

NEWSLETTER

November 2012

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. RIIAAA Award Nomination forms are due back to Jamey Vetelino, Westerly HS, 23 Ward Street, Westerly, RI 02891 or jvetelino@westerly.k12.ri.us or 401-315-1619. Discussion of nominations will be made at the RIIAAA Appreciation Breakfast December 5th at the Airport Radisson, Warwick.
2. December 14 thru December 19, 2012 is the NIAAA/NFHS Conference in San Antonio, TX. Go to www.NIAAA.org to find conference information. One free registration to the NIAAA Conference will be drawn on December 5, 2012 for any member that is paying out of pocket. This fee is courtesy of the NIAAA Section I membership.
3. Kudos to Phil Kershaw, West Warwick retired and Richard Lawrence, Mt St Charles on their nomination to the RIIL Hall of Fame.
4. Competition Cheer will host Injury Fund events at Warwick Vets, 12/6 and at Portsmouth HS, 12/11. Cheer teams should be declaring whether they will be Co-Ed competitors to RIIL at 401-272-9844.
5. The Softball realignment was approved by PCOA, however, the playoff schedule needs to be restructured.
6. Wrestling is in need of mats for the State Meet. If you are willing to donate use of your mats please contact RIIL at 401-272-9844.
7. Welcome Ken Scully as the Indoor Track Director to replace Charlie Sweeney, retired.

8. The pre-season ADs' meeting was well received. Discussion groups by regions will continue at the pre-season spring meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday March 6, 2013.
9. Welcome to the PCOA new members Sean Kelly, Cranston Public Schools; Brian Butler, EWG HS; and Bob DiMuccio, Mt Pleasant HS.
10. Congratulations to Dan Green, for being named to the NFHS Rules Committee for Volleyball.
11. Heat Acclimatization requirements for sports teams will be mandatory starting fall 2013-2014.
12. Hockey players and their coaches now must view the NFHS 'Contact Video' prior to the opening day of practice.
13. Article 27 – Tennis has been revised and now includes language that a player must participate in a minimum of three regular season matches in order to be eligible for tournament play. Individual cases can be appealed to the RIIIL for exceptions.
14. If a school violates a RIIIL rule or regulation while on probation, that school will be subject to the NFHS Standard 25 inquiry.
15. Welcome LaSalle Academy to Field Hockey; St Patrick's School to Boys' and Girls' Basketball and Outdoor Track; Smithfield HS and Chariho HS to Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse.
16. The following schools have been approved for Co-Op teams:
Cumberland/Lincoln; Smithfield/North Smithfield; and the Warwick Public Schools to Girls' Hockey. Tiverton/Rogers to Boys' Lacrosse; and Juanita Sanchez/Rocky Hill to Softball.
17. Any school interested in participating in Freshmen/Sophomore Girls' Basketball for 2012-2013 should contact Bob Murray, thsathletics@hotmail.com or 401-624-8494 ext. 243 at Tiverton HS.

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