

DHS Stadium Lights



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Darien Athletic Foundation

Stadium Lights 2021-22

- Lights are off by 7:30pm M-Thur and 10pm F during regular season.
- Varsity teams are allowed 2 night home games per season.
 - Night games are defined as after 5:30p weekday, after 7p Friday
- Lights are used for FCIAC or CIAC playoffs at home when required
- DHS is not used as a championship site.
- Youth sports fall practices only until 7:30

Field Hockey	2 night weekday games (incl. playoff)	1 Friday game	Includes playoffs
B Soccer	2 night weekday games (incl. playoff)	1 Friday game	Includes playoffs
G Soccer	0 night weekday games	1 Friday game	Schedule did not work to add 2nd
Football	1 night weekday game (playoff)	2 Friday games	Includes playoffs
G Lax	1 night game (weekday game)	0 Friday games	Not including playoff
B Lax	0 night games	0 Friday games	Not including playoff

Other FCIAC School Night Game Data

School	Restrictions	# Fall Night Games	# Spring Night Games
Greenwich	Yes- 10 total games & 6 total practices year	10 total for year (including spring)	10 total for year (including fall)
New Canaan	No	15-20	Less than 5
Staples	Yes- 8 total events. Unlimited games up until 8p	8 total events (including spring)	8 total events (including fall)
Wilton	No	21 (2 fields)	22 (2 fields)
Ridgefield	No	20-25	6

Guiding Principles for Stadium Lights Usage

Board:

Honor the spirit of the agreement while maintaining decision-making authority

Admin:

Create schedules that allow families to attend more regularly with later start times

Continue opportunities amongst all teams to maximize use of stadium lights

Maintain a reasonable time limit on school nights for DHS students/athletes as well as visiting students/athletes.

Create opportunities for DHS to be a host site for championship games in which our own teams may compete

Continue to limit noise coming from stadium during DHS contests

Support the use of fields by youth sports groups in town



Proposals for Use of stadium lights

- Teams will be permitted to hold games under lights until 8pm during week, 10pm Friday which allows teams to start weekday games after 6pm in the stadium.
- DHS may host FCIAC or CIAC playoff games that do not involve DHS
- Allow teams to hold an additional regular season game under lights (3) for a cumulative total of 12 fall games and 6 spring games
- DHS practice times would remain unchanged



Next steps and Timeline

- April 6: Board Discussion @ BOE Meeting
- April 26: Public Discussion @ BOE Meeting
- May 10: BOE Decision @ BOE Meeting
- May 18: Submission of P&Z Application
- June: P&Z Public Hearing
- July: P&Z Decision

