

## **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) Committee Reports:

**Field Hockey**

- Mike Sheils has been added to the sport committee
- Realignment Survey is out: A 3-division proposal was considered but the committee felt two is in line with league rules with 21 teams in the state.
- Also a concern was the idea of getting non-league games in and out of the state would be difficult.

**Cross-Country**

- Cross-country coaches' association is looking into having meets that have more competitive scheduling, but they have not formally proposed anything as of yet.

**Girls Tennis**

- Realignment surveys are out.
- Division 3 is the largest of the divisions, so to create parity they created 2 divisions.

**Girls Soccer**

- Realignment survey is out as of 1/21/16.
- Concerns regarding realignment of 3A and 3B because of different weights that are used between each division for playoff rankings but for realignment they are equal.

**RITCA**

- RIIAAA is sponsoring a \$100.00 donation for ad in program for East Coast Invitational.

2) RIIL News:

- Lee Marcowski (Barrington) has agreed to be the Girls Lacrosse Director
- Technology Committee is meeting to discuss website. Looking for vendors to serve this purpose.

- EKG may be added to pre-participation physical (not a ton of support from doctors because of cost vs benefit)
- Return to play document is being created to formalize process
- Pitch count is being reviewed with Dr. Shalvoy
- Football will be looking at what a game is in regards to playing time and restriction of play. They are looking at minimum of 5 days between games.
- There is a February 4th meeting with officials associations. Looking to have them become a part of the NFHS officials association (better training and liability coverage).
- Athletic trainers association has hired a lobbyist to put legislation in place to support athletic trainers in schools. URI director of Physical Therapy is considering to add a athletic trainer program.
- Tom Mezzanotte, will be speaking at the State Association of School Nurses to garner support for hiring athletic trainers in each school district.
- Hockey: Mike Lunney has a Powerpoint regarding future of hockey in the state and if the league will continue to run the scheduling. Schools need to start to prepare to take over hockey from the league.

### 3) Realignment Formula

- Alignment Formula adjustments: Motion make the adjustments to the alignment formula in the areas of
  1. Reduce last 3 year win percentage to 2 year win percentage = 10%,
  2. Add a tournament success factor = 10 % (division champ=1pt; quarters=1pt; semi =1pt; finalists= 3 pts)
  3. Reduce 8 year from winning percentage from 70% to 60%.
  4. Enrollment remains 20%.

### 4) Section 1:

- There is a Section 1 meeting in Connecticut on March 22 at 1:30.

*Any questions or concerns, please contact Greg Kortick at [gkortick@westwarwickpublicschools.com](mailto:gkortick@westwarwickpublicschools.com)*



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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

