

**RIIAAA**  
**Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association**

**NEWSLETTER**

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The RIIAAA Executive Board would like thank its members for all of its dedication to athletics in the state of Rhode Island. Through your effort, student-athletes are able to attain higher goals and enrich their educational lives through sport.

We would also like to make you aware of our efforts to find better avenues to communicate with you. Our duty is to represent you and your needs to the best of our ability. Should you have an issue or idea that you feel our membership needs to be aware of please contact one of us? You are also encouraged to attend any Executive Board meeting to voice a concern or just see what we do once a month at the RIIL office at Rhode Island College.

The following important information, which has come out of discussions from our recent meetings, is to help keep you aware of current issues or concerns in Rhode Island athletics.

1. John Mancuso from Recognition Awards Company formerly Emblem & Badge made a presentation to the Executive Board. If you would like to contact him, his contact number is 401-365-1265. They are located in Johnston and their web site is [www.recognition.com](http://www.recognition.com).
2. Tom Mezzanotte reports there will be no increase in official's fees for the next two years. The dues and fees from the RIIL will not increase with the possible exception of hockey.
3. Tom is also looking for football coaches' input on putting five game officials on the field rather than one being the game clock operator.
4. Sport Committee chairpersons will be asked to give a report at the March general meeting at the Cape. There are still issues about rules being passed without the AD serving on the sport committee being contacted.
5. Bob Palazzo has created a model that all coaches associations can adopt. It allows for documentation of dues and fees. With this information the associations can apply for a tax ID number. Cross-country, indoor and outdoor track are now under one umbrella.
6. New rule for baseball and softball pitchers and catchers needs clarification.
7. RIIAAA Constitution/By-Laws have been revised and will be voted upon at the March general meeting.
8. Middle School sports update: each sport director's name is now on the middle school website. You can email them by clicking on their name. Schedules are still not being given to the ADs in a timely manner. Middle School web site: [www.ripcoa.org](http://www.ripcoa.org).
9. Nine applications have been received to date for our association scholarship.
10. Golf tournament will be discussed at the March meeting. We are looking for suggestions for a new location.
11. Awards Banquet is April 8 at Rhodes. Award winners have been posted on our web site.

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