

50 + Differential Procedure

If you are involved in a game that the point difference is 50 or more points, the crew must get together after the game to come to a consensus to see if you felt the team “ran up the score” in an attempt to embarrass the other team. If for some reason you can not agree with your fellow crewmates, you can escalate your concerns to the Commissioner or Board President. At no time should anyone individually contact the CIAC, the school’s AD or anyone else concerning their personal opinions that would contradict what the crew has decided. The referee must call the Commissioner and head of the Better Officiating Committee as soon as possible to alert them of what happened and the crew’s decision.

If an appeal is filed, the CIAC notifies the Commissioner who will also let the head of the Better Officiating Committee know that an appeal has been submitted. If this happens, the CIAC may contact the game officials individually for their opinion. You may defer your answers back to the Better Officiating Committee or Commissioner if you are not comfortable speaking with them. The referee of the game will meet with his crew to fill out the attached CIAC Score Management report. This report will then be sent to the head of the Better Officiating Committee and he will review it with the Commissioner and forward the report to the CIAC.

Score Management

The following score management policy will be in place for the 2007 season. At the conclusion of any regular season or tournament game at any level of play, if a team wins by a differential of more than 50 points, the designated head coach for the season of the offending team will be disqualified from coaching in accordance with the CIAC disqualification rule. This will be considered an act of unsportsmanlike behavior by the head coach.

Disqualification Rule – When a coach is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike behavior, the coach is ineligible to participate in the next contest at the same level of play (even if the next contest does not occur until league or CIAC tournament play or next year). If one or more different level contests are scheduled prior to the next contest at the same level of play, the coach shall be ineligible to participate in the next (but no more than one) contest at all other levels of play.

Appeals – The CIAC will honor appeals of coach disqualification only (not player disqualifications) when the nature of the disqualification under the CIAC Disqualification/Ejection Rule applies to circumstances other than game official judgments. For example, the ejection of a head coach for winning a football contest by more than 50 points when the circumstances warrant and exception.

Appeals will be heard by a committee consisting of the following: CIAC chairperson, CIAC committee chairperson of the football committee, CIAC Executive Director or his/her designee, a coach and an athletic director. Appeals will be honored when received in the CIAC office within 48 hours of the conclusion of the contest. The appeals committee will consider such things as the following in reaching a decision:

Was a running clock used and when did it start?

Did the coach start substituting skill players when it was evident the game was in hand?

Did the coach substitute - "wholesale" early in the game when it was evident the game was in hand?

Did the coach modify the game play on offense and defense and limit appropriately and in a timely manner?

Did the coach control the kicking game – such as punt on fourth and short, fair catch returns, no field goal attempts, go for one on a score?

Did the coach control down & distance situations by conservative play calling based upon field position?

Did the coach keep the play going by having runners stay in bounds, did not use time outs, limited passing game?

Written confirmation from opposing coach, athletic director, school principals and head official that appropriate attempts were made by their opponent to control the game score.