

## **NEWSLETTER**

*January 2015*

**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. Athletic Directors serving as either Director or Co-Director of a sport committee are reminded to send meeting report(s) to Ted Quigley, La Salle Academy, [tquigley@lasalle-academy.org](mailto:tquigley@lasalle-academy.org) as soon as possible in order for Jamey Vetelino to best serve you at Principals' Committee on Athletics meetings. As the RIIAAA Vice-President, Ted would need to pass on sport committee resolutions in advance of the PCOA meetings.
  2. Committee Reports:
    - Baseball** - The schedule should be finished by February 1<sup>st</sup>.  
McCoy Stadium again will host the finals. Johnson & Wales or RI College will host Baseball semifinals.
    - Boys'/Girls' Lacrosse** – The request of goalies to start the pre-season earlier was denied. Schedules are due in February. Pilgrim joins Boys' Lacrosse.
    - Boys'/Girls' Soccer** – Rule Changes are being improved upon:
      - Game clock – Field clock will be used until the 2 minute mark; the rest is kept by officials unless an official timer is requested.
      - For Qtr. and Semi- finals, RIIL will supply a timer (paid by RIIL).
      - Article 7 Section 2b on Heat Acclimation, a one minute time out will be taken at the 20 minute mark of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the contest.
      - 5 yellow cards in one game and the team losses one player. 7 yellow cards in one game and the team losses two players. The coach is not ejected, but coach is benched.
      - If the coach is assessed a yellow card they are benched for the remainder of the game.
      - Playoff teams must provide ball boys/girls.
      - A scorer at midfield is mandatory. If not provided, the team receives a yellow card to start the game.
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**Boys' Volleyball** – Schedule went to PCOA.

**Football** – Change in playoff structure is being discussed. An NFHS concussion rule in reference to JV/Varsity time a player is allotted during a seven day stretch is being developed.

**Realignment** – Met to discuss:

- If teams are tied in the ranking system and are on the fall line of subdivisions, then both teams would be placed in the same division. The sport committee would decide the division of best fit for the league.
- Uniform playoff standards
- Playoff brackets must be established pre-season.
- Leaving a window for play-in games.
- Continue to meet on other concerns.

**Wrestling** – An eight team dual state meet is scheduled using two sites, one for DI and one for DII. The JV states will be held Saturday-Sunday rather than Friday, Saturday. There is no Division II Tournament.

3. Mark your calendar for this year's RIIAAA Award Banquet, Thursday, April 2, 2015 and the NIAAA Section I Meeting hosted by the RIIAAA, Wednesday May 13, 2015. Both events are at the Crown Plaza, Warwick, RI.
4. Any Athletic Director pursuing their RAA or CAA certification may seek reimbursement for the five core courses LTC 501.502, 504, 506 and 508 while funds last.
5. The Spring Athletic Directors' meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the RIIL Office, 8am.
6. RIIAAA is suggesting that compatible like sports committees should be combined to one committee.
7. RIIAAA State Conference news:

The date of the RIIAAA State Conference is Saturday, March 28, 2015.

A sample agenda follows:

8:00 AM Registration

9:00 AM Keynote Speaker

10:00 AM Choice of two workshops: ADs and coaches

11:00 AM Choice of three workshops: one repeated, and two new choices.

Break

PM schedule includes:

1. Recertification for coaches.

2. 3 LTC course offerings (suggestions)

a. Emergency Management Plan (new LTC)

b. Anyone Can Save a Life Program

8. Deadline for NIAAA Scholarship Applications is February 28, 2015.

*Any questions or concerns, please contact Greg Kortick at [GKortick@westwarwick-publicschools.com](mailto:GKortick@westwarwick-publicschools.com)*



## RHODE ISLAND

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

