

Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

NEWSLETTER

March 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. Kudos to Deborah Nelson-Bush (Central HS) for being selected the 2013 RIIL Women in Sports – A. Lenore Cranston Award Recipient.
2. The Football playoff structure will not be changed for fall 2013. The football sports' committee will research more as to the soundness of change of the playoff structure as part of the realignment 2014-2016. The Football Officials' contract negotiations have begun. Bids have been submitted from Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts Football Officials' Boards.
3. In Boys' Basketball, bye teams did receive power points toward the Open Tournament bids. The Open Tournament has begun with 16 teams looking to capture the 2013 RIIL State Boys' Basketball Championship.
4. Boys' Lacrosse has sent out, via RIIL mailing, information on Rule changes for spring 2013 along with tie breaker procedure for both Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse.
5. March 13, 2013, 8am at the RIIL League Office is the mandatory RIIL Spring Athletic Directors meeting. Agenda items to include: Tie breakers by sport; Regional Injury Fund contests; Officials Contract Negotiations and; The Waiver Hearing Process.

6. Classical High School (Mt Pleasant HS fields) has graciously offered to run a Softball Injury Fund Jamboree this spring 2013.
7. The deadline for NIAAA Scholarship applications is Wednesday March 13, 2013. For more information go to www.RIIAAA.org.
8. RIIAAA is gearing up to host the NIAAA Section 1 meeting as early as May 2014.
9. Kudos to the 38 schools and 10 vendors that have sent in an advertisement toward the 2013 RIIAAA Awards Program Booklet.
10. The deadline for registering for the 2013 RIIAAA State Conference and dinner is Monday, March 4, 2013. See www.RIIAAA.org for your conference registration form.

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