





Connecticut High School Girl's Hockey Association (CHSGHA)



OUR MISSION

CHSGHA BELIEVES THAT GIRLS' INTERSCHOLASTIC ICE HOCKEY PROGRAMS AND COMPETITION ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ATHLETIC EQUITY IN CONNECTICUT. THE CHSGHA SERVES AS THE ORGANIZING BODY FOR GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ICE HOCKEY COMPETITION IN ORDER TO ASSURE QUALITY EXPERIENCES, WHICH REFLECT HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR FAIRNESS, EQUITY AND SPORTSMANSHIP FOR ALL PARTICIPATING STUDENT-ATHLETES AND COACHES. THE CHSGHA PROVIDES LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR ITS PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS THROUGH THE VOLUNTARY SERVICES OF DEDICATED SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, COACHES AND CONSULTANTS.



CONNECTICUT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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CHSGHA COMMUNICATION REGARDING PROTOCOL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND INTERPRETATIONS

Principals and athletic directors of teams participating in the CHSGHA are expected to know, understand, and communicate the CHSGHA rules and regulations to their student-athletes, their parents/guardians and to other appropriate school personnel. The CHSGHA is the official body charged with the responsibility of interpreting its own playing rules and regulations. The CHSGHA Executive Committee, or its designee(s), will provide official decisions, where appropriate, specific to eligibility issues to high school principals, assistant principals, and athletic directors only. Interpretation of unusual or complex situations must be received in writing from a member school principal and may be reviewed by the CHSGHA. Student eligibility inquiries will be referred to the CHSGHA Executive Committee for a ruling. Inquiries to the CHSGHA from parents, student-athletes, coaches, and the public requesting an interpretation of the rules and regulations will be referred back to the member school principal or his/her designee. Member school principals and athletic directors are encouraged to call the CHSGHA Executive Director to seek clarification on any rule or regulation prior to offering an interpretation to student-athletes, parents, or others. Official interpretations can only be offered by the CHSGHA Executive Committee. Principals, athletic directors, and coaches should only rely on interpretations given by those persons.



BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTION

1. Name. The name of the organization is the Connecticut High School Girls' Hockey Association, Inc., and it may also go by the designation, "CHSGHA." The organization shall be a non-stock, non-profit corporation under federal and state laws.
2. Purpose. The CHSGHA has been formed to further educational purposes. The purpose of the CHSGHA is to promote, oversee, administer, manage, and govern girls' high school ice hockey in Connecticut. The CHSGHA will operate a state tournament for properly sanctioned girls' high school teams, oversee discipline and supplementary discipline of those teams and their participants, and serve as the liaison for the teams with the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference ("CIAC"), and other state high school associations, in connection with the advancement and promotion of girls' high school ice hockey in Connecticut. The CHSGHA may conduct any and all other lawful business for corporations that can be organized pursuant to Connecticut law. However, nothing herein shall authorize the corporation to engage in any substantial activities that would not be in accordance with a tax-exempt status.
3. Rulemaking. The CHSGHA is responsible for making all rules required and necessary to supplement the rules of ice hockey provided by the National Federation of State High School Associations ("NFHS"), to carry out the contests safely, economically, and fairly between and by its member teams.
4. Directors. The Directors shall be comprised of a single Director nominated by each of the participating state high school conferences which sponsor girls' high school ice hockey: presently, the Southern Connecticut Conference ("SCC"), the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Association ("FCIAC"), and the Central Connecticut Conference ("CCC") (together, "the Sponsoring Conferences"). The sitting Directors shall select the Executive Director. If the Directors are unable to select an Executive Director, then the CHSGHA Advisory Board shall select the Executive Director. The Executive Director may, but need not, be one of the Directors nominated by one of the Sponsoring Conferences. However, if the Executive Director is one of the Directors nominated by a Sponsoring Conference, said conference will not have another Director nominated or named as a Director. The Directors shall have all other powers granted to directors of a corporation under Connecticut law.
5. CHSGHA Advisory Board. The CHSGHA Advisory Board shall be comprised of the Directors, plus an additional equal number of Advisory Board Members nominated by each of the Sponsoring Conferences. The Executive Director shall serve as the Chairperson of the CHSGHA Advisory Board. The Executive Director may appoint other individuals to serve as non-voting members of the CHSGHA Advisory Board within his/her discretion.



6. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the CHSGHA shall consist of the sitting Directors, plus the Executive Director if he/she is not otherwise a sitting Director. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs and governance of the CHSGHA, including but not limited to fixing the hour and place of meetings of the Advisory Board; making annual budget recommendations; working with the Executive Director to establish goals and objectives for each season; rule making; determining and ruling upon issues of eligibility; operating a state tournament; formulating an All-State Team; making awards; and performing any other duties as are specified or implied by these bylaws and constitution, or the rules promulgated by the CHSGHA. The Executive Committee may form sub-committees or designate other responsible persons as necessary to assist the Executive Committee in carrying out the business of the CHSGHA.
7. Disciplinary Matters. The Executive Committee is charged with reviewing all disciplinary matters and the imposition of penalties on CHSGHA member schools and/or student-athletes for violation of CHSGHA By-laws or rules, including but not limited to the failure to comply with player/coach disqualifications, violations of game and/or tournament rules, and administrative violations (for example, issues related to scheduling or rosters). Appeals from the actions and decisions of the Executive Committee shall be referred to the Executive Director or his/her designee for resolution.
8. Officers. The Officers of the CHSGHA shall be the Executive Director, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Other than the position of Executive Director, the Directors shall elect all other Officers. Each officer shall serve until his/her successor has been selected.
 - a. The Executive Director shall have power to call meetings of the CHSGHA Executive Committee and preside over them. The Executive Director is the official representative of the CHSGHA.
 - b. The Secretary shall be selected by the Executive Committee and shall be a member of the Advisory Board. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, conduct necessary correspondence, and keep official records of the CHSGHA.
 - c. The Executive Committee shall select the Treasurer. The Treasurer may, but need not be, a director or Advisory Board member. The Treasurer shall handle the finances of the CHSGHA. The Treasurer shall receive all funds and pay all bills which have been approved by the Executive Committee.
9. Adoption and Amendment of the Bylaws and Constitution. The Incorporator of the CHSGHA shall adopt the initial bylaws and constitution of the corporation. The Directors may amend the bylaws and constitution at any time thereafter.



10. Dissolution. Upon dissolution, assets of the CHSGHA shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
11. Indemnification. The CHSGHA shall indemnify any of its Directors, Officers, and/or Incorporators, of and from any liability regarding the corporation and the business of the corporation, unless the person fraudulently and intentionally violated the law and/or maliciously conducted acts to damage and/or defraud the corporation, or as otherwise provided under applicable state statute.
12. Membership. The CHSGHA shall not have members.
13. Independent Contractors and Employees. In connection with performing its function and purposes, the CHSGHA shall not hire, retain and/or utilize any employees, but may contract with, retain and/or utilize the services of independent contractors. Neither the CHSGHA, nor any independent contractor with which it contracts, retains and/or utilizes shall represent or hold itself out to be the employer or employee of the other.
14. Legal Action. Any institutional or individual which initiates legal action to overturn, stay or enjoin any ruling by the CHSGHA which is not appealable beyond the CHSGHA Executive Committee, and is unsuccessful in seeking such relief, will be liable for reasonable costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the CHSGHA in defending against such action. Further, should the CHSGHA be forced to initiate legal action to collect the aforementioned costs and attorneys' fees, the institutional or individual shall be additionally liable for the CHSGHA's reasonable costs and attorneys' fees resulting from the collection action.
15. Rules.
 - a. Unless otherwise prescribed by the rules of the CHSGHA, all CHSGHA regular season and tournament games shall be played under the NFHS Ice Hockey Playing Rules, as may be modified by the CIAC for the sport of boys' ice hockey. However, by agreement of the contest head coaches, the timing rules of the NFHS may be altered in any regular season contest, excluding state tournament games, when to do so promotes good sportsmanship, or is otherwise required due to reasonable contest curfew requirements.
 - b. In order to ensure that standings and rankings are timely and accurate, all CHSGHA regular season scores must be reported to the CHSGHA, or its designee, no more than 24 hours following the game's completion. It is highly recommended that scores are entered from the site as soon as the game ends.



- c. During the playing of the CHSGHA regular season, any combination of major penalties/misconduct penalties/game misconduct penalties or match penalties adding up to over six (6) will lead to a team's being declared ineligible for participation in the State Tournament. All such penalties shall be reported to the CHSGHA or its designee(s) within 24 hours following the contest in which the penalty occurs.
- d. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current athlete Eligibility policies and rules, as far as they may be applicable.
- e. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current Recognized Officials Groups policies and rules.
- f. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current Middle School Student Participation policies and rules.
- g. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current Disqualification/Ejection Rule for athletes and coaches.
- h. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to Forfeits, as far as they may be applicable.
- i. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to Services and Equipment at Athletic Contests.
- j. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to Physical Examinations and other medical requirements for Student-Athletes.
- k. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to National Testing Dates.
- l. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to Postponed Games.
- m. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to Sportsmanship.
- n. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to Protests. Notwithstanding any CIAC rule, the Executive Committee may review and, if warranted overturn, any ejection or disqualification where the Executive Committee finds by clear and convincing evidence that a case misidentification of an individual has occurred.



- o. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to Chemical Health, Food Supplements, Drug Testing, Steroids, Performance Enhancing Drugs, Concussion Education and Awareness, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Education, and Exertional Heat Illness Education.
- p. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to child/sexual abuse, physical abuse, and background checks, as applicable, for student-athletes coaches, managers, officials, and volunteers participating in CHSGHA sponsored games.
- q. The CHSGHA shall follow the CIAC's current policies and rules with respect to anti-harassment and anti-discrimination.
- r. The CHSGHA shall define the girls' ice hockey season consistent with the normal season in which ice hockey is played. The CHSGHA will publish season start and ending dates, as well as weekly game limit restrictions prior to the season.
- s. When it is discovered or finally determined that a team has used an ineligible competitor in a CHSGHA regular season or tournament game, the game/tournament shall be forfeited.

16. Connecticut Girls' Ice Hockey State Tournament.

- a. The CHSGHA will conduct a girls' high school state tournament ("the State Tournament").
- b. In order to be eligible to participate in the State Tournament, teams must meet all of the following requirements:
 - i. The team must have submitted a roster of team members, including player's number, grade and school attended, to the Executive Committee, with a copy to the team's Sponsoring Conference, no later than date of their first contest of the year. It is the intention of the CHSGHA that teams submit their rosters via the CIAC Eligibility Center, and also directly to the both the Chairperson, and the team's Sponsoring Conference.
 - ii. The team shall consist of female student athletes and coaches from CIAC member schools only, or who are otherwise eligible to participate in female athletics with a CIAC member school under CIAC rules, and whom also all meet



the eligibility requirements of their high school for participation in athletics (for example: academic, medical, disciplinary, etc.).

- iii. Any team intending on participating in state tournament competition as a cooperative team (student athletes from more than one CIAC school participating) shall, prior to the season, submit information required by the CHSGHA in a form approved by the Executive Committee, by a date set by the Executive Committee, and signed by the Athletic Directors of each participating schools in the cooperative team. Cooperative teams shall have a no-cut policy. Only student athletes from a properly identified cooperative partnership school may participate in CHSGHA games.
 - iv. The team agrees to abide by, and comply with, all CHSGHA rules, including adopted rules.
 - v. The team must be a member of one of the Sponsoring Conferences or be approved prior to the season by the Executive Committee to participate in the State Tournament.
 - vi. The team must meet all financial obligations promulgated by the CHSGHA, including but not limited to annual fees and any disciplinary fines.
 - vii. The team agrees to abide by, and comply with, all disciplinary action and supplementary disciplinary action handed down by the Executive Committee for misconduct under these rules, the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules or other decisions of the Executive Committee. Unless otherwise indicated or in conflict with CHSGHA rules, the disciplinary rules promulgated by the CIAC for boys' ice hockey shall be in effect for CHSGHA teams and their participating student-athletes and coaches.
- c. Qualification for the State Tournament will be based upon the following criteria.
- i. At least 14, and no more than 20, games played under the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules, against other teams eligible for the State Tournament.
 - ii. No games (excluding scrimmages and/or non-counting games) may be added to a team's CHSGHA schedule after the team plays its first game of the season.
 - iii. All CHSGHA games scheduled must be played unless an exception is granted by the Executive Committee based upon extenuating circumstances.



- iv. No more than the first two games against any opponent shall be counted towards qualification for the State Tournament.
 - v. A power point structure as set forth by the CHSGHA.
 - vi. A tournament structure as set forth by the CHSGHA.
 - vii. A tournament based upon rankings as determined by the CHSGHA.
17. All-State Team. The CHSGHA shall cause to be selected a CHSGHA All-State team each season.
18. Changes. Changes to these By-Laws and Constitution may be made by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Adopted by: _____ /S/ _____
Frank G. Usseglio
Incorporator/Secretary
July 11, 2023



CHSGHA Officers

Executive Director: Dane Street

Secretary: Frank Usseglio

Treasurer: Larry Hallisey

CHSGHA Directors / Executive Committee

FCIAC: Dane Street

SCC: Al Carbone

CCC: Frank Usseglio

CHSGHA Advisory Board

Chair: Dane Street (AD)

FCIAC: David Schulz (FCIAC Commissioner)

FCIAC: Rich Bulan (Coach)

FCIAC: Chris Manfredonia (AD)

FCIAC: Jamie Tropsa (Coach)

SCC: Al Carbone (SCC Commissioner)

SCC: Erin Blake (Coach)

SCC: Tom Dyer (AD)

SCC: Joe Morrell (AD)

CCC: Trish Witkin (CCC Commissioner)

CCC: Jeff Pinney (AD)

CCC: Frank Usseglio (Coach)

CCC: Jason Siegal (AD)

CHC: Ed Rodham (CHC Girls Ice Hockey Director)



CHSGHA State Tournament 2023-24 Rules

1. Only games against other CHSGHA member teams shall be considered in determining selection and ranking for the State Tournament. A team must have played a minimum of 14 CHSGHA games to qualify for the State Tournament. A maximum of 20 CHSGHA games may be played. No games which are deemed a scrimmage by either side shall be considered. Only the first two games against any opponent shall count. No CHSGHA counting games may be scheduled after a team's first contest of the season. All CHSGHA counting games scheduled must be played unless an exception is approved by the CHSGHA Executive Committee for extenuating circumstances.
2. First practices may commence Monday, November 20, 2023. Games (excluding pre-season scrimmages or jamborees) may take place commencing Monday, December 4, 2023. The last day of the regular season will be Saturday, February 17, 2024. The last day to play regular season makeup games will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Conference tournaments will be held the week of February 19-24, 2024. The State Tournament will commence the week of February 25, 2024.
3. The top twelve (12) ranked teams shall be selected to participate in the State Tournament.
4. Teams will be selected and ranked for the State Tournament based upon the following formula:
 - a. For their own games, each team will earn Team Points as follows:
 - i. Win = 10 points
 - ii. Tie = 5 points
 - iii. Loss = 0 points
 - b. Each team will earn additional Bonus Points as follows:
 - i. For each opponent defeated by that team during the season:
 - a. 10 points for each of the opponent's wins
 - b. 5 points for each of the opponent's ties
 - ii. For each opponent TIED during the season:
 - a. 5 points for each of the opponent's wins
 - b. 2.5 points for each of the opponent's ties
 - c. Total Points will be determined by adding up Team Points and Bonus Points.



- d. Total Points divided by the number of state games played by each team will determine their Playoff Points.
 - e. The top 12 teams in the state will be placed and ranked by Playoff Points.
 - f. In the event of ties in Playoff Points, ties will be broken as follows (when multiple teams are tied, tie breakers will be used in order until at least one team is placed; after placing all teams based upon that tie breaker, if some teams remain tied, then the tie breakers revert to the top and the tie breaking procedure repeats):
 1. Head-to-head winning percentage (ties count as $\frac{1}{2}$ win)
 2. Overall winning percentage
 3. Winning percentage against common opponents
 4. Coin flip
 - g. Final Rankings will be subject to review and approval by the CHSGHA Executive Committee.
5. The format for the State Tournament will be:
- a. First Round: 5 v. 12, 6 v. 11, 7 v. 10, 8 v. 9 (home team is higher seed)
 - b. Quarter Finals: 1 v 8/9 winner; 2 v 7/10 winner, 3 v 6/11 winner, 4 v 5/12 winner (home team is higher seed).
 - c. Semi Finals: Winner of the 1 v 8/9 game against the winner of the 4 v 5/12 game; winner of the 2 v 7/10 game against the winner of the 3 v 6/11 game. The higher seeded team will be deemed the home team for each game.
 - d. Final: Winners of semi-finals (higher seed is home team).
6. The First Round will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, and hosted by the higher seeded team in each game. Quarter Finals will be held on Thursday, February 29, 2024, and hosted by the higher seeded team in each game. The Semi-Finals will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at The Rinks in Shelton. The highest seed remaining will be given the choice of which semifinal game (first or second) they will participate in. The Final will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at a site to be determined by the CHSGHA.



7. Unless otherwise decided by the CHSGHA Executive Committee, the home team in each state tournament game will be responsible for services and equipment for that contest.

8. Any State Tournament Games that go to overtime will utilize the following format:
 - a. Tie Game Ending Procedures - Teams will win outright, including championships, on the ice - there will be no co-champions.

 - b. At the end of a regulation time, if a tie exists, the following procedure is in place: 1) First Overtime – One fifteen (15) minute sudden victory overtime period will be played with five players per team and one goaltender per team. All penalties will carry into the overtime period. Goalies will switch ends for all overtime periods. 2) Second Overtime – Teams will change ends and a second fifteen (15) sudden victory overtime period will be played, with four (4) skaters per team and one (1) goaltender per team. In all tournament games, this step will be repeated until a winner is declared. Note 1: When the first overtime ends and the teams are 5-on-4, teams will start overtime 5-on-4. Once player strength reaches 5-on-5, at the next stoppage of play, player strength is adjusted to 4-on-4, as appropriate. Any further penalty in OT, the on-ice strength will be 4-3. Note 2: At no time will a team have less than three players on the ice. This may require a fifth skater to be added if a two-man advantage occurs. Once player strength reaches 5-on-4 or 5-on-5, at the next stoppage of play, player strength is adjusted to 4-on-3 or 4-on-4, as appropriate. 3) All National Federation rules apply throughout overtime periods. Note 3: New ice will be made following the end of regulation time, and between each overtime period.



CHSGHA Timeline

Second Week in April

Executive Board Spring Meeting

May 1st

Conference Schedules Published

May 15th

Chairperson's Communication to
CHSGHA Member Schools Regarding
the Upcoming Season

October 1st

Recommended deadline for
conferences to confirm and report on
participating teams/schools

Third Week of October

Advisory Board Fall Meeting

November 1st

Deadline for submission of team
forms and dues to CHSGHA

Second Week of February

Executive Committee State
Tournament Meeting





91 Participating Schools

CCC (34)		SCC (36)
Hall/Conard	1	West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy
Simsbury	2	Hamden/Sheehan/New Haven/Lyman Hall/Holy Cross/Nonnewaug/Foran/Jonathan Law
East Catholic/Glastonbury/South Windsor/Tolland/Rockville	3	Amity/Cheshire/North Haven
Suffield/Canton/Windsor/Ellington/Granby/E. O. Smith/Enfield/Windsor Locks/Northwestern Regional 7/Rocky Hill/Manchester	4	Hamden/Branford/Westbrook/Old Saybrook/Valley Regional/Cromwell/Haddam-Killingworth
Mercy/Northwest Catholic/East Hampton	5	Masuk/Weston/Lauralton Hall/Shelton/Newtown/Joel Barlow/New Milford/Notre Dame Fairfield/Oxford/Stratford/Litchfield/Brookfield
Southington/Avon/Wethersfield/Newington/RHAM/Coventry/Berlin/Waterbury/Plainville/Lewis Mills/Farmington	6	Guilford/North Branford/East Haven/Coginchaug

FCIAC (16)		Independent (5)
New Canaan	1	Woodstock/Ledyard/E. Lyme/Norwich Tech/Wheeler
Darien	2	
Greenwich	3	
Trumbull/St. Joseph	4	
Stamford/Staples/West Hill	5	
Ridgefield/Danbury/Immaculate	6	
Fairfield Ludlowe/Fairfield Warde	7	
Wilton/Brien McMahon/Norwalk	8	



HISTORY OF THE CHSGHA

In 1987, the late Kip Sawpel founded a girls' ice hockey program at Simsbury High School. Around that same time, for a short period of time, Glastonbury High School also started and maintained a girls' ice hockey team. As there were no other girls' high schools to play, the teams played games with prep school teams and skating club teams. After the U.S. Women won the Women's Ice Hockey Gold Medal in the 1998 Olympics, Greenwich High School started a girls' ice hockey team, quickly followed by New Canaan High School. Within the next 3 years Fairfield and Ridgefield high schools also started girls' ice hockey programs. By 2001-02, Greenwich, Fairfield, New Canaan, Staples, Trumbull and Darien all had established girls' ice hockey teams.

In 2003-2004 the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (FCIAC) began sponsoring girls' hockey as a league sport. Soon thereafter, Wilton and St. Joseph high schools formed teams and joined the FCIAC league, which evolved into an 8 team conference. In addition, at approximately the same time, Hall/Conard, Hamden, Guilford, Hand, Simsbury, Notre Dame (Fairfield) and West Haven high schools formed girls' hockey teams, and came together to create a second, independent league, the Central Connecticut Girls' Hockey League (CCGHL). In 2011, with the Southern Connecticut Conference's (SCC) decision to add girls' ice hockey as a sponsored sport, the CCGHL ceased to operate, and the former CCGHL teams began play as members of the SCC. The SCC expanded several times after 2011. By 2017, as the SCC had expanded to 15 girls' ice hockey teams, the league was divided into two divisions: the SCC North (6 teams) and SCC South (9 teams).

The first girls ice hockey state tournament was played at the conclusion of the 2005-2006 season, Kip Sawpel, Val Chamberlain, Doug Scott and Rich Bulan brought the coaches from both the FCIAC and the then CCGHL together to form and play the first Connecticut Girls' Ice Hockey State Tournament. The state tournament continued in the years that followed, with the FCIAC and the CCGHL/SCC alternating sponsorship of an 8 team state tournament. However, in 2015, Simsbury High School and East Catholic/Glastonbury/South Windsor were declared co-state champions after a double over-time contest. The game received national news media relating to the fact that the game was terminated after the second overtime while still tied, and co-champions were declared. Partly in response to that situation, and based upon the growth of the girls' game, the CHSGHA was formed in 2015 by the FCIAC and the SCC to govern the girls' high school ice hockey in Connecticut. The CHSGHA instituted a power ranking system for girls' ice hockey, and the first CHSGHA sponsored state tournament was held in 2016 at Bennett Rink on the campus of West Haven High School. With the growth of the girls' game, the CHSGHA expanded the girls' ice hockey state tournament from 8 to 12 teams beginning with the 2017-2018 season.

In 2019, the Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) became the third Connecticut High School Athletic Conference to sponsor the sport of girls' ice hockey, joining the CHSGHA compact with the FCIAC and SCC.

As of 2023-24, the CHSGHA has 21 member teams, made up of 91 participating Connecticut high schools.



Past State Championship Games

2006 New Canaan 4, Ridgefield 1
2007 New Canaan 2, Guilford 1 (OT)
2008 New Canaan 3, Greenwich 0
2009 Darien 3, New Canaan 2
2010 New Canaan 2, Darien 1
2011 New Canaan 7, Ridgefield 2
2012 Hall/Conard. 3, New Canaan 2 (OT)
2013 New Canaan 2, Hall/Conard 0
2014 Simsbury 4, Guilford 1
2015 Simsbury 2, East Catholic/Glastonbury 2 (2 OT)
2016 Darien 2, East Catholic/Glastonbury 1
2017 Darien 4, Hamden 3 (OT)
2018 Darien 5, Suffield co-op 2
2019 New Canaan 3, Darien 1
2020 No State Championship held due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2021 No State Championship held due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2022 New Canaan 4, Darien 3 (3 OT)
2023 Darien 5, Southington/Avon 3