators will show respect for the game officials and their decisions.
- Spectators will respect CIAC tournament/site directors, tournament staff, and security when behavior is addressed and if asked to leave the event.

#### **Dress Code**

- For CIAC tournament contests, all spectators should be appropriately attired according to their school’s policy. No attire with visible degrading or demeaning writings/logos is permitted.

#### **Signs, Banners, Flags and Powder**

- Any signs must be positive in nature, reference only the school supported by the sign maker, be small enough not to obstruct the view of other spectators and be pre-approved by the school’s athletic director reference in the sign. Spectators are not permitted to bring flags for safety reasons. When asked to remove a sign, banner, or flag, participating schools will respect and follow the direction of any CIAC tournament/site director, tournament staff, or security personnel.
- All signs, banners, and flags may be restricted pending facility usage requirements or at the discretion of the CIAC tournament director. CIAC tournament directors/staff will notify the athletic director when such restrictions are necessary.
- Powder or powder-like substances are prohibited at all visiting and neutral sites.

#### **Noisemakers**

- **Outdoor Sports** – No air horns, horns of any kind, or whistles will be used. Any other noisemakers may be allowed with approval from the host athletic/site director and the spectator’s school athletic director. Noisemakers can only be used during “dead ball” situations to celebrate good play.
- **Indoor Sports** – No noisemakers will be allowed. Pep bands are allowable with the prior approval of the CIAC tournament and site director, provided the school band has adult supervision, and the band only plays during “dead ball” situations.

#### **Tailgating**

- Tailgating is prohibited on the grounds of any CIAC tournament or championship event.

#### **Streaming**

- CIAC championships are streamed on the NFHS Network. Any streaming, broadcasting, or reproduction of a CIAC tournament game or championship without the expressed written consent of the CIAC is strictly prohibited.

## APPENDIX H

### CERTIFICATIONS / COACHING CERTIFICATIONS

**For a list of all coaching certifications and links to forms:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KnzXy81GK9x88bY1-5JBSuP-8SY34sdc/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=104830910406558409235&rtpof=true&sd=true>

**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 BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	Winner	Runner-up	Year	Winner	Runner-up
1921-22 A	Naugatuck (Declared winner on season's record)		1946-47 L	Hillhouse 43	Leavenworth 30
1922-23 A	Wilby-Waterbury 21	Naugatuck 20		Branford 33	Wilcox Tech. 31
1923-24 A	Hillhouse-New Haven 32	Bristol 16		Old Saybrook 38	Torrington 29
C-D	Simsbury 26	Branford 22	1947-48 L	Hillhouse 37	Torrington 29
1924-25 A	Torrington 34	Stamford 25		Lyman Hall 48	Shelton 38
C-D	Litchfield 29	West Hartford 23		Ellsworth 45	Bloomfield 43
1925-26 A	Hillhouse-New Haven 13	Torrington 10	1948-49 L	New Britain 58	East Hartford 46
C-D	Litchfield 14	Terryville 13		Sacred Heart, Wtby. 41	Darien 31
1926-27 A	Bristol 27	Hillhouse 13		Tourtellotte 62	Clinton 31
C	Branford 18	Leavenworth-Wtby 16	1949-50 L	New Britain 38	Bpt. Central 37
D	Tourtellotte-Thompson 37	Litchfield 15		Stonington 48	Darien 46
1927-28 A	Bristol 22	Harding-Bpt. 17	1950-51 L	Tourtellotte 40	Ellsworth 26
C	Canton 21	Deep River 15		Bulkeley, New London 50	Bpt. Central 40
D	Terryville 37	Essex 25		Derby 44	Sacred Heart 39
1928-29 A	Bristol 22	Hillhouse 16	1951-52 L	Tourtellotte 45	Berlin39
C-D	Tourtellotte 24	Putnam 22		Hillhouse 54	Harding 53
1929-30 A	Naugatuck 27	Bpt Central 23		Shelton 67	Wethersfield 47
C-D	Branford 32	Putnam 6	1952-53 L	Simsbury 56	East Hampton 38
1930-31 A	Naugatuck 27	Manchester 18		Wilby 62	New London 53
C-D	Killingly 35	New Milford 11		Lyman Hall 48	East Haven 47
1931-32 A	Hillhouse 24	Bristol 20	1953-54 L	Stafford 52	Suffield 47
C-D	New Canaan 41	Tourtellotte 34		Weaver 58	Hillhouse 42
1932-33 A	Bristol 23	Hillhouse 21		East Haven 55	Gilbert, Winsted 36
C-D	New Canaan 25	Thomaston 24		Terryville 59	Morgan, Clinton 48
1933-34 A	Bristol 35	Bpt Central 33	1954-55 L	Hillhouse 61	Ludlowe, Ffld 47
C-D	New Canaan 25	Salisbury 20		East Haven 54	Wilcox Tech. 32
1934-35 A	Meriden 29	Harding-Bpt. 23		Ellsworth 52	Windsor Locks 33
C-D	Old Saybrook 24	New Milford 18	1955-56 L	Weaver 62	Manchester 52
1935-36 L	Meriden 24	Hillhouse 19		Stonington 62	East Haven 60
M	Branford 29	Lyman Hall 19		New Canaan 72	Putnam 58
S	Terryville 35	Killingly 29	1956-57 L	Weaver 77	Hillhouse 72
1936-37 L	Hillhouse 34	Bristol 24		East Haven 76	Seymour 52
M	Branford 38	Lyman Hall 17		New Canaan 70	Windsor Locks 51
S	Staples-Westport 26	Farmington 23	1957-58 L	Wilbur Cross 69	Bulkeley, Htfd. 50
1937-38 L	Manchester 32	Naugatuck 25		Darien 49	East Haven 38
M	Branford 37	Windsor 17		New Canaan 59	Woodbury 49
S	Bloomfield 13	Terryville 8	1958-59 L	Wilbur Cross 55	Hillhouse 53
1938-39 L	Bridgeport Central 35	Bassick-Bpt. 25		Plainville 59	Lyman Hall 47
M	East Hartford 48	Manchester Trade 33	1959-60 L	Litchfield 56	Ellsworth 39
S	Ellsworth-S. Windsor 39	Farmington 21		Wilbur Cross 79	Notre Dame, WH 58
1939-40 L	Bassick 35	Stratford 25		East Haven 54	Abbott, Danbury 47
M	Lyman Hall-Wallingford 45	Middletown 18	1960-61 L	Suffield 64	St. Anthony, Bristol 62
S	Ellsworth 55	Glastonbury 17		Wilbur Cross 65	Hartford Public 59
1940-41 L	Windham 25	Bristol 24		Plainville 45	Lyman Hall 36
M	Manchester Trade 49	Branford 34		Bloomfield 59	Windsor Locks 55
S	Ellsworth 39	Bloomfield 29	1961-62 L	Hartford Public 67	Bulkeley, Htfd 64
1941-42 L	Naugatuck 36	Crosby-Wtby 33		New Canaan 49	Plainville 48
M	Branford 41	Woodrow Wilson 35	1962-63 L	Thomaston 63	Portland 55
S	Old Saybrook 31	Portland 29		Hillhouse 68	Wilbur Cross 65
1942-43 L	Harding 51	Stamford 29		East Haven 38	Plainville 25
M	Plainville 41	Watertown 27		Ellington 45	Durham 38
S	Ellsworth 34	Tourtellotte 24	1963-64 L	Hillhouse 64	Hartford Public 49
1943-44 L	Torrington 36	New Britain 27		Middletown 66	East Catholic 53
M	East Hartford 39	Branford 37		LaSalette, Cheshire 62	Woodbury 43
S	Tourtellotte 28	Bloomfield 27	1964-65 L	Hillhouse 57	Notre Dame, Bpt. 51
1944-45 L	Hillhouse 32	Weaver-Htfd. 28		East Catholic 59	Plainville 52
M	Branford 31	Derby 25		Litchfield 69	Rocky Hill 63
S	Ellsworth 37	Litchfield 18	1965-66 LL	Wilbur Cross 58	Weaver 56
1945-46 L	Hillhouse 34	Bristol 29		Norwalk 93	S. Catholic, Htfd. 76
M	Branford 44	Stonington 31		Abbott Tech. 84	South Windsor 58
S	Bloomfield 35	Ellsworth 26		Portland 51	Coventry 50

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

Year		Winner	Runner-up	Year		Winner	Runner-up
1998-99	LL	Windsor 53	Weaver 44	2014-15	LL	Fairfield Prep. 51	Westhill 50
	L	Trinity Catholic 63	Holy Cross 44		L	Bunnell 72	Naugatuck 61
	M	Kolbe-Cathedral 72	New London 71 (OT)		M	Weaver 72	Notre Dame, Ffld 59
	S	Gilbert 55	Hyde, New Haven 40		S	Sacred Heart 71	Valley Reg. 46
1999-00	LL	Bulkeley, Hartford 59	Harding 56	2015-16	LL	Hillhouse 93	Weaver 83 (2OT)
	L	Holy Cross 74	Bassick 50		L	East Catholic 64	Middletown 51
	M	N.W. Catholic 80	Trinity Cath. 71 (2OT)		M	Sacred Heart 101	Notre Dame, Ffld 49
	S	Suffield 46	Hyde 45		S	Immaculate 53	Coginchaug 43
2000-01	LL	Harding 41	NFA 38	2016-17	LL	Hillhouse 78	East Hartford 58
	L	St. Joseph 66	Holy Cross 48		L	Sacred Heart 75	Notre Dame, Ffld 53
	M	Trinity Catholic 63	Kolbe Cathedral 56		M	Brookfield 63	Bloomfield 60
	S	Windsor Locks 64	East Granby 53		S	Trinity Catholic 61	Westbrook 52
2001-02	LL	Weaver 77	New Britain 61	2017-18	I	Notre Dame, Ffld. 65	Sacred Heart 60
	L	Bloomfield 66	Berlin 41		II	Immaculate 53	Amity 34
	M	N.W. Catholic 45	Trinity Catholic 43		III	Waterford 90	Avon 62
	S	Rocky Hill 65	Ellington 41		IV	Kolbe-Cathedral 55	Rocky Hill 40
2002-03	LL	Bridgeport Central 58	Notre Dame, WH 56		V	Cromwell 58	Wamogo 40
	L	N.W. Catholic 73	Wilbur Cross 71	2018-19	I	East Catholic 79	Windsor 74
	M	Trinity Catholic 72	Kolbe Cathedral 65		II	Waterford 63	New Britain 56
	S	Hyde 66	Immaculate 64		III	Farmington 55	Amistad 45
2003-04	I	Trinity Catholic 69	Crosby 67		IV	New Canaan 55	Granby 39
	II	Kolbe Cathedral 74	Bassick 67		V	Innovation, New Britain 62	Old Lyme 41
	III	New London 64	Holy Cross 57\	2019-20		<b>Tournament cancelled – Covid-19 pandemic</b>	
	IV	Enfield 55	Griswold 45	2020-21		<b>No tournament due to pandemic</b>	
2004-05	I	Crosby 56	Trinity Catholic 54	2021-22	I	East Catholic 50	Notre Dame, WH 49
	II	New London 72	Wethersfield 68		II	Bristol Central 56	NW Catholic 36
	III	Avon 55	Fairfield/Ludlowe 48		III	Daniel Hand 56	Kolbe Cathedral 39
	IV	Old Saybrook 69	Wamogo 49		IV	Bloomfield 58	Granby Memorial 54
2005-06	I	Hillhouse 81	East Catholic 43		V	Windham 62	SMSA 56
	II	Torrington 55	Holy Cross 40	2022-23	I	East Catholic 49	NW Catholic 47
	III	Berlin 58	Wilby 53		II	St. Bernard 63	Staples 50
	IV	Plainville 64	Putnam 61		III	Waterbury Career 74	Bloomfield 58
2006-07	LL	Hillhouse 55	East Catholic 39		IV	Cromwell 53	Ellington 46
	L	Weaver 80	Maloney 73		V	Windsor Locks 69	Shepaug Valley 58
	M	Weston 59	Waterford 35	2023-24	I	Notre Dame, WH 52	St. Bernard 46
	S	East Windsor 53	Cromwell 48		II	Windsor 59	West Haven 57 (OT)
2007-08	LL	Crosby 82	Trinity Catholic 79		III	Bunnell 45	Lewis Mills 40
	L	Maloney 54	Lyman Hall 46		IV	Innovation 55	Cheney Tech 48
	M	Stratford 63	Hartford Public 55		V	Old Lyme 55	Coventry 42
	S	Bloomfield 78	Kolbe Cathedral 71	2024-25	I	Notre Dame, WH 68	St. Bernard 55
2008-09	LL	Windsor 72	Crosby 69		II	Manchester 77	New London 74
	L	Bulkeley 58	Torrington 57		III	Bunnell 70	Fitch 61
	M	Sacred Heart 65	Bloomfield 59		IV	Ellington 55	Sheehan 39
	S	Cromwell 40	Hyde 34		V	Shepaug Valley 58	Old Lyme 46
2009-10	LL	Bridgeport Central 78	Hillhouse 66				
	L	Stratford 51	New London 47				
	M	Sheehan 72	Bloomfield 61				
	S	Hyde 70	A.I. Prince 58				
2010-11	LL	St. Joseph 79	Fairfield Prep. 53				
	L	New London 63	N.W. Catholic 55				
	M	Trinity Catholic 57	Career 51				
	S	Valley Reg. 70	Classical 46				
2011-12	LL	St. Joseph 62	Hillhouse 54				
	L	Career 51	N.W. Catholic 49				
	M	Waterford 71	Watertown 57				
	S	Immaculate 67	Capital Prep. 53				
2012-13	LL	Hillhouse 52	Fairfield Prep. 42				
	L	Woodstock Academy 52	Trinity Catholic 49				
	M	Valley Reg. 52	Weston 45				
	S	Granby Memorial 83	Weaver 81 (2OT)				
2013-14	LL	Bpt. Central 76	Fairfield Prep. 73				
	L	Windsor 63	Career 59				
	M	East Catholic 87	Weaver 60				
	S	Sacred Heart 65	Valley Reg. 56				

## APPENDIX J

### BOYS BASKETBALL DIVISIONAL CRITERIA NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS

The formula used to place boys basketball teams into divisions for the 2025-26 season included data points from the previous two seasons (2023-24 and 2024-25 power points and tournament success points) in addition to enrollment data from the previous school year (2024-25).

All schools are ranked from number 1-181 using the data points in the formula (details below). The divisions were then determined by taking the allotted number of schools starting at the top of the rankings – the top 16 totals are in Division I, the next 37 are in Division II, the next 39 are in Division III, the next 41 are in Division IV and the lowest 48 are in Division V.

**Enrollment** – The formula starts with each school being assigned a number of points based on its boys enrollment in grades 9-12 for the previous school year. In determining the 2025-26 divisions, each team started with 66% of its 2024-25 boys enrollment as a base. All sports use the previous year's total for divisional purposes.

**Power Points** – The number of Power Points each school has received during the two-year period is added to the enrollment number. Power Points are determined by the same method used in doing the tournament pairing tiebreakers. A school receives one Power Point for each win that each CIAC member school it beat has (10 Power Points for each out-of-state school it beat in a game which counts towards tournament qualifying). For example, if a team wins 10 games and each team it beat had 10 wins, that school would get 100 Power Points.

**League Multipliers** – The season totals for each of the two years are then multiplied by a number assigned to each league. The league multipliers are higher for the leagues which the boys' basketball committee has designated as Tier I (x 3) and Tier II (x 2) while Tier III schools have no multiplier. It is important to note that no team receives an automatic number of points simply for being in a powerful league. The multipliers simply weigh the points which a team receives based on the relative strength of its league's teams.

Each school's Power Points over the past two seasons are then multiplied by "league multiplier" for each school. Independent schools are assigned a league multiplier using the same formula for all schools that are considered Independent.

**Success Points** – Points are added based on success in the CIAC tournament, however **only to schools of choice subject to success in tournament factors under the CIAC definition**. To be subject to success in tournaments for boys sports, a school must be designated as a school of choice based on CIAC rules. **Non-schools of Choice receive no success points regardless of how successful they have been in the state tournament.**

Each sports committee has the option of determining if a success factor will be used in its sports and if so the benchmark for the definition of success in its sport. The list of schools subject to the success factor is a CIAC-wide list and cannot be altered by a sport committee. The boys basketball committee has defined success as reaching the quarterfinal round of the state tournament.

For each of the two years of data being used for rankings, schools subject to success rankings receive 100 additional points for reaching the quarterfinals, 150 for reaching the semi-finals, 200 for reaching the championship game and 300 for winning the championship. These totals are cumulative, so a team which wins a championship will have 750 points added for that year.

**Total Points** – A school's final ranking on the 1-181 scale is determined by adding up each school's modified enrollment number (66% of a school's boys enrollment numbers from the previous school year) to their modified power point total (“league multiplier” x Power Points over the previous two seasons) and adding a schools success points (if applicable) to determine each schools total point total and then ranking them highest to lowest (1-181) with 1 being the school with the highest total points and 181 being the school with the lowest total points.

Example:

School A (Non-school of Choice)

Enrollment 24-25 1000 x .66 = 660 points

Power Points 23-24 (200) 24-25 (160) League Multiplier Tier One 3 x 360 = 1080

660 points + 1080 = 1740 points