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52nd ANNUAL 2025-26 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL REGULATIONS

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- **See Girls Basketball Divisional Criteria – Appendix K**
- **(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 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 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 Girls 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 opponent – one point for each of their wins). All Division I schools will automatically qualify for the 2026 championships and Divisions II – V must win 30% of their games to qualify. (See Appendix K)
- **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 8.1

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.
- 9-2-12 & 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 Points of Emphasis

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

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1.0 DIVISIONS

- 1.1 Only institutional members of the CIAC are invited to participate in the girls' basketball tournament. The 2025-26 tournament will be formatted to include five (5) divisions. **A listing of tournament divisions are available on the girls basketball page at 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 Girls' Basketball Championships will be played using a single elimination by division format.

2.0 DATES / SITES / TIME OF GAMES

- 2.1 Member schools may start practice on, but not before, Monday, December 1, 2025.
- 2.2 Member schools may play the first game on, but not before, Friday, December 12, 2025.
- 2.3 The last date for games to count for the 2025-26 Girls Basketball Tournament will be Friday, February 27, 2026.
- 2.4 Scheduled Playing Dates for the 2025-26 Girls Basketball Tournament

Qualifying Round	March 4 @ Higher ranked team site
First Round	I, III, V – March 6 / II, IV – March 7
Second Round	I, III, V – March 9 / II, IV – March 10
Quarter-finals	I, III, V – March 12 / II, IV – March 13
Semi-finals	March 16 or March 17
Finals	March 21 or March 22 – Mohegan Sun Arena – Times TBA

- 2.5 **Game Times** -- First Round, Second Round and Quarter-finals will be played at 6:00 p.m. Semi-finals and Finals will be determined by the CIAC
- 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.

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.

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 12 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 12, 2025.**

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

- 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 "Girls 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 girls basketball.
- g. Enter the team scores.

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- 3.2 **Site Availability Form** – Due Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – Must be submitted via the online eligibility center.
- 3.3 **Tournament Roster Form** – Due Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – **Each school will be allowed no more than 15 girls 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
 - b. In the lefthand column select "Eligibility Center"
 - c. Select "Team Roster / Tournament Roster"
 - d. Check off each player that is on your roster
- 3.4 **Entry Fee** – There is a \$100 entry fee for girls basketball. Checks are to be made payable to CIAC and mailed to 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410.
- 3.5 **Final Scores** – Regardless of regular season postponed games, the date of Friday, February 27, 2026 **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 IV & V schools and up to \$425 for I, II & III 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 2025-26 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 2025-26 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 girls basketball pass (head girls varsity basketball coach ONLY must email jsylvester@casciac.org (For use up to semi-finals)
- d. CIAC girls basketball officials' membership card
- e. 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 **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 escort them 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.
- 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 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.
- 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 with non-member Connecticut secondary schools shall not be considered in the seeding of teams.

8.0 **RANKING / SEEDING**

- 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 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.

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

8.3 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

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

8.5 **Seeding and Pairing Information** – Will be released on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 via the CIAC web site – www.ciacsports.com -- no later than 2:00 p.m.

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

8.7 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.

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** – 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.

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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- 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 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.

10.0 **TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES**

10.1 **Rules** – All contests shall be governed by CIAC and National Federation Rules.

10.2. **Overtime** – 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** – 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.

10.4 **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.

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 NOT BE ALLOWED OVER 20 cheerleaders in uniform.

10.7 **Crowd Control** – The CIAC Regulations for Insuring Maximum Crowd Control apply to the Girls Basketball Tournament.

- 10.8 **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.
- 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. Food, candy and beverages may be sold by the site schools.
- 10.12 **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.
- 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 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
2025-26 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**

2025-26 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Home Sites – Qualifications

The home site qualification form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by January 20, 2026.

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 I, II and III games and \$375 for IV and V 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 V – 500	Class IV – 600	Class III – 700	Class II – 800	Class I – 950
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 - 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
2025-26 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME SITES

Please submit via the password-protected online eligibility center by Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

In order to facilitate planning for the 2025-26 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 2025-26 CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament Director is Matt Martorelli –
Office (860) 673-2514 / Cell (860) 335-7846 / Email – martorellim@fpsct.org

APPENDIX D

SELECTION OF 2025-26 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 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 19, 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

In the lefthand column click “Eligibility Center”

Click “Officials Voting”

At the top of the page select girls 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 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

2025-26 CIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

(Limited to members of the Conference)

1. The tournament roster must be submitted via online eligibility center not later than 5:00 p.m., 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
 - b. In the lefthand column select “Eligibility Center”
 - c. Select “Team Roster / Tournament Roster”
 - d. Check off each player that is on your roster

Each school will be allowed up to fifteen (15) girls in uniform.

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 Friday, February 27, 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 “girls 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 games
 - f. The system will display a score entry screen that is specific for girls basketball
 - g. Enter the team scores
3. Only varsity games played with CIAC members, American School for the Deaf or CIAC approved out-of-state schools will be considered.
4. 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 2025-26 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 2025-26 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 TOURNAMENT SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS (INCLUDING PARENTS)

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 whistle 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

CIAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

To be read on the public address system by the captains at all CIAC 2025-26 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 I

CERTIFICATION / 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&oid=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 J

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
2006	LL	New Britain 67	Mercy 53		L	E.O. Smith 58	Pomperaug 46
	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
2007	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
	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
2008	LL	Career 71	New Britain 66		S	Somers 56	Thomaston 43
	L	Kolbe Cathedral 59	East Lyme 48	2025	LL	Sacred Heart Ac 57	Southington 47
	M	Avon 50	Morgan Sch 46		L	N.W. Catholic 56	Bethel 40
	S	Bloomfield 45	Coventry 39		MM	Sheehan 56	East Catholic 51
2009	LL	Norwich Free Ac 63	Career 42		M	Bacon Ac 39	Windham 25
	L	Hillhouse 65	Fairfield Warde 59		S	Coventry 49	Morgan 38
	M	Bacon Ac 55	Berlin 53				
	S	Old Lyme 39	Coventry 24				
2010	LL	Norwich Free Ac 50	Mercy 47				
	L	Hillhouse 47	Wethersfield 45				
	M	Kolbe Cathedral 64	Brookfield 50				
	S	St. Paul 39	Portland 37				
2011	LL	Career 39	Mercy 37				
	L	Hillhouse 77	E.O. Smith 50				
	M	Windham 54	Weaver 46				
	S	Portland 45	Cromwell 41				
2012	LL	Newtown 44	Mercy 42				
	L	Bacon Ac 38	E.O. Smith 34				
	M	Weaver 55	Tolland 47				
	S	Coginchaug 58	Capital Prep. 48				
2013	LL	Mercy 54	Lauralton Hall 53				
	L	Farmington 49	Bacon Ac 44				
	M	Cromwell 42	Notre Dame, Ffld 28				
	S	Capital Prep 84	Thomaston 55				
2014	LL	Lauralton Hall 68	South Windsor 53				
	L	Capital Prep 69	Weaver 53				
	M	New London 57	Morgan Sch 52				
	S	Thomaston 61	St. Paul 57 (2 OT)				
2015	LL	Wilton 73	South Windsor 45				
	L	Capital Prep 87	N.W. Catholic 59				
	M	St. Joseph 50	Cromwell 44				
	S	Thomaston 52	Canton 50				
2016	LL	Stamford 50	Greenwich 45				
	L	Capital Prep 51	New London 48				
	M	Cromwell 43	Notre Dame, Ffld 20				
	S	Canton 64	Thomaston 51				
2017	LL	New London 42	Trumbull 36				
	L	Daniel Hand 50	Holy Cross 45				
	M	New Fairfield 41	Bacon Ac 38				
	S	Canton 60	Thomaston 51				
2018	LL	Mercy 49	Wm. Hall 37				
	L	RHAM 58	Farmington 39				
	M	East Haven 49	Career 47				
	S	Coginchaug 71	SMSA 41				

APPENDIX K
GIRLS BASKETBALL DIVISIONAL CRITERIA
NOTE AND EXPLANATIONS

The formula used to place girls 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 numbers 1-178 using the data points from the formula (see below). The divisions were then determined by taking the allotted number of schools starting at the top of the rankings – the top 16 teams are in Division I, the next 38 teams are in Division II, the next 38 teams are in Division III, the next 38 teams are in Division IV and the lowest 48 teams are in Division V.

Enrollment – The formula starts with each school being assigned a number of points based on its girls 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 girls 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 into 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 previous two years are then multiplied by a number assigned to each league. Each league has its own league multiplier. Each league's (schools without a league are considered "Independent") multiplier is generated by league member wins in the CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament over the last two years. Wins in Class LL or Division I are assigned a point value of 5 points. Wins in Class L or Division II are assigned a point value of 4 points. Wins in Class MM or Division III are assigned a point value of 3. Wins in Class M or Division IV are assigned a point value of 2 points. Wins in Class S or Division V are assigned a point value of 1 point. The sum of each league's tournament wins over the last two years are divided by the number of schools in each league and then multiplied by .33 to get each league's multiplier.

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 subject to success in tournament factors under the CIAC definition**. To be subject to success in tournaments for girls sports, a school must be designated as a school of choice based on CIAC rules. **Schools that do not meet the criteria 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 girls 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 1-178 scale is determined by adding up each school’s modified enrollment number (66% of a school’s girls 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 lower (1-178) with 1 being the school with the highest total points and 178 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 2.0 x 360 = 720

660 points + 720 = 1380 points