

ICE HOCKEY BOYS

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I. RULES

A. CIAC

1. The CIAC Hockey Committee governs all rules.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. No scrimmage or other contest for which admission is charged shall be held prior to the permissible opening date for the game.
6. 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
7. 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. Each team will play all members of their tier in the FCIAC as official FCIAC games.
2. All games will be of forty-five minutes duration, divided into three fifteen-minute periods of "stop and go" time
3. Eight (8) minute overtime to be played for all regular season games
4. Home team will provide an adult timer
5. All conference contests will be played under Federation and high school rules
6. All disqualifications carry over to the next scheduled game if part of 20 game schedule submitted to CIAC and FCIAC
7. Disqualifications shall be expanded to include disqualification for the following:
 - a. Intent to injure or malicious use of a stick at any height
 - b. Spearing
 - c. Kicking or attempting to kick another player
8. Teams are permitted to dress 23 players (New CIAC Rule) with 5 other team personnel shall be permitted to occupy the team bench area.

II. DETERMINING SCHEDULE

- A. Make-up of the divisions will be as determined by the Constitution, Article IV, Section I
- B. The chairman of the Ice Hockey committee will assist in drawing up the schedule and submit it to the hockey committee for approval so that it may be included in the yearly report to the committee.

III. DETERMINATION OF A CHAMPION

- A. At the conclusion of the regular schedule, the East and West divisional winners will be selected – won-loss conference record
- B. Boys Hockey Tournament: Boys ice hockey will go back to a 8-team tournament. Quarterfinals and semifinals will be hosted by the higher seed. Final will be at neutral site. The six DI teams will

be seeded in the 1st to 6th playoff positions based on their finish in the regular season. The top two teams from DII/III will be seeded 7th and 8th respectively for the tournament.

- C. In boys' tournament play, if there is a tie after 3 periods, a 15 min. sudden victory period will be added. New ice will be made before this period begins and before each additional overtime needed.
- D. For the second overtime period the number of skaters is reduced to 4.
- E. In second OT if there is a penalty the team not penalized adds a 5th player back on the ice instead of going 4 on 3.
- F. If additional periods are needed, they will continue with the procedure in E until someone scores.

IV. TOURNAMENT – 8 TEAM TOURNAMENT

- Regular Season D1 schedule has all 6 teams playing each other home and away for 10 league games. DII & DIII also play each other home and away for 8 league games.
- A. Resolving a tie in points between 2 teams
 - a. Competition with each other
 - i. If one team wins both games or one win and tie, they are the higher seed.
 - ii. If both teams split two games played: see (B. c. i.) and then (d.) below
- B. Resolving ties in points between 3 or more teams
 - a. If one team received more points in competition with all the other teams in the tie, they will be seeded highest. (2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie)
 - 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. A team with more wins in their point total will be seeded higher.
 - d. If not resolved by c (a) then
 - i. all teams in the league are placed in rank order.
 - ii. the team which defeated or tied the highest seeded team will be seeded highest.
 - iii. if the number is now reduced to two teams, if one team wins both games or one win and tie, they are the higher seed.
 - 1. If they are still tied, then go back and repeat (c. i.)
 - iv. If a tie can still not be broken, a coin flip will be used to determine the rank order for the playoffs of the 6 or 5 playoff positions.
 - 1. Once a team is eliminated from a three way tie you go back to (A.) to determine further order.

V. AWARDS

- A. An FCIAC Championship plaque will be award to the winner of the FCIAC Boys Ice Hockey Championship game
- B. A runner-up trophy shall be awarded at the FCIAC Championship game
- C. Medals will be awarded to each of the 23 members of the championship team
 - 1. Additional medals if needed may be purchased by the winning team
- D. Divisional Champions shall be awarded a trophy
- E. The FCIAC hockey committee and coaches of teams in the conference will choose an All-Conference first and second team and an MVP

VI. CURRENT POLICY FOR BOYS

- A. Loss of eligibility for CIAC play-offs (over 6 major penalties) will lead to a team being declared ineligible for **LEAGUE** or State Tournament participation
 - 1. Coaches, captains, and rink managers should review new policy for all FCIAC hockey teams.
 - 2. League chair will receive a copy of every team's penalties prior to play-offs
 - 3. Teams may be placed on probation when an infraction is deemed serious by the Board of Directors