

*Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association*

**NEWSLETTER**

*April 2011*

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

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

1. The Crown Plaza was well received as the sight of this year's banquet.
2. Wrestling is considering a return to a Division II Tournament.
3. Soccer has updated rule changes posted on the [www.riil.org](http://www.riil.org) website. The PCOA is considering an Open State Tournament for Soccer.
4. The Sports and Guidelines Committee will present to Tom Mezzanotte and the PCOA in May. Kudos to Tom Marcello from Ponagansett who spent many hours documenting data from the past years of RIIL sports.
5. The board consensus on JV/FR Officials Stipend is that a recommended maximum of 72% of the Varsity Official's Stipend be used as a benchmark.
6. The RIIAAA Golf Tournament is set for Richmond CC Tuesday June 28, 2011. Schools are encouraged to support this fundraiser with Tee Sponsorship, Team Play, and/or donation of prizes for the event.
7. Mike Traficante attended the NIAAA Section I meeting recently. Mike noted that Massachusetts is hosting the New England Student Leadership Conference. There are 40 spots available to Rhode Island Student Athletes on a first come basis. Mike also noted that Rhode Island is due to host the NIAAA Section I meeting in 2015.
8. Individual Student Athletes that compete in a spring sport as well as Outdoor Track must compete in one dual meet and one qualifying meet.
9. The CAA Exam is scheduled for Classical HS on Friday, May 3, 2010 at 8am. Contact Bob Palazzo if you are planning on completing the CAA Exam.
10. 2011-2012 NIAAA Membership notice will be coming May 2011.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Beth Penkala (Mt.Hope) at

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