

## **NEWSLETTER**

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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 Sport Committee lists will be updated to reflect the Athletic Directors that are Co-Directors and/or committee members.
2. The RIIAAA is looking for an Athletic Director to fill a vacant seat on the RIIL Hall of fame committee.
3. There is currently a \$600 reimbursement for any Athletic Director that completes a basic Leadership Training Course toward their CAA certification.
4. Kudos to Dan Greene being named to the NFHS Volleyball rules committee.
5. RIIL is planning on expanding the Student-Athlete Program with new initiatives.
6. Two free courses have been added to the NFHS website: Safer Environment and Heat Acclimatization.
7. Every Principal and Athletic Director will now have to sign off on coaching requirements on an approved form.
8. The Blue Card on sportsmanship is now a White Card.
9. Welcome to St. Patrick Academy who entered the RIIL in Boys' & Girls' Basketball
10. The NIAAA will pay for two new members of the RIIAAA that are not covered by district finances through their Outreach Program.

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