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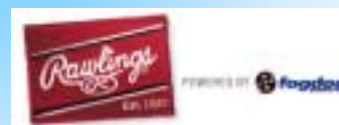
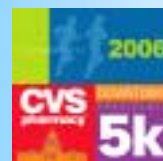
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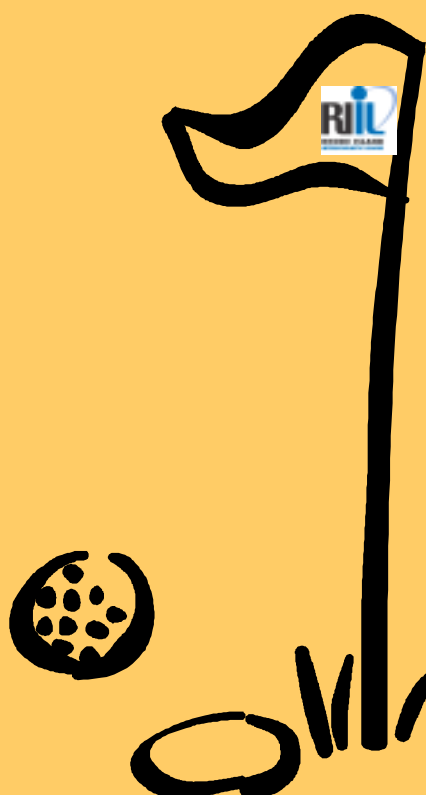


## From the Desk of the Executive Director.....

Congratulations to the RIIL Hall of Fame Class of 2009. Since the induction of our first class in 2003, the RIIL has honored many outstanding athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, and sportswriters. These remarkable men and women were selected for their contributions to high school sports in the State of Rhode Island.

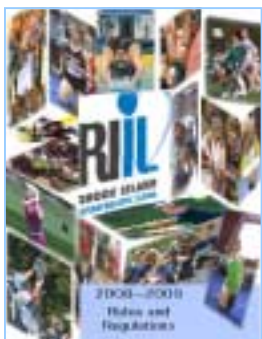
As members of the RIIL Hall of Fame, they represent the colorful traditions of high school athletics and have insured a promising future for future Rhode Island athletes.

*Thomas Mezzanotte*  
*Executive Director, RIIL*



# RIIL Foundation Inaugural GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 8, 2009  
Quidnessett Country Club



# RIIL Rules Update

## ARTICLE 19—FOOTBALL

**Revised 5-20-09**

### Section 5. PLAYOFFS

The Championship Playoffs will be conducted under the direction of the Director of Football using a format determined by the Director of Football, approved by the Committee, and published with the RIIL Football Schedule.

#### A. Football Playoff Qualification:

The concept behind this system is that in any step of the tie-breaking process only one team advances to the playoffs and is given the highest seed involved in the tie. When one team wins the tie-breaker, all other teams revert to step #2 of the applicable two-team or three or more format.

1. Wins & losses in League games.
2. If there is a tie between two (2) teams, head-to-head competition will be the tie breaker.
3. If there are more than two (2) teams tied for playoff qualification, pool records will be the first tie breaker. Pool records will be the win/loss record among the tied qualifying teams only. **If one team has the best won-lost record among the tied teams, that team wins the tie-breaker and becomes the highest seed in the tournament. If all teams remain tied, the next step is Quality Points. If two teams tie for the best record, they revert to step #2. The team defeated in that step, along with the other remaining team(s) will then revert to step #2. If this process leaves two (2) teams still tied, revert back to #2 (head-to-head competition).**
4. If pool records do not break the tie among three (3) or more teams, then quality points shall be the criteria. **Teams will be awarded one quality point for each game won by the teams they have defeated. Every attempt will be made during an overtime game to determine a winner and a loser. However, in the event that the referee ends the game and a tie still exists; the following will occur: Each team will receive ½ quality point for every League game won by the other team. If one team has the most quality points among the tied teams, that team wins the tie-breaker and becomes the highest seed in the tie. If all teams remain tied, the next step will be defensive points allowed. If this process leaves two (2) teams tied with quality points, revert back to #2 (head-to-head competition). The team defeated in that step, along with any other remaining team(s) will revert to step #2.**
5. If #4 does not break the tie, total defensive points allowed in the games between the teams involved in the tie breaker only shall be used. **If one team has given up the fewest points among the teams tied, that team wins the tie-breaker and the highest seed in the tie. All remaining teams revert to step #2. If two teams remain tied, the next step will be a coin toss. If two teams tie with the fewest defensive points, they will revert to step #2. The team defeated in that step, along with any other remaining team(s) will revert to step #2.**
6. Coin toss/random drawing. The method used will be at the discretion of the Football Director. The winner of the coin toss/random drawing will receive the highest seed available in the tie. The losers of the coin toss/random drawing will revert to step #2.



## Did you do your homework for your trip?



### ***New Travel Document Requirements To Be Implemented June 1***

We are always asking our students whether they have done their homework yet. But, have we done ours? If your school is planning an upcoming trip this summer to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean or Bermuda, you will need to have approved travel documents to come back home.

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) will be implemented at land and sea ports of entry on June 1. Under WHTI, citizens of the U.S. and Canada, including children, must present a valid passport or other secure document to enter the U.S.

U.S. and Canadian citizen children under age 16 arriving by land or sea from Canada or Mexico may present an original or copy of his or her birth certificate, a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, a Naturalization Certificate or a Canadian Citizenship Card.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) also understands the unique circumstances surrounding children traveling with school groups, sports team and other organizations, and will continue to ensure that such travel is facilitated.

U.S. and Canadian citizen children under age 19 arriving by land or sea from contiguous territory and traveling with a school group, religious group, social or cultural organization, or sports team, may also present an original or copy of his or her birth certificate, a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, a Naturalization Certificate or a Canadian Citizenship Card. The group should be prepared to present a letter on organizational letterhead with the following information:

- The name of the group and supervising adult.
- A list of the children on the trip, and the primary address, phone number, date of birth, place of birth, and name of at least one parent or legal guardian for each child.
- A written and signed statement of the supervising adult certifying that he or she has obtained parental or legal guardian consent for each participating child.

CBP is committed to working with travelers to ensure that they have access to and obtain appropriate travel documents. U.S. and Canadian citizens are encouraged to continue with any travel plans and to obtain a facilitative and secure WHTI travel document as soon as possible.

WHTI documents for land and sea travel from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda include:

- U.S. or Canadian passports;
- U.S. Passport Card;
- State or Provincial Enhanced Driver's Licenses/Enhanced Identification Card (when and where available)
- Trusted Traveler Card (NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST)

In order to further expedite border crossings, CBP strongly encourages travelers, including children, to obtain a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)-enabled travel document, RFID documents include U.S. Passport Cards, Enhanced Driver's License/Enhanced Identification Cards and Trusted Traveler Program cards (NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST/EXPRES).

Lawful permanent residents of the United States should continue to present their Permanent Resident Card (I-551). A passport is not required.

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative is the joint Department of Homeland Security-Department of State program that implements a key 9/11 Commission recommendation and Congressional mandate to establish document requirements for travelers entering the United States who were previously exempt, including citizens of the United States and Canada. For more information on document options and how to apply, visit [www.GetYouHome.gov](http://www.GetYouHome.gov).

# Introducing...the Inductees of the Class of 2009 RIIL High School Athletic Hall of Fame

*Photo Credit: Kevin Dolan*



*Athlete*

*Charles  
Ajootian*



*Athlete*

*Bill  
Almon*



*Athlete*

*Mary  
Burke*



*Sportswriter*

*Manny  
Correia*



*Athlete*

*James  
Dionizio*

*George  
Egan*



*Coach*



*Congratulations Inductees!*

*John  
Gray*



*Administrator*

*Richard  
Hazard*



*Official*

*Art  
Kershaw*



*Coach*

*Jerry  
Morgan*



*Coach*

*Christina Batastini  
Sheehan*



*Athlete*

*Mike  
Stenhouse*



*Athlete*

Nominees for the RIIL High School Athletic Hall of Fame must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character and are considered on the merits of their contributions and achievements to Rhode Island high school athletics. Categories in which a person may be nominated are: competitor, coach, or administrator as well as any person whose activities as a game official, school supporter, or one whose combination of activities have resulted in a service qualified as outstanding or excellent. The above outstanding individuals have met or exceeded the criteria for selection into the Class of 2009.

## Coaching, liability, and criminal court

Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) - Spring 2009 Bulletin

By William O. Roberts, M.D., M.S.

**R**ecent headlines have drawn attention to a legal first in the annals of coaching. A 15-year-old football player died of heat stroke three days after collapsing during practice on Aug., 20, 2008. The sophomore player collapsed and had trouble breathing. The heat index, a measure of how hot it feels based on temperature and humidity, was 94 degrees that day. The player had a body temperature of 107 degrees when he arrived at the hospital. The local newspaper noted in its account of the incident that four witnesses said a coach denied water to players during the practice despite the heat. Following that report, the police homicide unit elected to explore whether there was “criminal conduct” involved in the death.

One year and four months later, the head coach of the Kentucky high school football team who conducted the practice was charged with reckless homicide, a rare criminal charge against a coach in a heat-related death. The reckless homicide charge means the grand jury that heard the case did not consider the coach’s actions intentional or malicious. However, the charge implies that “a reasonable man should have realized something like this could have occurred.”

While heat stroke deaths happen annually in high school football, most occur in states to the south of Minnesota. However, geography is not fully protective as the only professional level heat stroke death, that of Minnesota Vikings offensive lineman Korey Stringer,

occurred in Minnesota. There have also been high school heat stroke deaths in the northern states of Michigan and Montana. While these and other heat stroke cases have led to numerous civil lawsuits, no coaches have ever been charged in criminal court for a practice-related death prior to this year.

What went wrong that led to criminal charges in this case? While the full details have not yet been disclosed, it is known that two players on that team collapsed during that same August 20th practice and were hospitalized. One survived, one did not. The day was hot and the players were in full uniform. It was midway through the third week of practice for the season. The family alleges that water was restricted

*How can coaches reduce the risk of heat stroke during practice and reduce the risk of facing this type of criminal charge? Simply follow the League guidelines for participation in the heat and acclimatization in football, and have a tub with ice and water for immediate cooling if a player collapses. Never restrict fluids from players.*

and there “was the lack of urgency and...delay in seeking medical treatment after (the player) collapsed and never regained consciousness.” There was no tub for ice water immersion following the collapse. The player’s parents sued Sinson and five assistant coaches in state court accusing them of negligence and “reckless disregard.” This is separate from the criminal charge and has not yet been litigated in civil court.

How can coaches reduce the risk of heat stroke during practice and reduce the risk of facing this type of criminal charge?

Simply follow the League guidelines for participation in the heat and acclimatization in football, and have a tub with ice and water for immediate cooling if a player collapses. Never restrict fluids from players. It does not toughen them up or make them more prepared for the game, as was taught in my day. The resulting dehydration increases the risk of soaring body temperatures in hot, humid weather; especially in players not accustomed to the heat and the stress of wearing the full uniform, which amplifies the risk.

League rules require several days of practice with no pads to begin the acclimatization process during pre-season conditioning. The high school players involved in this incident were well into the preseason, whereas most deaths from exertional heat stroke in such players (and in the Vikings player) occur early in the acclimatization phase of practice while wearing the full uniform.

The League’s early season practice rules protect the players from heat stroke and the coaches from both liability and potential criminal charges, but it is critical to remember that heat can affect players if they are ill or if they are using certain medications. It is best to always follow the heat modification and acclimatization recommendations for the good of all involved.

*William O. Roberts, M.D., M.S., is a professor of Family Medicine and Community Health, Division of Sports Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School, and also is a member of the League’s Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.*

### Kentucky athlete’s death prompts safety training law

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear on March 24 signed legislation that is aimed at helping prevent high school athletes from suffering heat stroke and other injuries.

“This is an important piece of legislation that I hope will protect the health and safety of our student athletes,” Beshear said. “I applaud the sponsors for their efforts to protect our students from the dangers of heatstroke, illness and injuries incurred while participating in sporting events through the bill’s requirements for proper training and equipment.”

The legislation was prompted by the heat-related death of Pleasure Ridge Park High School football player Max Gilpin, 15, who collapsed during a practice last August. His coach, David Jason Stinson, has pleaded not guilty to a reckless homicide charge and has denied any wrongdoing.

The new law will require high school coaches to complete a 10-hour course in emergency planning, heat and cold illnesses, emergency recognition, head injuries, neck injuries, facial injuries and principles of first aid. The course must be taught by a qualified professional who must be a certified athletic trainer, registered nurse, physician or physical assistant licensed to practice in Kentucky. All coaches must pass a test after the course. Beginning in 2009-2010 at least one person who has completed the course must be at every high school athletic practice and competition.

The Kentucky High School Athletics Association and Kentucky Department of Education are also required to staff and coordinate a study of sports safety to be completed no later than Oct. 1, 2009.

## PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS SUMMARY OF MARCH MEETING

**NOTE: There was no February PCOA meeting.**

*The March meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:45 p.m.*

Mr. Gray welcomed new members Scott Barr, Principal, Classical High School and Jeannine Nota-Masse, Principal, East Greenwich High School to the Committee.

The Committee congratulates Dan Kelley, Principal, Smithfield High School for being named school administrator of the year by the RIIAAA and Dan Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School being named principal of the year by the RIASP. Well done!

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report from the January 26, 2009 meeting was approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mezzanotte referred to several letters, memoranda and publications placed in each member's folder or filed in the League office.

The RIIL is pleased to announce the continued support by the Bill Falk Fund. The fund has enhanced high school Track & Field and Cross-Country in RI.

The RIIL is working with Bryant University who is conducting an outstanding conference entitled: *Victory with Character*. This workshop will discuss issues relating to adolescent gambling, and preventive measures to decrease the likelihood of physical injury.

### LRG AGREEMENT

The RIIL has entered into an agreement with the Licensing Resource Group to act as the RIIL's exclusive agent to license the use of school trademarks.

### RIIL RULES VIOLATIONS

#### Westerly High School: Article 3, Section 1, Eligibility List

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to impose a fine of \$200.00 on Westerly High School for the inadvertent omission of their Varsity Girls' Cheerleading Eligibility List.

#### North Providence High School: Article 3, Section 3, Academic Eligibility

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to impose a fine of \$100.00 on North Providence High School for the inadvertent use of an academically ineligible student.

#### Cumberland High School: Missed Interpretation Girls Lacrosse Meeting – appeal fine

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved Cumberland High School's request to waive the \$50 fine for the missed Girls' Lacrosse meeting on 2/10/09.

#### Pilgrim High School: Article 7, Section 6, D.1.B

The Principals' Committee on Athletics decided no further action needs to be taken against Pilgrim High School's non-compliance with the 50% rule in indoor soccer team.

#### Hope High School: Article 3, Section 3, Academic Eligibility

The Committee discussed the use of an ineligible wrestler by Hope High School. Specifically, the Committee is very concerned about the use of the ineligible student in a wrestling tournament at Warwick Veterans High School on January 24, 2009. The Committee has requested the principal, athletic director and wrestling coach attend the May 18, 2009 PCOA meeting to discuss the matter.

### RIIL SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee met on February 9 and reviewed/discussed the dangers associated with the pitching motion in Fastpitch Softball. The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee did not recommend a pitch count or any other restrictions for Fastpitch Softball pitchers. The Committee did, however, recommend that teams develop multiple pitchers in the event the #1 pitcher suffers minor injuries common to pitchers. In addition, the Committee recommended that a certified athletic trainer attend all fall interpretation meetings and discuss medical issues associated with each sport.

### RIIL SPORT COMMITTEES

Mr. Mezzanotte reminded the fall sport directors to send him the end of season wrap-up from their committees to include: 2009 schedules, recommended changes and alignment changes/surveys.

### FALL SPORTS

- ⇒ **Football** – Bob Cooney, Director – the RIIL approved alignment criteria was reviewed and discussed. The Football Committee has asked the Football Coaches Association to develop a proposed alignment. Specifically, recommend the number of divisions and the number of teams in each division. The next Football Committee meeting is scheduled for April 22.
- ⇒ The RIIL received a letter from the Providence School Department. In that letter, the Providence School Department now believes that the actions of the Central High School Football Head Coach during the football 2008-2009 season were the result of a roster submission error, and not intended to be a willful violation of league and/or school department rules.
- ⇒ **Girls' Volleyball** – Elaine Botelho, Director – The Girls' Volleyball Sports Committee approved a switch for Prout School to move to Div I and Pilgrim High School to move to Div II.
- ⇒ **Girls' Tennis** – Denise Boulé, Director – A request from East Greenwich High School to move to Div II was forwarded to the Girls' Tennis Committee for their review and consideration.
- ⇒ **Field Hockey** – Jean Angell, Director – The Field Hockey Sports Committee approved a switch for Moses Brown School to move to Div I and South Kingstown High School to move to Div 2. Also, approved a lateral move for Cranston High School East from the South to the North in Div II. A request by Tiverton High School to move to Div II was denied. The Principals' Committee on Athletics upheld the Field Hockey Sport Committee decisions.
- ⇒ **Boys' Soccer** – John Craig, Director – In an ongoing focus on risk minimization in high school soccer, an addition to the shinguard policy has been approved. A year after requiring shinguards to meet National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) standards, the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee will now require the front of the shinguard to be permanently marked with the NOCSAE seal and height range, effective in fall 2010.
- ⇒ **Girls' Soccer** – Jeannine Nota-Masse, Director – A request from Chariho High School to move to Division III was forwarded to the Girls' Soccer Committee for their review and consideration.
- ⇒ **Boys' & Girls' Cross Country** – Ron Boemker, Director – no report given.

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**WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS & SPORTS****BOYS' BASKETBALL****Division Champions**

Division I - <i>East</i>	Mt. Pleasant High School
Division I - <i>North</i>	Woonsocket High School
Division I - <i>South</i>	North Kingstown High School
Division I - <i>West</i>	Bishop Hendricken High School
Division II - <i>North</i>	Classical High School
Division II - <i>South</i>	Narragansett High School
Division III	Central Falls High School

**STATE CHAMPIONS**

Division I	Bishop Hendricken High School <i>Runner up: Mt. Pleasant High School</i>
Division II	Classical High School <i>Runner up: Narragansett High School</i>
Division III	Moses Brown School <i>Runner up: Central Falls High School</i>

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL****Division Champions**

Division I - <i>Central</i>	St. Mary Bay View Academy
Division I - <i>North</i>	LaSalle Academy
Division I - <i>South</i>	South Kingstown High School
Division II - <i>Central</i>	Pilgrim High School
Division II - <i>East</i>	Barrington High School and Portsmouth High School - Co-Champions
Division II - <i>North</i>	Mt. St. Charles and Woonsocket High School - Co-Champions
Division II - <i>South</i>	The Prout School
Division III	Central Falls High School

**STATE CHAMPIONS**

Division I	LaSalle Academy <i>Runner up: St. Mary Academy - Bay View</i>
Division II	Woonsocket High School <i>Runner up: Barrington High School</i>
Division III	Central Falls High School <i>Runner up: Hope High School</i>

**BOYS' & GIRLS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL****Boys Division Champions**

Rogers High School and North Providence High School

**Girls Division Champions**

LaSalle Academy

**STATE CHAMPIONS**

Boys -	Rogers High School <i>Runner up: North Providence High School</i>
Girls -	LaSalle Academy <i>Runner up: North Providence High School</i>

**GYMNASTICS****Division I**

LaSalle Academy

**Division II**

Mt. Hope High School and South Kingstown High School - Co-Champions

**STATE CHAMPIONS**

Division I	LaSalle Academy <i>Runner up: North Kingstown High School</i>
Division II	South Kingstown High School <i>Runner up: Toll Gate High School</i>

**BOYS' AND GIRLS' SWIM****Division Champions**

Division I - Girls	LaSalle Academy
Division I - Boys	Bishop Hendricken High School
Division II - Girls	Narragansett High School
Division II - Boys	East Providence High School
Division III - Girls	Portsmouth High School
Division III - Boys	North Providence High School

**STATE CHAMPIONS**

Boys -	Bishop Hendricken High School <i>Runner Up: Barrington High School</i>
Girls -	LaSalle Academy <i>Runner Up: Narragansett High School</i>

**WRESTLING****Division**

Division - IA	Cranston High School West and Cumberland High School - Co-Champions
Division - IB	South Kingstown High School
Division - IIA	Westerly High School
Division - IIB	Narragansett High School
Division - IIC	Smithfield High School
Division - IID	Johnston High School

**Division II - Sectional Tournament**

Narragansett High School  
*Runner up: Westerly High School*

**Dual Meet State Tournament**

Cumberland High School  
*Runner up: Cranston High School West*

**Freshman State Tournament**

Coventry High School  
*Runner up: North Providence High School*

**Junior Varsity State Tournament**

Cranston High School West  
*Runner up: North Kingstown High School*

**STATE CHAMPIONS**

Cranston High School West  
*Runner Up: Cumberland High School*

**BOYS' INDOOR TRACK****Division Champions**

North	Cumberland High School
South	South Kingstown High School
Metropolitan	Barrington High School
Suburban	Bishop Hendricken High School

**CLASS CHAMPIONS**

Class A	Bishop Hendricken High School
Class B	South Kingstown High School
Class C	Westerly High School

**STATE CHAMPION**

Bishop Hendricken High School  
*Runner up: Westerly High School*

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**GIRLS' INDOOR TRACK****DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

Dwyer	Smithfield High School and Toll Gate High School – Co-Champions
Hird	LaSalle Academy
Headley	Mt. St. Charles Academy
Morris	South Kingstown High School
Sullivan	East Greenwich High School

**CLASS CHAMPIONS**

Small	Smithfield High School
Medium	Barrington High School
Large	LaSalle Academy

**STATE CHAMPION**

Winner:	LaSalle Academy
Runner-Up:	Hope High School

**RIIL TEAM COMPETITION CHERLEADING****DIVISION****JV**

Portsmouth High School
Runner up: Mt. Hope High School

**SMALL**

Mt. St. Charles Academy
Runner up: Narragansett High School

**MEDIUM**

Portsmouth High School
Runner up: Warwick Veterans High School

**LARGE**

North Providence High School
Runner up: Cranston East High School

**CO-ED**

LaSalle Academy
Runner up: Portsmouth High School

**Overall State Team Champions**

Mt. Saint Charles Academy
Runner up: Portsmouth High School

**RIIL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION CHERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Molly Silven – Mt. St. Charles Academy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Brittany Dickie – Mt. St. Charles Academy
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Stephanie Russell – LaSalle Academy

**GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY****DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

Division I	Mt. St. Charles Academy and St. Mary Bay View Academy – Co-Champions
Division II	LaSalle Academy

**STATE CHAMPIONS**

Division I	St. Mary Academy-Bay View
	Runner up: Mt. Saint Charles Academy
Division II	LaSalle Academy
	Runner up: North Smithfield High School

⇒ **Boys' and Girls' Ice Hockey** – George Egan, Director – The RIIL received a request from Smithfield High School to move up from Div II, a request from Cranston High School West to move to Div I and a request from Narragansett High School to move to Div II. The requests were forwarded to the Ice Hockey Sports Committee for their review and consideration. The Boys' Ice Hockey Championships will be submitted at the next meeting.

**SPRING SPORTS**

⇒ **Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse** – George Finn, Director – The RIIL received a request from Tiverton and Rogers High School to continue their Co-op in Boys' Lacrosse for the next two years (2009-2010 – 2010-2011). On a motion made and seconded, the Princi-

pals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the request for another two years. On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics approved a request from the RILAX Association to hold an All-Star Lacrosse game which is tentatively scheduled for June 6, 2009.

- ⇒ **Golf** – Mike Lunney, Director – The Golf Sport Committee discussed the use of GPS or Laser devices during the season and tournaments. On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously denied the request. In another matter and on a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved a game cap for golf to 12 (8 league games and 4 non-league).
- ⇒ A discussion was held regarding the use of women tees during the boys' state tournament. No action will be taken for the 2009-2010 season.
- ⇒ **Boys & Girls' Outdoor Track** – Bob Littlefield, Jamey Vetelino, Co-Directors – discussion was held regarding the cost of divisional meets and fees.
- ⇒ **Baseball** – Dan Kelley and Keith Kenyon, Co-Directors – no report given.
- ⇒ **Boys' Tennis** – Kevin McNamara, Director – no report given.
- ⇒ **Fastpitch Softball** – Betty Marquis, Director – no report given.
- ⇒ **Boys' Volleyball** – Don Kavanagh, Director – no report given.

**LEADERSHIP, SPORTSMANSHIP AND CHARACTER**

Mr. Warner reported the Committee has extended the deadline for applications for the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference.

**GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS**

The RIIL Girls and Women in Sports Class of 2008 awards luncheon and ceremony was held on March 15, 2009 at the Ryan Center, URI. The honorees were Jeanne Carhart, Girls' Lacrosse Coach, Moses Brown School as the Alice A. Sullivan RIIL Female Coach of the Year; Elaine Botelho, Retired (Middletown HS) and RIIAAA Executive Director, received the A. Lenore Cranston Award for meritorious and continued service; and Elizabeth Beisel, swimmer at North Kingstown HS and member of the US Women's Swim Team for the 2008 Summer Olympics as the Virginia L. "Gini" Duarte Female Athlete of the Year.

**REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION****T-SHIRT BIDS**

Mr. Mezzanotte discussed T-Shirt bids. More information will be forthcoming.

**MEETING WITH DAVIES HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

The Committee supports the actions taken by the Davies High School administration during the 2008-2009 Boys Basketball season. The Davies Boys Basketball Team intends to return to play for the 2009-2010 season.

***The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.***

***The March meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.***

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## Mission Statement

The Mission of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League is to provide its member schools governance, leadership, and support for interscholastic athletics which give student-athletes opportunities to compete in an environment that stresses education, sportsmanship, integrity and safety.

### National Affiliation



#### Mission Statement

The National Federation of State High School Associations serves its members, related professional organizations, and students by providing leadership for the administration of education-based interscholastic activities which support academic achievement, good citizenship and equitable opportunities.

#### We believe:

- the NFHS is the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs.
- interscholastic activity programs enrich each student's educational experience.
- participation in education-based activity programs promotes student academic achievement.
- student participation in interscholastic activity programs is a privilege.
- interscholastic participation develops good citizenship and healthy lifestyles.
- interscholastic activity programs foster involvement of a diverse population.
- interscholastic activity programs promote positive school/community relations.
- the NFHS is the pre-eminent authority on competition rules for interscholastic activity programs.
- national competition rules promote fair play and minimize risks for student participants.
- cooperation among state associations advances their individual and collective well-being.
- properly trained administrators/coaches/directors promote the educational mission of the interscholastic experience.
- properly trained officials/judges enhance interscholastic competition.