

BASKETBALL
BOYS AND GIRLS
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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 FCIAC and 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 for more than 6 consecutive days to provide a day of rest. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays may be used unless prohibited by local board policy.
9. Coach Disqualification Rule – All coaches who are disqualified at any level will be suspended for the next two games (see page 104) 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

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 may be used by mutual consent of both teams.
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.
5. In person filming of opponents is not permitted during preseason scrimmages or regular season games.

II. DETERMINING SCHEDULING

- A. Makeup of the divisions will be as determined as written in the FCIAC League Operations; 3. Scheduling; e. Establishment of divisions.
- B. The basketball schedule will follow the league two-year scheduling policy when all 16 schools’ field a team and will flip home and away in second year.

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. CIAC rules regarding cancellation of games must be followed.
- 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.
- D. The tournament will not be reseeded after the quarterfinals

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 standings between 3 or more teams
 - a. If one team defeated all other two 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 17 medals.
- E. All-Conference team: The basketball committee chairman will oversee the selection process. The teams will be selected based on the number of votes each nominated athlete receives.

VII EJECTION RULE

- 1. Coaches and Athletic Directors
 - a. They are not to assume that the officials will report the ejection or misconduct.
 - b. For full information on the CIAC rules regarding ejections go to section 4.6.A. of the CIAC Handbook.
 - c. If an athlete is ejected from a game the coach (visitor and home) must enter the name of the player in the scorebook and sign the book
 - i. Coach must notify their athletic director no later than the next day.
 - ii. The athletic director must notify the league commissioner.
 - iii. Penalty for being ejected from a game:
 - 1. 1st ejection: player: miss one game; coach: miss two games.
 - 2. 2nd ejection: player and coach: miss two games.
 - 3. 3rd ejection: player must be removed from the eligibility list.
 - iv. All ejections from games must follow the CIAC rules.

VIII. PROTEST OR GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

All members of the FCIAC have the right to protest or grievance procedures. To protest all must adhere to the following format below. **Note:** Steps 1, 2, 3 must be completed before the end of the third day after the contest (if during the last week of the regular season must be completed before the end of the second day after the contest and if final regular season game, then the end of the first day after the contest)

- 1. Protesting Coach
 - a. Submit in writing to his his/her athletic director and to the FCIAC Commissioner Dave Schulz; commishfcia@gmail.com; within 24 hours the reason for the protest. Report to include teams involved, location, officials' names and addresses, rules which were violated (refer to specific rule, section/article) and outcome of the contest
 - b. At the time of the protest, the officials must be notified and sign the official scorebook. This is done before play is resumed.
- 2. Athletic Director
 - a. Review protest with coach
 - b. Evaluate validity of protest
 - c. Submit written protest of coach to school principal if deemed valid.
- 3. Principal
 - a. Review protest with coach and athletic director.
 - b. Confer with principal of school that protest is lodged against.
 - c. Both principal and athletic directors attempt to resolve the protest
 - d. If protest is resolved:
 - i. If there is no change, the status quo exists.
 - ii. If there is a change, the results must be sent to the FCIAC Commissioner who then forwards them to the FCIAC Board of Directors.
 - 1. Board of Directors will render the official decision.
- 4. Establish a Protest Committee
 - a. FCIAC President upon review of the protest will appoint a protest committee to include:

- i. Member of Board of Directors as Chairperson
- ii. Sports Chairperson or another sports committee chair
- iii. A Board member at large

5. Protest Committee

- a. On direction by President as to time and place this committee will meet to resolve or decide the protest.
- b. The chairman of the special committee shall give due notice of the time and place of the hearing to all schools concerned.
- c. A school against which the charge or protest has been placed shall have the privilege of presenting its case to the special committee.
- d. Committee will submit in writing, their findings to the league commissioner and league president.

6. President

- a. Submit in writing the outcome to the protesting school principal.
- b. Copies to the League Commissioner.