



RIIL

Spring of 2026
Officials' Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026



OUR PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT

The RIIL protects high school sports by keeping them safe, competitively balanced and educational for all students.

Ensuring high school sports develop the whole person, not just the athlete.

Together, let's all *#ProtectThePurpose* of high school sports!

ProtectThePurpose.com



Rhode Island Interscholastic League

FACT SHEET

The RIIL exists to serve, not to rule.

Without associations like us, high school sports would be inequitable, inconsistent, unsafe and disorganized.

Year Founded	Member Schools	Sports	Participants
1899	73	21	33,510

State associations like the RIIL were formed to govern high school sports by developing rules for fair play, establishing eligibility standards, and addressing the health and safety of students participating in these programs.

Services We Provide

- Support Student Academic Achievement
- Offer Student Leadership Opportunities
- Offer Coaches Education Programs
- Conduct 554 State Tournament Contests
- Provide Structure for Regular-Season Competition for Schools
- Develop Coaches, Officials & Administrators Recognition Programs
- Promote Student Safety & Minimize Risk
- Establish Consistent Playing Rules in Concert with the NFHS
- Lead Sportsmanship Initiatives

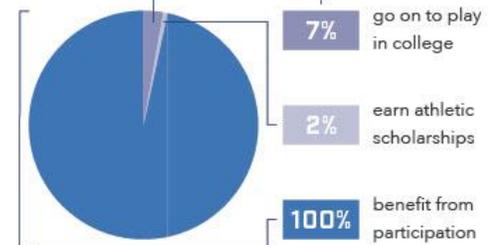
... and so much more!

The Purpose of High School Sports

High involvement in education-based athletics leads to ...

- Higher GPAs
- Fewer school absences
- Higher graduation rates
- Fewer discipline problems
- Greater career aspirations
- Lower risk of drug use

Of the **8 million+** student-athletes nationwide ...



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Sources: NCAA, NFHS, Women's Sports Foundation



**WINNING IS THE GOAL.
GROWING
IS THE
PURPOSE**



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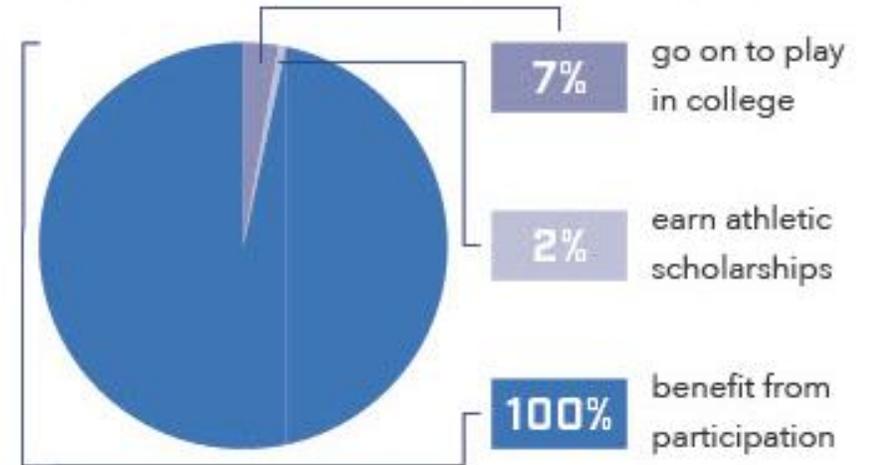
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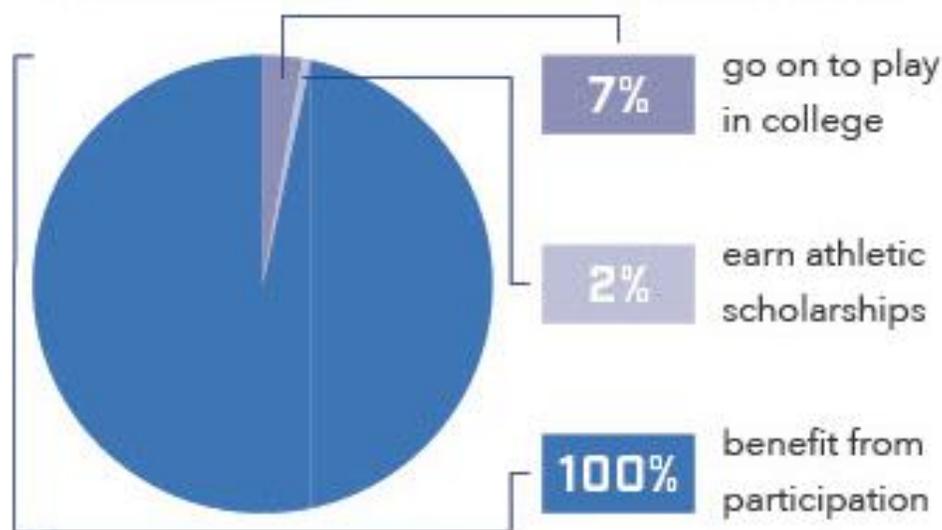


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**1ST DAY OF
SPRING SPORTS**

**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS:
MONDAY, MARCH 16TH**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS:
MONDAY, MARCH 23RD**



Officials Appreciation Week

Fall: October 5-11, 2025

Winter: January 11-17, 2026

Spring: April 5-11, 2026

#BECOMEANOFFICIAL



EVERY SEASON STARTS AT



As part of our partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods, DSG holds a special RIIL Appreciation Weekend at the start of each sports season, providing a coupon offer so that RIIL athletes - and their families & friends - can save 20% at any Dick's Sporting Goods Store when gearing up for the new sports season!

EXCLUSIVE SHOP EVENT

20% OFF

OFF YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE



RIIL Winter Sports Appreciation Weekend
Offers valid 11/14/2025 - 11/17/2025

RIIL Winter Sports Appreciation Weekend
Valid 11/14/2025 - 11/17/2025
Valid at all DSG stores in RI and southeast MA

20% OFF YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE



NEED AN ITEM NOT AVAILABLE IN-STORE?

Ask a Store Associate about ordering an item(s) through our ScoreMORE kiosk, located inside the store. Receive a 20% discount, plus free shipping, valid on the date(s) listed above. Some exclusions apply.

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RIIL SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Pregame Safety Card

for Coaches, Officials, Game Administrators, and Medical Personnel to review before every RIIL Competition

All Events:

- 1. Are all student-athletes eligible to participate and legally equipped by all NFHS and RIIL Rules?**
- 2. Are all Coaches present at the game certified by RIIL Standards?**
- 3. Identify the designated game administrator in charge of dealing with unsportsmanlike actions during the event. Where will they be located during the game?**
- 4. Is there an Emergency Action Plan in place for the specific facility where the game is being played? Are the Game Administrator and home team Head Coach aware of the EAP and capable of executing it in the event of an emergency?**
- 5. Is there an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) available and easily accessible. If Yes, identify the location.**
- 6. Is there a designated health care provider on-site (MD, DO, NP, PA, AT, EMT) who can evaluate an injured athlete?**

Outdoor Events:

- 7. Is there a plan in place for potential weather issues, such as lightning, excessive heat, or shelter in place?
Who is responsible for monitoring the weather?**



Preseason Meeting Topics

- RIIL provides Arbiter for Officials' Assignments
 - Officials must Register to be eligible to be Assigned
 - Payment Process (assignor, schools, & RIIL)
 - Officials BCI Checks – attested to by all Officials Associations
- Chain of Command through Assigners or Designee
- NFHS & RIIL Sport Information
- School Responsibilities to Officials
 - Postponements & Game Supervisors
- Process for Reporting Ejections and/or Issues
 - Arbiter Game Reports & notify Assignor



Officials' Registration

- RIIL provides Arbiter for Officials' Assignments
- Officials work exclusively in Arbiter, Schools have viewing privileges
- Step-by-step RIIL Registration Instructions
 - Officials CLICK HERE to Register
 - Existing officials enter email address
 - New officials select “create one”
- Registration Components to be completed:
 - Personal Information, Sport(s) Selection, Consent Forms, Bank Setup, and Payment
- For assistance, please contact:
 1. Arbiter FAQ
 2. Officials Association or Assignor
 3. Arbiter Support
- Arbiter walk through of the Registration process on November 13th at 6:00pm- CLICK HERE

RULES SPOTLIGHT

POSTPONEMENT & RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

- A. Where unusual circumstances prevail or where weather conditions are unfavorable, a game may be postponed by mutual consent of the Principals, or Athletic Directors.

- B. By mutual agreement of the schools involved, confirmation of official's availability, and facility availability postponed games shall be rescheduled to the next day (including weekends and/or school vacations).

Article 4, Section 2.

RULES SPOTLIGHT

Game Supervision

The home team is to be held responsible for conditions involving spectators and shall always have present an authorized representative of the school to take this responsibility.

1. An adult game supervisor must be present at ice hockey, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, baseball, softball, football, soccer, volleyball and wrestling contests. The supervisor shall not be a student nor a coach involved with the game. The supervisor shall identify himself or herself to the game officials thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the game. The supervisor shall be responsible for game administration and crowd control. In the event of a problem, he/she must notify the RIIL office the next day and submit a written report detailing the incident(s).
2. Where necessary, police protection should be present, and no hesitation exercised in ejecting from any school game any spectator, or group of spectators, whose conduct cannot be controlled by a warning, and whose further presence is prejudicial to the interest and/or outcome of the game.

Article 2, Section 3.D.1.



Arbiter Game Reports



DASHBOARD SCHEDULE PAYROLL ELIGIBILITY PEOPLE RESOURCES REPORTS SETTINGS

Thomas H. Marcello (Assigner)
RIIL (108540) ▾



Games Events Archived Games

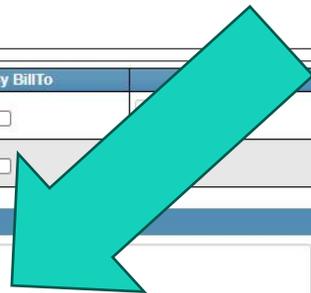
Game Report (Game: 53666)

Save Exit

Game	Date	Time	Sport	Level	Site	Status	Notes	Bill Amount	Verify
53666	12/11/2025 Thu	6:30 PM	Basketball - Boys	Varsity	Coventry High School, Gym	Normal ▾		178.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Team	Score
Coventry HS	<input type="text"/>
Cranston West HS	<input type="text"/>

Position	Official	Status	Locked	Paid By Bill To	Pay Travel	Travel	Perdiem	A/D	Verify	Assign	Unassign
Ref		On Time ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	0.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	Assign	
Ump		On Time ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	0.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	Assign	



Comments

Status

Resolved / Approved

Printing

Adobe Acrobat Format (.pdf) ▾

Print Preview

Save Exit

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark patterned shirt, is looking at a tablet computer. The background is a blurred city street at night with bokeh lights.

RIIL INITIATIVES FOR 2025-2026



Kick the Habit Don't text & Drive



Hands-Free is the Law!

Traffic Safety is a Team Sport



**Pledge to Help Keep
Our Roads Safe!**

#JustDrive

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- More than **\$111,000** distributed across **187** microgrants since April 2024
- Over **13,000 community trash bags** filled through LFRI support
- Almost **2 million gallons** of litter cleaned up off of state roads



And you can help!



**Scan the Code,
Take the Pledge!**

Together, we can make a cleaner, greener Rhode Island.





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Can children and teenagers develop gambling problems?

According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, children and teens are at higher risk than adults for developing a gambling problem. Additionally, individuals who start gambling at a young age are also more likely to develop a gambling addiction later in life.

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The Rhode Island Council on Problem Gambling Resource Corner is a joint effort with the RIIL to educate and inform Rhode Islanders about the risks of gambling. The RIIL's goal is to partner with RICPG to provide resources and support to help prevent youth gambling and equip everyone to have confident conversations.

What is the RI Council on Problem Gambling?

A state affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling, RICPG is a non-profit organization that advocates for research, prevention, education and treatment for problem gamblers.

Among the wide range of programs and services it provides, RICPG also provides a confidential 24-hour helpline for individuals experiencing a gambling problem.



REFREPS

OFFICIATING EDUCATION SYSTEM



COURSE OFFERING

Intro to Sports Officiating
Physical Education
Advanced Physical Education Elective
Team Sports

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"I have been working with officials for close to 25 years and viewing this program and seeing how it fit into an educational curriculum was my 'a ha' moment!"

- Dana Pappas

NFHS Director of Officiating Services

STUDENT EMPLOYABILITY

Refereeing
Work: 30hrs
Get Paid: \$975+

(Perkins, 2019)

Traditional
Student Jobs
Work: 30hrs
Get Paid: \$390

(2019McMaster, 2022)

TURN-KEY OFFICIATING EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR TODAY'S STUDENT



Standardized digital course curriculum
Detailed instructor guides & course maps
Resources for active learning opportunities
Features built in assessments & reporting
Innovative & interactive POV video content

TEACH STUDENTS TO REFEREE

Football	Baseball	Softball
Basketball	Volleyball	Flag Football
Lacrosse (Boys & Girls)	Soccer	Wrestling
Ice Hockey	Swim & Dive	Track & Field

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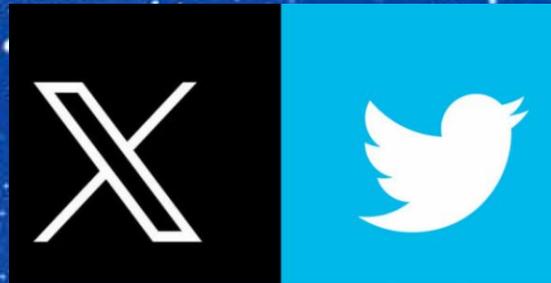
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Best of Luck to everyone this Season!