

BASKETBALL
BOYS AND GIRLS
Revised November 2023

I. RULES

A. CIAC

1. Opening date of practice is determined by CIAC.
2. Date of first game or jamboree is determined by CIAC.
3. Maximum number of games per season is 20 exclusive of CIAC Tournament play, conference or conference sponsored and administrated play-off games, and alumni games.
4. Limit of games per week is 2 exclusive of postponed games. **Exception:** May schedule 3 games in a week 4 times during the regular season.
5. Teams must have a minimum of 3 days of practice prior to scheduling a full team scrimmage. No jamboree may be played until a team has had at least 8 days of practice. A jamboree is a contest among three or more teams in which two teams may play more than the equivalent of the regulation time established for the sport, and no team may participate against the same opponent for more than one half of the normal regulation time established for the sport. See CIAC Section 5.5j for more detailed conditions.
6. No scrimmage or other contest for which admission is charged shall be held prior to the permissible opening date for the game.
7. All Sports Teams and individual athletes must have a minimum of 10 physical exertional school practice days before the date of the first scheduled competition
8. No team/athlete shall practice/compete with their school more than 6 consecutive days to provide a day of rest. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays may be used unless prohibited by local board policy.

B. FCIAC

1. A small musical group will be allowed before games and during half time.
2. A postponed game will be made up on the next open date which home facilities are available. Saturdays are by mutual consent except last Saturday of regular season. Sundays also after 1:00 pm
3. Game days are back to Tuesdays and Fridays with triple headers depending on bus availability.
4. No noisemakers will be allowed in the gym, i.e. horns, bells and radios.

II. DETERMINING SCHEDULE

- A. The Constitution, Article IV, Section 1 will determine make-up of the division.
- B. The scheduling committee will draw up the schedule and submit it to the Basketball Committee for approval so that it may be included in the yearly report of the committee.

III. DETERMINATION OF A CHAMPION

- A. Each school will play all other schools in the league. All league games must be played or the team declaring the cancellation shall lose by default.
- B. Tournament: 8 team tournament, rank order #1 to 8 by record (see IV below), #8 plays @ #1, #7 plays @ #2, #6 plays @ #3, #5 plays @ #4. The semi-finals and finals follow at a predetermined site.
- C. The highest remaining seed after the quarterfinals will have the option to play in the first or second game of the semi-finals.

IV. TOURNAMENT – 8 TEAM TOURNAMENT

- A. Resolving a tie between 2 teams
 - a. Competition with each other

- i. If game won by one team, they are the higher seed.
- B. Resolving ties in points between 3 or more teams
 - a. If one team defeated all other teams, they will be seeded highest.
 - b. If two teams remain, they will be ranked by competition with each other (see a. above)
 - c. If not resolved by (a.) then
 - i. all teams in the league are placed in rank order.
 - ii. team which defeated the highest seeded team will be seeded highest of the teams in the tie.
 - iii. If number is now reduced to two teams, team winning the game between the two teams is seeded next highest.
 - iv. If a tie can still not be broken a coin flip will be used to determine the rank order for the playoffs which could include eliminating a team from the top 8.
 - 1. Once a team is eliminated from a three way tie you go back to (A.) to determine further order.
 - v. This procedure is also used to determine division champion.

V. OFFICIALS

- A. Commissioner Duties
 - 1. Assign basketball officials for all Varsity, JV and Freshmen games.
 - 2. Send final game notices to schools and officials.
 - 3. When necessary, send periodic bulletins to schools and officials.
 - 4. Evaluate officials.
- B. Tournament Officials
 - 1. Each coach participating in the FCIAC Tournament will submit a list of officials, one of which will be used in the games involving his/her school. If this is not possible, officials mutually agreed upon by the two coaches will be used.
 - 2. The only way an official can be removed for one of the tournament games is if he was on the original scratch list of one of the coaches.

VI. AWARDS

- A. FCIAC trophies are awarded to each divisional winner.
- B. An FCIAC championship plaque and an FCIAC runner-up trophy will be presented at the conclusion of the championship tournament game.
- C. MVP tournament award: a plaque will be awarded at the conclusion of the tournament. The selection committee will consist of FCIAC coaches on non-tournament teams who are present at the tournament.
- D. Medals will be awarded to each member of the championship team. A team will receive a total of 15 medals.
- E. All-Conference team: The basketball committee chairman will mail ballots. The teams will be selected based on the number of votes each nominated athlete receives.