

Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

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 Sports and Guidelines Committee presented to Tom Mezzanotte and the PCOA. Kudos to the RIIAAA representatives that made an outstanding well received presentation.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Allen Huestis reported the winner of the Section I NIAAA Scholarship Essay Awards went to a male student from VT and a female student from NY.
5. 2011-2012 NIAAA Membership notice has been mailed out to RIIAAA membership.
6. RIASBO has agreed to meet with members of the RIIAAA with regard to School Insurance concerns.
7. A RIIL memo reminding coaches that they may not coach any of their student athletes until June 15, 2011. June 15th to August 15th a coach may work with their athletes provided they abide by the RIIL rules on equipment and facility.
8. The End of Year General Membership Meeting will be June 14, 2011 5:30pm at the Rosario Club (Joe's Italian Kitchen), Providence.
9. The RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Council sent out a message that concussion testing should be optional and not mandatory.
10. The Free Recruiting Webinar will soon have the RIIAAA logo on their website for RI parents and student athletes to reference.
11. The NIAAA Section I Summer Institute runs June 26-28, 2011 on Cape Cod, MA.

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