“The Purest Form of Sport”

Annual Report

2017-18
March 9, 1899: A meeting was held with the delegates from a number of schools to state their ideas as to the advisability of forming a league. On a motion made and carried, the league was formed by the schools represented and officers were elected:

   President - Mr. Tibbets, Hope St.  Secretary - Mr. Hill, Classical High School.  Treasurer - Mr. Roberts, Cranston High School

A committee was elected to draw up articles of agreement, and Article 1 named the association The Interscholastic League. In all, 15 articles of agreement were discussed by section and adopted.

The first recognized sport was baseball, and the member schools were asked to develop the schedule. The committee voted to approve the Harwood National League Ball as the official baseball. In April 1899, the committee approved the first umpires. In May 1899, the first protest was heard by the committee involving Cranston High School and Classical High School. On June 13, 1899, the Interscholastic League awarded Classical High School the Baseball Championship of the 1899 season.

September 29, 1899: Manual Training High School, Providence English High School and Pawtucket High School were admitted to membership. In addition, the committee approved a football season. The football schedule was approved, and the first football game was held on October 13, 1899 between Cranston High School and East Providence High School, with East Providence prevailing, 5-0. The committee also voted that the officials for the games be selected by the managers of the teams. The Spalding Football Rules were adopted. East Providence High School was awarded the first Football Championship.

January 23, 1900: The Board of Directors moved and seconded that the sport of polo be accepted. Hope St. High School was awarded the first Polo Championship in 1900.

February 23, 1900: The Board of Directors voted to approve five eligibility rules to be applied to all League Athletics:

   • No professionals were allowed to participate
   • The Board of Directors would investigate all eligibility matters
   • Five years of eligibility for each player
   • There was a transfer rule
   • Penalty for violations was forfeiture

May 5, 1900: The league approved the Interscholastic Field Athletic Meet (track & field). The committee voted to have tickets, posters and programs printed, and an admission fee of 15 cents to the Field Day be collected. Classical High School was awarded the first Field Day Championship.

January 1901: The Board of Directors voted mandating that all member schools submit a list of eligible athletes in all sports.

December 16, 1901: Woonsocket High School was admitted to the Interscholastic League.

December 2, 1902: The Board of Directors voted to allow the league to arrange for a hockey season. Hockey rules were prepared by Brown University. Hope St. High School was awarded the first Hockey Championship for the 1903 season.

March 1904: The Board of Directors voted to approve the National League Baseball Rules with the exception of the foul strike.

   Initial League Issues:
   * Uneven competition
   * Lack of eligibility standards
   * Organization  * Few suitable playing surfaces
   * Spectator riots, mob scenes….  * No professional preparation for coaches
   * Officials were usually chosen from the crowd  * If the home team lost – the visiting team was stoned out of town

1928: A group of high school principals became interested in forming an organization which would control and administer athletics as one of its objectives.

1932: The R.I. Secondary School Principals’ Association was organized, defining its objectives as follows: Its object shall be to raise the standards of the secondary schools of RI and to advance the professional interests of the members of this association.

Committees were established: * R.I. Honor Society  * Relations with the Office of the R.I. State Director of Education  * Athletics

March 1932: The Interscholastic League was formally organized as it is today. It was organized to meet the expressed needs of high schools for a functional sports program that would be governed by a committee of principals.

1952: The RIIL joined the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Today: Now in its 118th year of existence, the R.I. Interscholastic League is governed by the Principals’ Committee on Athletics, and its 72 member schools.
Dear Friends,

Throughout my years of serving the member schools of the RIIL, I am continually amazed and appreciative of the dedication and passion exhibited by the hundreds of administrators, athletic directors, coaches and officials who are responsible for contributing to the success of our student-athletes and our athletic programs. You continue to make a difference.

As we approach another event-filled year, my wish for each and everyone is to enjoy the journey and remember what a privilege it is for us to play a role in the lives of young people. Never doubt for a moment that you make a difference in the lives of your students. Something we say and something we do this year will impact the life of a student. Let us all strive to make it a positive impact and to enjoy the journey along the way.

Have a great school year and thank you for what you do!

Thomas A. Mezzanotte
Executive Director, Rhode Island Interscholastic League

As Chairman of the Principals’ Committee on Athletics (PCOA), I am proud to serve along with Vice-Chair Mr. Sean Kelly and the other members of the committee representing the member schools and affiliated groups of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL). The PCOA is the governing body of the RIIL, and its members are committed to providing the students of Rhode Island with high quality education based athletics. We truly believe in the RIIL’s motto, “The Purest Form of Sport.”

Student athletes reap the benefits of education based athletics each day. Whether developing leadership skills, learning how to overcome adversity or developing lifelong healthy habits, the benefits of education based athletics are clear. We believe that some of the most important life lessons are learned on the high school playing field.

Through the PCOA’s guidance and leadership, the RIIL is a dynamic organization that keeps the interest of the student athlete at the heart of its decision making process. RIIL Executive Director Mr. Thomas Mezzanotte; Assistant Executive Director Mr. Michael Lunney and the talented office staff work diligently every day to ensure the success of the League. Along with Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mezzanotte and Mr. Lunney, I welcome your feedback and input.

Kevin J. McNamara
Chairman, Principals’ Committee on Athletics
Principal, Lincoln High School

From L to R: RIIL Executive Director Tom Mezzanotte, RIIL Assistant Executive Director Mike Lunney and PCOA Chairman Kevin McNamara (far right) present North Kingstown H.S. senior Ryan Maloney and Johnston H.S. senior Lauren Civetti with the 2017-18 RIIL Male & Female Student-Athlete of the Year Awards.
The legislative body of the League is the **Principals’ Committee on Athletics**, which consists of principals/assistant principals of the 72 member high schools. The Committee meets regularly. All meetings are open to the public and anyone who wishes may attend.

Standing Committees are appointed by the Chairperson of the Principals’ Committee on Athletics with the approval of the Principals’ Committee on Athletics. Standing Committees are established for each sport. Others are established to address issues of general concern to the RIIL membership and to plan programs/activities for the members.

Membership on standing committees is open to superintendents, school administrators, athletic directors, coaches, game officials, and physicians. Recommendations are made by these committees to help the Principals’ Committee on Athletics set rules and regulations and to provide programs for its schools.

The following administrators served on the Principals’ Committee on Athletics during the 2017-2018 school year:

**Kevin J. McNamara, Chairperson**  
Principal, Lincoln High School

**Sean T. Kelly, Assistant Chairperson**  
Cranston East High School

**Gail Ponte, Principal, Middletown High School**

**Thomas Barbieri, Principal, Cranston West High School**

**Scott D. Barr, Principal, Classical High School**

**Michael Sollitto, RISSA/Asst. Superintendent, Scituate H.S.**

**Joseph Goho, Principal, North Providence High School**

**Colleen Gribbin, Principal, St. Mary Academy-Bay View**

**Gerald Habershaw, Principal, Pilgrim High School**

**Carnell Henderson, Principal, Woonsocket High School**

**Donald J. Kavanagh, Principal, La Salle Academy**

**Thomas Marcello, RIIAAA/Athletic Director, Ponaganset H.S.**

**Philip Solomon, Principal, West Warwick High School**

**Daniel F. Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School**

**Michael Whaley, Ed.D., Principal, Burrillville High School**

**Michaela Keegan, Principal, Blackstone Valley Prep Academy**

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**R.I. Interscholastic League Executive Directors**

*Past and Present...*

**Msgr. Robert C. Newbold**  
Executive Director, RIIL 1969-1994

**Richard B. Lynch**  
Executive Director, RIIL 1994-2004

**Thomas A. Mezzanotte**  
Executive Director, RIIL 2004-Present
Financial Report

Revenue 2017-2018

- Tournament: $491,946.00
- Dues/Fees: $482,257.00
- Sponsors: $411,230.00
- Registrations: $275,647.00
- Awards: $11,940.00
- Conferences: $14,275.00
- Misc: $14,954.00
- Operations: $22,789.00
- Hall of Fame: $17,789.00

Expenses 2017-2018

- Salaries/Benefits: $519,007.00
- Operations: $275,647.00
- Mtg/Conferences: $20,866.00
- Awards: $25,988.00
- Sport Expenses: $411,230.00
- Insurance: $59,206.00
- Hall of Fame: $13,620.00
The Rhode Island Interscholastic League is a service organization providing its member schools with publications, training opportunities, recognition programs, tournaments, rules interpretation meetings and other services that assist in the administration of interscholastic sports.

- **Athletic Rules and Regulations**
  Enforces the by-laws and regulations for the RIIL.

- **Recognition**
  The RIIL recognizes and congratulates the accomplishments of numerous athletes, teams, coaches, Athletic Directors and administrators.

- **Official Pay Program**
  Through the Arbiter Ref Pay Program, the RIIL will streamline, improve and assist school Athletic Directors and Business Offices in the assignment and payment of game officials.

- **Computer Management Program**
  Tool that will upgrade and improve information for all RIIL fans. In addition, it will streamline all RIIL management functions for school Athletic Directors and coaches.

- **RIIL Foundation**
  The RIIL Foundation was created to serve the interests of student-athletes by awarding grants in the areas of character, education, sportsmanship and leadership.

- **Support the Needs of the RIIAAA**
  Every two years, the RIIL and the RIIAAA conduct an extensive and objective process of aligning teams in all sports. This process serves to provide competitive balance among all teams in all sports.

- **Tournaments**
  The League supervises and administers state tournaments in 30 athletic events for its member schools. The RIIL assists the media outlets statewide in their coverage of high school sports.

- **Student Leadership Conferences**
  The League sponsors numerous opportunities for student athletes to take part in an assortment of leadership and sportsmanship activities, such as the New England Student Leadership Conference and NFHS National Student Leadership Summit.

- **RIIL/NFHS Network**
  The heart of the RIIL/NFHS Network primarily consists of the season-ending RIIL Sport Tournaments. The RIIL/NFHS Network has produced internet broadcasts for most sports during the past 4 years of operation. The NFHS Network School Broadcasting Program gives all of our schools and communities the opportunity to highlight our programs, our fans and our athletes. It is for all these reasons that the RIIL encourages every Rhode Island high school to become part of this great opportunity.
UNIFIED SPORTS

Unified Sports® in RIIL member schools, creates an inclusive environment where everyone benefits. Unified Sports® combines people with intellectual disabilities (called athletes) and without intellectual disabilities (called partners) on sports teams for training and competition. The athletes experience new social opportunities and make new friends they may not have otherwise. The partners describe their mentorship role as being equally rewarding. Many parents and siblings also find that Unified Sports® offers a new way to spend time together and meet other families. Using sports to help break down barriers that have historically kept people apart, Unified Sports® promotes meaningful inclusion and acceptance of people with intellectual disabilities in the community. In fact, 93% of partners say they gained a better understanding of their teammates through Unified Sports®.

Having demonstrated commitment to inclusion by meeting 10 standards of excellence, Ponaganset, Central Falls and North Smithfield High Schools were all recognized by Special Olympics as National Unified Champion Schools in 2017-18. The Mt. Pleasant Unified Basketball team represented Team RI at the Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SMAC)

Promoted and encouraged ways of minimizing risk in all sports (Concussion Management, Heat Acclimatization, Overuse Injuries, Limiting “contact” in collision sports, the use of appropriate pre-participation physicals for all athletes, and urging all school athletic teams to have access to certified athletic trainers).

TECHNOLOGY

In cooperation with the R.I. Athletic Administrators Association, the RIIL has forged a partnership with rSchools Today to provide an essential mobile computer management system for our schools and our fans.

COMMUNICATIONS/SOCIAL MEDIA

We continue to upgrade and improve the RIIL.org website, which features a new homepage, as well as online statistics in the sports of football, hockey, baseball, soccer and basketball. In addition, we have brought Carolyn Thornton, an experienced journalist, to the RIIL as Director of Multimedia Content to coordinate and oversee the RIIL Blog, as well as the league’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. These social media platforms allow the RIIL to inform parents and student-athletes about important RIIL initiatives, provide real-time updates on RIIL events and happenings and share the accomplishments of member schools.

COACHES EDUCATION

The RIIL has implemented a comprehensive certification process for all athletic coaches hired after January 1, 2012. This certification process which incorporates elements of the NFHS Coaches Ed program will help athletic coaches meet the significant challenges they face each day. This process, which must be renewed every five years, will include a combination of in-house and NFHS online courses approved by the RIIL. To assist, we are organizing an annual conference for new and grandfathered coaches to fulfill their certification obligations. In addition, the conference will offer other coaches and athletic directors the opportunity to address numerous sport-related issues.

During the 2017-18 school year, we held our preseason coaches’ rules interpretation meetings, reviewing current sport rules and providing presentations on concussions, heat acclimatization, orthopedic injuries and the benefits of playing multiple sports.
RIIL SPORTS MEDIA
The RIIL partnered with the NFHS to stream tournament events and promote a school broadcast program. Presently, there are a number of schools who are participating. The NFHS Network continues to offer a new price model to fans subscribing at the low price of $9.95 per month. In addition, the NFHS Network is offering schools a new automated sport production product—Pixellot. This product is for schools that have limited broadcasting resources (people, equipment, time). This new hardware/software solution will enable schools to automate production of live events.

SHOWCASE CINEMAS TEAM OF THE WEEK, TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
SHOWCASE Cinemas continued as the presenting sponsor of Team of the Week, recognizing outstanding efforts and contributions RIIL student-athletes are making on and off the playing fields. Chosen winners selected from a pool of nominations weekly, recorded radio shout-outs played on air on Hot 106, 92.3PRO-FM and Lite Rock 105 and received SHOWCASE movie passes. Winning storylines ranged from teamwork, support, unity, fundraising and awareness efforts for charities and many more.

“MY REASON WHY” CAMPAIGN
RIIL Student Athletes contributed their “Reasons Why” they participate in high school sports. This was a National Campaign to promote and recognize the values of high school sports.

OPERATION CLEAN COMPETITION (OCC) (5th Year Anniversary)
Educating our community on the dangers of Appearance and Performance Enhancing Substances (APES) and Nutrition & Dietary Supplement Safety: During year 5, OCC delivered 40 programs reaching an estimated 10,000 student-athletes, youth, teens, college and university students, and approximately 750+ adult influencers. Free programs delivered by OCC educational partner, the Taylor Hooton Foundation, combined with a multi-media advertising campaign helped magnify the message. Operation Clean Competition continued its outreach to middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities across the state. OCC is managed by RIIL Director of Marketing, Tracy Quarella, and is funded thanks to a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation.

RIIL BASKETBALL LEGENDS
The RIIL honored 11 individuals as RIIL Basketball Legends, recognizing the former players, coaches and officials for their outstanding accomplishments in the sport. Introduced during the Final Four of the RIIL Credit Union Basketball Championships, the honorees included: Danny Mazzulla (player & coach), George Aragao (coach), Mike Reeder (player & official) and Bill Reynolds (player & contributor), Chelsea Marandola (player), Kristen Mulholland (player), Linda Paolozzi (coach), Leo Perrone (official), Dr. Diane Simeone (player), Beth Connealy Wandyes (player) and Betsy Lange Zancan (player).
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The RIIl Student Advisory Board met throughout the year to discuss interscholastic initiatives and implementation of this year’s statewide community service program – Peanut Butter Express. Through the efforts of the Student Advisory Board this project was a great success and collected more than 1 ton of peanut butter for the R.I. Community Food Bank. Mt. St. Charles Academy was recognized as the school contributing the most peanut butter with 1,035 jars.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

More than 70 students served as RIIl Student Ambassadors, assisting the league’s Student Advisory Board with various initiatives and community service projects and attending the spring RIIl Leadership Training Workshop.

SALUTE TO SERVICE (5th Year Anniversary)

During the 2017-2018 academic year the RIIl and its partner the Rhode Island Army National Guard celebrated its 5th year honoring Rhode Island service men and women through its Salute to Service program. Sixteen football teams wore camouflaged uniforms, provided by the RIARNG, during games and held pre-game and halftime celebrations for those who served. In the winter of 2018, we were pleased to kick off our inaugural Girls Basketball Salute to Service games. Eight games were played, and the girls’ basketball community was thrilled not only to have the opportunity to participate but embraced the concept of wearing camo uniforms honoring those who have served.

Introducing the 15th class of inductees into the RIIl High School Athletic Hall of Fame, honored Oct. 25, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, R.I.

Seated L-R: Denise Armstrong-Florio (Athlete), Julie Maguire (Athlete/ Coach), Meghann Carney Peterson (Athlete), Katherine (Johnston) Itacy (Athlete), Shelley Zanfagna Cavanaugh (Athlete) and Catherine Lanni (Athlete/Coach).

Standing L-R: Robert Littlefield (2017 State Award for Outstanding Service), ?? on behalf of Virginia “Gini” Duarte (posthumous), Michael Reeder (Official), Jim Doyle (Coach), Pat Monti (Athlete) and Tony Torregrossa (Coach/Administrator)
RIIL STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR WINNERS

Ryan Maloney, North Kingstown High School: Receiving the Honorable Msgr. Robert Newbold Scholarship Award, Maloney has demonstrated great leadership and sportsmanship throughout his high school career. A three-sport athlete participating in football, boys basketball and baseball, he has completed a wide variety of community service, such as volunteering in an annual road race in memory of his mother. The honor roll student plans to attend Georgetown Business School in the fall with a major in Finance, while also taking courses toward a medical degree.

Lauren Civetti, Johnston High School: Receiving the Honorable Msgr. Robert Newbold Scholarship Award, Civetti serves as a positive role model both within the academic setting and through her involvement with numerous extra-curricular activities. A three-sport captain in girls basketball, cross country and softball, she is involved in the National Honor Society, Student Council, Chemistry Club and the RIIL Student Advisory Board and performs other volunteer work. This fall, Civetti plans to attend Towson University, where she will major in Forensic Chemistry and hopes to continue her softball career.

STUDENT/TEAM RECOGNITION

We continue with the recognition programs of the RIIL “Student Athlete of the Month” and “Team of the Week.” Outstanding Students and Amazing Team Accomplishments are recognized and publicized through the media. In addition, “Student Athletes of the Month,” “Coach of the Year,” “Athletic Director of the Year,” “RI Spirit of Sport,” “RI Heart of the Arts,” “Team of the Year,” “Administrator of the Year,” “RI Student Advisory Board Senior Members” and “RI National Guard” recipients were honored at our annual luncheon. The overall 2017-18 Male and Female Student Athletes of the Year were selected and each received a $1,000 scholarship.

Student Athletes of the Month: September: Noah Iden, North Kingstown HS and Maddie Potts, Chariho HS; October: Evan Hallberg, Ponaganset HS and Lauren Civetti, Johnston HS; November: Ayodeji George, Cranston East and Sarah Sweet, Narragansett HS; December: Christopher Ciullo, Mount Saint Charles and Emma Speegle, Middletown HS; January: Ryan Maloney, North Kingstown HS and Courtney Burch, Central Falls HS; February: Sai Kamsani, Cranston West and Audrey Brecher, East Greenwich HS; March: Aidan Murphy, Middletown HS, and Sydney Chabot, North Kingstown HS.

RIIL Spirit of Sport: Madeline Potts, Chariho HS and Gianna Cirella, Toll Gate HS (posthumously honored).

Athletic Director of the Year: Michael Traficante, The Prout School
Coach of the Year: Male - Joseph Gilmartin, Football, North Kingstown HS; Female - Meaghan McGonagle, Boys & Girls Volleyball, Cranston High School East.
Administrator of the Year: Joseph B. Goho, Principal, North Providence HS; Co-Director Boys Basketball
Team of the Year: Central High School Boys Outdoor Track
RIIL Student Advisory Board: Senior Members - Max Blane, Barrington HS; Sydney Chabot, North Kingstown HS; Lauren Civetti, Johnston HS; Kendall Duprey, St. Mary Academy – Bay View; Alexis Florio, Cranston High School West; Katie Mullaney, Mount Saint Charles Academy; Maddie Quigley, Exeter/West Greenwich HS.
RI Army National Guard Adjutant General Award: Logan Wilson, Burrillville HS; Honorable Mention - Damian Barbeiro, Pilgrim HS; Honorable Mention - Chantel Rosario De Los Santos, Classical HS.

RIIL & NFHS National Heart of the Arts Award

Cecelia Egan, St. Mary Academy – Bay View: Cecelia Egan may be confined to a wheelchair because of a degenerative neuromuscular disorder called Friedrich’s ataxia, but the Bay View freshman has been determined not to let that prevent her from pursuing a love of theater. A member of the Bay View Players since the sixth grade, Egan has performed in numerous theatrical productions, often cleverly integrating herself into the cast without calling attention to her need for assisted mobility. Through her personal courage and with the assistance of her castmates and director Christine Kavanagh, Egan has proven that the stage welcomes anyone with the determination and openness to showcase a love of performing despite physical dependence upon others.
Student-athletes learn “Class Act” approach at RIIl Leadership Training Workshop

Eighty-five student-athletes representing 25 high schools from across the state gained a better understanding of how they can better lead and positively impact their sports teams at the RIIl’s Leadership Training Workshop.

Deb and Dana Hult of Core Trainings led the workshop at the Ryan Center, conducting icebreaker activities and group discussions and nudging the students out of their comfort zones because “no worthwhile aspirations in your life will be accomplished” there, Dana explained. “It’s about making connections. Putting yourself out there. Your ability to form and develop relationships will determine how effective you really are as a leader.”

Many of the students noted that the leadership workshop experience was not what they expected and helped them to see their roles as leaders and teammates in general from a different perspective.

“Today I took away that being a good leader not only involves making yourself more confident, but also bringing up others with you,” said Delaney Bernier, also of Lincoln School.

“I took away that everything you do will have an impact on someone, and you have to use what you have for the benefit of others instead of yourself to make a better impact,” said Bay View sophomore Melina Cabral.

NEW ENGLAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Two dozen RIIl student-athletes attended the eighth annual New England Student Leadership Conference at Worcester State University. Chaperoned by George Bissell of Lincoln H.S. and Kristen Coutoulakis of East Providence H.S., the students listened to inspirational speakers and participated in workshops and community service projects over the course of the four-day overnight conference. Here is what some of them had to say about the experience:

One of the most memorable moments that I’ll always remember from this conference is the community service we did at Rice Elementary School in Winchester, Mass. . . . After we accomplished this, the group I was working with had a sense of pride and all felt good that we gave back to the elementary school. The joy we brought to the principal was priceless. It made me realize that the youth can easily make a huge change in their community. - Dylan Balon, Lincoln High School

I learned many new ways to show sportsmanship to opposing teams during sporting events. I’m so thankful to have gotten the opportunity to attend this conference. - Taylor Troiano, St. Raphael Academy

One of the most memorable moments from my experience at the NESLC was the Special Group Activity all of the student delegates participated in. . . . Led by representatives of Unified Sports, we got to participate in different sports as if we were a Unified Athlete . . . During the game, I marveled at how the instructor swerved and spun around on the court, gliding effortlessly towards the hoop, making a three-point shot look effortless. It was at that moment that my respect for all Unified athletes grew. This event demonstrated how with practice and determination, you can turn a common disability into a special ability. - Serena Rose Gaskin, St. Raphael Academy
RIIL Vision and Mission Statements

Who we are . . .
The Rhode Island Interscholastic League was established in 1899. It is a voluntary, private, incorporated, non-profit organization of principals who pledge their high schools and participants to follow the Rules and Regulations of the League.

There are sixty (60) public, private, and parochial high schools that make up the membership. These schools sponsor athletic activities in twenty-eight (28) sports. More than thirty thousand (30,000) young men and women compete annually in thousands of competitions.

The purpose of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League is to supervise and administer the athletic programs, contests, schedules and matters related to participating schools in the state of Rhode Island.

Core Beliefs and Values
We Believe . . .
· Athletics is an integral part of education in our schools
· Interscholastic athletics is a privilege that enhances the education of students
· Leadership, responsibility, sportsmanship and scholarship are essential parts of athletics
· Athletics is an enjoyable experience which fosters valuable life lessons
· All member schools have the opportunity to be represented and are accountable to the standards of the RIIL
· Fostering a professional relationship among its colleagues is a responsibility of the RIIL.

Vision
The RIIL is an organization with high standards for its member schools, student athletes, and constituencies. Through professional collegiality the League advocates and promotes the value of interscholastic athletics. The League provides athletic experiences that enable student athletes to reach their highest level of academic and athletic potential and prepares them to become responsible citizens.

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