

NEWSLETTER

February 2016

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) Committee Reports:

Girls Soccer

- preliminary divisions, finalizing schedule for March meeting.
- Playoff eligibility (similar to boys)-Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Golf

- survey out to course superintendents to get feedback about a possible switch to fall

Indoor Track

- Schedule worked out well.
- Stance of coaches' association is that they don't want pole vaulting at indoor as a scoring event.
- RIIAAA is exploring the possibility of the scoring of pole vault.

Hockey

- Girls hockey finals are the same weekend of the USA regionals.
- Working through this scheduling conflict.
- RIIL: if coaches agree, there is not a problem moving the state finals (might not be at a big venue)

Baseball

- Division 1 and Division 2 championships will be played at McCoy.
- PawSox looking to offer Saturday workouts on McCoy for high school teams.

Boys' Basketball

- playoffs on schedule

Volleyball

- Girls division 1 coaches unhappy with the realignment (per coaches' association).
- Not happy with the not playing teams twice.
- Realignment is going forward.

Boys' Soccer

-only movement in realignment EWG moving down to Division 3, and Cranston West is moving up to Division 2

Boys' and Girls' Swim

-looking for approval to split up the boys and girls for division meets

Girls' Basketball

-Division 1 wants to go to 16 teams, but committee is comfortable with 10 teams.
-discussion about changing the power points for the open tournament.

Softball

-Coaches association (\$10 coaches' dues, no banquet fee, optional \$50 for booklet ads)

Football

-Committee chose 14 team Division 1, Division 2, and Division 3 (coaches didn't want an 8-team D1)
-Some discussion of teams wanting to move down.

2) RIIL News:

-Meeting was held with the Superintendent's Association
-discussion about the importance of full-time AD's
-discussion about the importance of full-time athletic trainers

3) Section 1 Report:

-No scholarship applications at all (deadline in 2/28)

4) Awards Banquet:

-Award winners have been notified and press releases have been sent (bio and pics)

5) CAA Information:

-Classes offered March 22, 23, 24. Courses 501, 502, 504
-CAA scheduled for August.
-Contact Bob Palazzo for more information.

5) Later High School Start Times:

-Start school late in Barrington-8:30 start time.
-Exploring what the impact on event start times will be, especially the fall

*Any questions or concerns, please contact Greg Kortick at
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NIAAA Membership Commendation

1991	1992	1993
1994	1995	1996
1997	1998	1999
2000	2001	2002
2003	2004	2005
2006	2007	2008
2009	2010	2011
2012	2013	2014

