

Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

NEWSLETTER

February 2013

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 NIAAA – Communications Program and Future Endeavors committee thanks the RIIAAA for its contribution to Media and Advertising Promotion Campaign.
2. The RIIAAA received reimbursement from the NIAAA on athletic directors' registering and fulfilling Leadership Training Institute course work.
3. The Football playoff structure is being reviewed. The football sports' committee will research more as to the soundness of change for fall 2013 or waiting until the next realignment 2014-2016.
4. The Softball sports' committee met to restructure the division II playoffs. A recommendation is on the agenda for the next Principals' Committee on Athletics (PCOA) meeting.
5. In Boys' Basketball, the point system is being reviewed to include preliminary round games and byes.
6. Welcome newly appointed athletic directors: Peter Rios, Central, Paul Rao, Mt Pleasant, and Bismarck Gonsalves, Hope.

7. Schools that have Boys'/Girls' Hockey, Boys'/Girls' Lacrosse, and/or Boys'/Girls' Soccer, should provide a Doctor, medical person and/or Athletic Trainer at home game contests.
8. Any player ejected from a RIIL contest is subject to completion of the '*Sportsmanship Questionnaire*' and completion of the NFHS Sports Course on *Sportsmanship*.
9. For foreign exchange students, both the F1 and F4 Visa are valid for sports competition.
10. For Baseball/Softball, freshmen pitchers and/or catchers may participate in the pitchers/catchers week of the spring season.
11. Welcome Cranston East and Cranston West to RIIL boys' lacrosse.
12. Congratulations to Terry Lynch, South Kingstown for being selected to serve NIAAA Section I on the NFHS Hockey Rules and Regulations Committee.
13. Congratulations to the following recipients of RIIAAA Awards for 2013:
 - a. School of the Year – East Greenwich High School
 - b. Administrator of the Year – Scott Barr, Classical High School
 - c. Sister Charlene Tedeschi Award – John Paul Medeiros, Barrington High School
 - d. Media Award – Peter Connell (posthumously), Valley Breeze
 - e. Female Coach of the Year – Annmarie Marino, Barrington High School
 - f. Male Coach of the Year – Mike La Babera, The Prout School
 - g. NIAAA State Award of Merit – Paul Amaral, East Providence High School
 - h. Athletic Director of the Year – Deb Bush, Central High School
14. Advertisements, either from a vendor of your school, for the RIIAAA Awards banquet in April is now due. Please sent Ad and check to Elaine Botelho, 14 Stockton Street, Middletown, RI 02842.

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