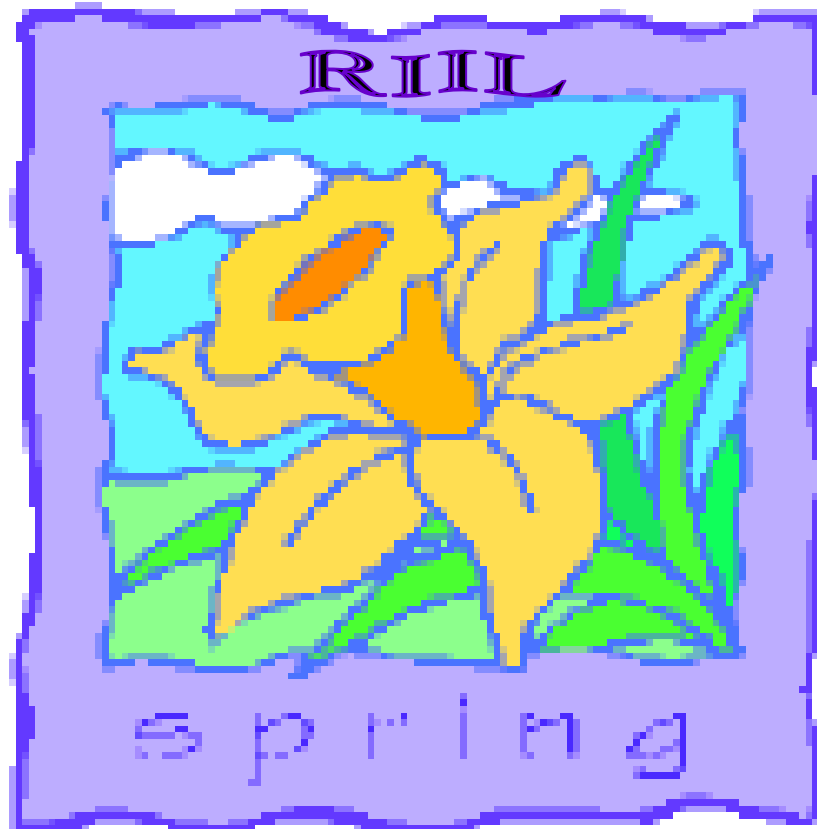




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**FROM THE DESK OF...
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**ANNUAL PRINCIPALS/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
MEETING – 2004**

As most of you already know, I have submitted my letter of resignation to the Principals' Committee on Athletics effective July 31, 2004. This date will mark 10 years as Executive Director of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League.

I have been honored and privileged to lead the League and to have worked with so many outstanding individuals, both past and present, including the RIIL staff, the Principals' Committee on Athletics, school principals, athletic directors, coaches, officials and volunteers. I want to thank all of them individually for their help and dedication in upholding the mission and the high standards of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League. Their hard working service in advocating and supporting what is best for the student-athletes we serve and their role in the success of the League is acknowledged and appreciated. I have always maintained that the success of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League is predicated on the volunteer efforts of so many people who come forward to serve and support our efforts.

I want to acknowledge the RIIL staff who, over the last ten years, worked so hard to achieve success. A special thank you to Dick Magarian, Assistant Executive Director, for his dedication and loyalty. I would also like to thank Alice Sullivan, deceased Assistant Executive Director, Jane Hale, Treasurer, Maryann Brown, Administrative Assistant, secretaries: Ruth Nicastro and Susana Borges and also past secretaries: Pat Trainor and Olga Pagano. A special thank you for their cooperation, hard work and pleasing personalities all of which helped us to successfully serve our member schools.

I have been very fortunate over the past 10 years to have worked with so many quality people who advocate for the youth of our schools. I have also made many friends and will miss the opportunity to interact with them on a regular basis. I will also miss the student-athletes who participate in interscholastic athletics. The purest part of amateur athletics rests with these young people who give their very best effort for the love of the sport and the competition. Their level of skill, enthusiasm, and overall display of good sportsmanship has made an impact on my career.

I hope I have made a difference in the lives of many student-athletes and adults and that I have been a positive role model. I also hope that I have made an effective impact on the League and that I have brought credibility to the Rhode Island Interscholastic League.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as Executive Director.

.....Richard B. Lynch

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"You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

.. John Wooden, legendary basketball coach (b.1910)

→ IMPORTANT ←

The 8th Annual Principals/Athletic Directors Workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at the Johnson and Wales Radisson Hotel in Warwick at 8:00 a.m. The Principals' Committee on Athletics has declared this a *mandatory* meeting for all Principals or his/her designee and for all Athletic Directors. Please note that Assistant Principals, Administrators, and Secretaries/Clerks are also invited to attend.

Please mark this date in your calendar. More information will follow in August.

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FOOTBALL FATALITIES LOWEST IN 10 YEARS
from The NFHS

Following is a press release on the Annual Survey of Football Injury Research, with which the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) is involved:

The 2003 Annual Survey of Football Injury Research indicated two direct fatalities in the 2003 high school football season, the lowest number in ten years and tied for the third-lowest mark in the 74-year history of the survey.

The purpose of the annual survey is to assist in reducing risks in the game of football. Jerry Diehl, assistant director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and staff liaison to the NFHS Football Rules Committee, said with this annual report, "*rules committees are able to see injury trends, and then use those trends as tools to promote changes in helping promote risk minimization.*" Since 1980, the Annual Survey of Football Injury Research, as it is known today, has been compiled by Frederick O. Mueller, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Chairman of the American Football Coaches Committee on Football Injuries.

In the report, football fatalities are classified as either direct or indirect. Direct fatalities are those which result directly from participation in the fundamental skills of football. Indirect fatalities are those which were caused by systemic failure as a result of exertion while participating in football activity, or by a complication which was secondary to a non-fatal injury.

During the 2003 football season, there were four indirect fatalities at the high school level, which is the lowest number of indirect deaths since there were two in 1994. Indirect fatalities are often heart-related or caused by heat stroke. All four of the indirect fatalities in 2003 were heart-related. For the second consecutive year, none of the indirect deaths were due to heat stroke.

Of the two direct fatalities, one resulted from an injury to the brain and the other involved an injury to an artery in the player's neck. According to Diehl, brain injuries often result from what is called, "Second-Impact Syndrome," in which a player can have an initial concussion, yet not show any symptoms. If that same player were to receive a second concussion, the body would react differently. It is this concussion that appears to precipitate brain damage, although the real cause may have been from the original concussion.

Since a 1976 rules change that made initial contact with the head while blocking or tackling illegal, direct fatalities in high school football have declined dramatically. After a high of 26 direct deaths in 1968, the average number of direct fatalities per year during the past 10 years has been four. Diehl said, "this reduction is due, in part, to the annual data collection and recommendations made in the report to help reduce the incidence of serious injury."

In addition to effective monitoring of athlete injuries, the 2003 report makes several more suggestions for reducing head and neck injuries. Among the suggestions are conditioning exercises to strengthen the neck, practice drills which emulate proper execution of fundamental football skills – particularly blocking and tackling – and assurance that all equipment is properly fitted.

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"The medals don't mean anything and the glory doesn't last. It's all about your happiness."

- Jackie Joyner Kersee, American track athlete (b. 1962)

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CONCUSSION INFORMATION

In the United States, the annual incidence of sports-related concussions is estimated at 300,000. Estimates regarding the likelihood of an athlete in a contact sport experiencing a concussion may be as high as 19 percent. The effects of concussions are now known to be cumulative, even when the concussive blows are relatively minor. Recent data suggest that college football players who have experienced two or more prior concussions perform more poorly on test of cognitive functioning (e.g. speed of information processing, memory, problem solving) relative to those who have experienced one concussion or no concussion.

Although the majority of athletes who experience a concussion are likely to recover, an as yet unknown number of these individuals may experience chronic cognitive and neurobehavioral symptoms. In some cases, these difficulties can be permanent and disabling. At the current time, there are no curative medical treatments for concussion and the best approach to management of concussion emphasizes early recognition of post-concussion symptoms and prevention of additional concussive injuries. Suffering a second blow to the head while symptomatic from a previous concussion can have severe consequences as in the case of "second impact

syndrome," which has led to over 20 documented deaths over the past decade. Furthermore, repeated concussive impacts may also lead to milder but still significant impairment of cognitive processes (e.g. attention, memory), personality, language functioning, and somatic concerns (e.g. sensitivity to light, dizziness), which is commonly referred to as "post concussion syndrome." The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommends going to www.impacttest.com for additional information.

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*"Without conscience there is no credibility,
without credibility there is no trust, and
without trust there is no future."*

- Michael Josephson

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HAZING IDENTIFICATION AND PREVENTION	HAZING: EDUCATION IS KEY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hazing incidents in high school athletics have received national attention by the media in recent months. Unfortunately, some serious cases of hazing members of high school athletic teams have occurred prompting many questions and concerns. Research indicates there is an increasing trend of hazing in high schools and a majority of the incidents are associated with athletic team initiations. <i>USA Today</i> and <i>Sports Illustrated</i> are two national publications with articles reporting on hazing and negative outcomes to the victims that are team members. School administrators, coaches and parents can no longer turn their heads – hazing must and can be stopped! ■ Hazing is against the law in New York State. Hazing resulting in an injury to a person is a Class A Misdemeanor and hazing which creates a substantial risk of injury to a person is a law violation. Reported hazing incidents include physical, emotional and sexual abuse and involve teams composed of female as well as male athletes. In some cases, both genders have involved in the same incident. Alcohol and/or other drug abuses are often a part of hazing. Unfortunately, several deaths have resulted due to hazing. How do such activities get started and how are they allowed to continue in athletic programs which are organized by institutions for education our youth – our schools? What traditions result in acts of hazing? When coaches make "rookies" carry ball bags or other supplies to the bus or from the field are they introducing traditions that may lead to hazing? What

can a school do? The following are steps suggested by experts who have researched and dealt with hazing incidents in high schools.

- **Policy** – Each School Board of Education should adopt a policy defining hazing and establishing consequences. It is recommended that administrators, coaches, parents and athletes be involved in the policy development.
- **Educate & Communicate** – Messages relative to the hazing policy must be sent to all “stake holders” in a regularly implemented process. Establish an understanding of how hazing can start, how it should be identified and the steps to be taken if hazing is suspected. Have a plan of action.
- **Prevention** – Having a school district hazing policy is the first step in prevention. Coaches, athletes and parents must agree that hazing in any degree is negative, degrading and unacceptable. Establish a “zero tolerance” level. Promote alternative activities that result in positive team traditions such as community service days, team adventure activities or outings, and “Big Brother/Big Sister Programs”. Allow students to be involved in selecting the activities to establish ownership and pride.
- **Dynamic / Ongoing Programs** – The prevention of hazing, similar to the prevention of drug abuse and the prevention of poor sportsmanship, must be a work in progress. Such negative behaviors will reappear if dynamic prevention programs are not continued each season and each year.

Hazing has lasting, negative affects on participants; is an embarrassment to a school district; and, can result in lost programs and positions. We encourage students to participate in our school athletic programs to learn valuable lessons and realize unique, positive experiences. Let’s be certain we are educating each of our athletes through interscholastic athletics.

.... by Lloyd Mott, NYSPHSAA

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“The library is the Temple of Learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.”

-Carl Rowan

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We Are Responsible...

- We are responsible for children who put **chocolate** fingers everywhere, who like to be tickled, who stomp in **puddles** and ruin their pants, who sneak **popsicles** before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks, who can never find their shoes.
- And we are responsible for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wires, who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers, who never “counted potatoes”, who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead, who never got to the **circus** who live in an x-rated world.
- We are responsible for children who give us sticky **kisses** and fistfuls of **dandelions**, who sleep with the dog and bury **goldfish**, who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch **money**, who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key, who slurp their soup.
- And we are responsible for those who never get **dessert**, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, who watch their parents watch them die, who can't find any bread to steal, who don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser, whose **monsters** are real.
- We are responsible for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday, who throw tantrums in the grocery store

and pick at their food,
 who like **ghost** stories,
 who shove dirty clothes under the bed,
 and never rinse the tub,
 who get visits from the tooth fairy,
 who don't like to be **kissed** in front of the
 carpool,
 who squirm in church and scream on the
 phone,
 whose tears we sometimes laugh at and
 whose smiles can make us cry.

- And we are responsible for those
 whose nightmares come in the daytime,
 who will eat anything,
 who have never seen a dentist
 who aren't spoiled by anybody,
 who go to bed hungry and cry
 themselves to sleep,
 who live and move, but have no being.
- We are responsible for children who
 want to be carried, and for those who
 must be..
 For those we never give up on,
 and for those who don't get a second
 chance.
 For those who will grab the hand of
 anybody kind enough to offer it.

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*“For when the one great scorer comes to
 mark beside your name,
 he marks not that you won or lost,
 but how you played the game.”
 In the overall scheme of high school
 athletics, too many people
 worry about winning the game,
 rather than how the game is played.
Grantland Rice*

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“Do not let what you cannot do
 interfere with what you can do.”
John Wooden, legendary basketball coach (b.1910)*



The following is from March 15, 2004 and April 19, 2004 meetings of the Principals' Committee on Athletics.
The March meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report from the February 23, 2004 meeting was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

REPORT ON THE HEALTH, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY (ENROLLMENT 425) AND THE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (ENROLLMENT 500) JOINING THE LEAGUE AS SEPARATE SCHOOLS. THEY WILL BOTH BE HOUSED ON THE SAME SITE – THE JUANITA SANCHEZ EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX. EACH SCHOOL WILL ENTER ONE (1) SPORT TEAM PER SEASON FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Mr. Lynch reported on letters submitted from HSTA and PAIS schools requesting to join the League. The schools may be joining as two separate schools but housed on the same site – The Juanita Sanchez Educational Complex. Mr. Lynch will meet with the Providence School Department administration for further discussions relative to joining the RIIL as separate schools in the same building or to seek a waiver from the PCOA to compete as one school, since they are sharing the same building and facilities.

WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOYS' INDOOR TRACK

Division Championships

Southern Co-Champions:

	Chariho High School
	North Kingstown High School
Suburban	Bishop Hendricken High School
Metropolitan	Hope High School
Northern	Cumberland High School

Class Championships

Class A	Bishop Hendricken High School
Class B	Chariho High School
Class C	Classical High School

State Championships

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

GIRLS' INDOOR TRACK

Division Championships

Dwyer	La Salle Academy
Hird	Toll Gate High School
Morris	St. Mary/Bay View Academy
Sullivan	Chariho High School

Class Championships

Small	Barrington High School
Medium	La Salle Academy
Large	South Kingstown High School

State Championships

Westerly High School
La Salle Academy – *Runner up*

WRESTLING

Class Championships

A-1	Bishop Hendricken High School
A-2	La Salle Academy
B-1	South Kingstown High School
B-2	Exeter/West Greenwich High School
C	Woonsocket High School

Sectional Tournament Champions

Class B	South Kingstown High School
Class C	Woonsocket High School

State Champion

Bishop Hendricken High School
Cumberland High School – *Runner up*

Girls' Hockey

League Champions

Mount St. Charles Academy

State Champions

Mount St. Charles Academy
Lincoln School/Providence Country Day – *Runners up*

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2003-2004 Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track, Wrestling and Girls' Hockey Championships.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL – NOT AN APPROVED PROGRAM BY CSIET

Mr. Lynch reported on a letter submitted by Burrillville High School requesting approval for a foreign exchange student whose program is not an approved program by CSIET. The student did not participate in volleyball in the country she is coming from.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to approve the request for the foreign exchange student to participate in interscholastic athletics at Burrillville High School. Mr. Lynch will meet with the RIIL attorney regarding future requests of non-approved foreign exchange program students that may involve impact players, players with a club, etc.

FALL SPORTS

Bob Cooney, Director of Football, reported on a meeting held by the Football Committee. The Football Committee has developed a proposal for a football alignment for the next two (2) years. The Committee used the criteria for alignment adopted by the PCOA. Mr. Cooney also reported on a memorandum that will be sent out to all schools inviting the Principal, Athletic Director and Head Coach to attend a meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at the North Kingstown HS Auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to explain and demonstrate the process of alignment.

WINTER SPORTS

There were no Winter sports issues reported and/or discussed at this meeting.

SPRING SPORTS

Mr. Lynch reported on a proposed tie-breaking procedure for baseball.

After much discussion, on a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to table the matter until the next meeting in order to receive further clarification of the proposed tie-breaking procedure.

In another matter, Betty Marquis, Director of Fastpitch Softball, recommended that there be no reseeding after the first (1st) round of the fastpitch play-offs 2004 as was done in past years.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted that no reseeding will be done after the first round of the fastpitch play-offs 2004.

BEFORE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED, A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

2:30 pm - The Committee continued to meet to interview the top three (3) candidates for the Executive Director position. Following the interviews, the Committee voted to appoint Thomas A. Mezzanotte, Executive Director of the RIIL effective August 1, 2004.

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 2:20 p.m.

The April meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report from the March 15, 2004 meeting was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Division Championships

- I-AA Co-Champions
 - Bishop Hendricken High School
 - Hope High School
- I-A North - Smithfield High School
- I-A South - North Kingstown High School
- I-A East - Rogers High School
- I-A West Co-Champions
 - Cranston High School East
 - Cranston High School West
- II-North - Scituate High School
- II-South - Exeter/West Greenwich High School

State Champions

- Division I-AA - Bishop Hendricken High School
- Runner-up - Mt. Pleasant High School
- Division I-A - Cranston High School East
- Runner-up - Smithfield High School
- Division II - Exeter/West Greenwich High School
- Runner-up - Scituate High School

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Division Championships

- I North - Cumberland High School
- I South - La Salle Academy
- I Central - Cranston High School East
- II North - Shea High School
- II South (*tie*)
 - Westerly High School
 - Chariho High School
- II East - Barrington High School
- II West - Exeter/West Greenwich High School
- III - Davies High School

State Champions

- Division I - La Salle Academy
- Runner-up - Cumberland High School
- Division II - Exeter/West Greenwich High School
- Runner-up - Barrington High School
- Division III - Central High School
- Runner-up - Davies High School

BOYS' HOCKEY

League Champions

- Championship Division - Mt. Saint Charles Academy
- Metropolitan B North - Burrillville High School
- Metropolitan B South - Cranston High School West
- Metropolitan C - Tolman High School

State Champions

- Championship Division - Toll Gate High School
- Runner up - Mt. Saint Charles Academy
- Metropolitan B - **Moses Brown School**

- Runner up - Burrillville High School
- Metropolitan C - Tolman High School
- Runner up - Scituate High School

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2003-2004 Boys' and Girls' Basketball Championships and Boys' Hockey Championships.

LETTER FROM RIIAAA

On a letter submitted from the RIIAAA that was tabled from last month's meeting, Mike Lunney, President of the RIIAAA, wanted to discuss a few concerns the RIIAAA has. First, Mr. Lunney discussed that, due to budget constraints, something has got to give with the cost of swimming officials. The RIIAAA would like to see these costs reduced to make them more in line with what they are paying for other sports. Second, he discussed that the policy of the league scheduling regular season games on National and State holidays should be avoided because it costs schools double time for buses, custodians and police. He mentioned holidays, such as, Washington's Birthday, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day.

One major concern of the Athletic Directors is the starting date for winter sports. The Association is suggesting that the winter season begin the Monday after Thanksgiving or December 1st. Much concern was expressed relative to not giving the student-athletes a large enough break between seasons. After much discussion, the Committee suggested that a sub-committee meet to discuss the issue and report back to the Principals' Committee on Athletics at the May meeting. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2004.

FEINSTEIN HS – CHANGE IN SCHOOL'S ENROLLMENT AND LOCATION FOR 2004-2005

Mr. Lynch reported on a letter submitted by Feinstein High School regarding a change in Feinstein High School's enrollment and location for the 2004-2005 school year. During that school year, a new building will be built in the north end of the city. The structure will hold up to nine hundred students and be shared by another school, which is tentatively being called Feinstein II. Feinstein High School and Feinstein High School II will be two separate schools but housed in the same building. Feinstein High School is requesting that Feinstein High School and Feinstein High School II participate in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League as one school.

Also discussed, was the Juanita Sanchez Education Complex which will house two separate high schools, i.e. Health, Science, and Technology Academy (HSTA) and the Providence Academy of International Studies (PAIS) in the same building. They too want to participate in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League as one school.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to table the issue until the next meeting. The Committee then suggested that Mr. Silva and Mr. Daft meet with the Rhode Island Interscholastic League staff to develop criteria for this kind of an academic and physical structure.

PRINCIPALS/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Mr. Lynch reported to the Committee that the 8th Annual Principals/Athletic Directors Workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at the Johnson and Wales/Radisson Hotel in Warwick.

FALL SPORTS

Mr. Lynch reported on the 2004-2006 Football Alignment submitted by Bob Cooney, Director of Football, requesting for approval. The alignment proposal was developed using the guidelines approved by the Principals' Committee on Athletics.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to approve the 2004-2006 Football Alignment.

Elaine Botelho, Director of Girls' Volleyball, submitted the 2004-2006 Girls' Volleyball Alignment for approval. The alignment proposal was developed using the guidelines approved by the Principals' Committee on Athletics.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to approve the 2004-2006 Girls' Volleyball Alignment.

Jean Angell, Director of Field Hockey, submitted the 2004-2006 Field Hockey Alignment for approval. The alignment proposal was developed using the guidelines approved by the Principals' Committee on Athletics.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to approve the 2004-2006 Field Hockey Alignment.

In another matter, Mr. Lynch referred to an e-mail submitted by George Finn, Director of Boys and Girls Lacrosse in which he reported on a Girls' Lacrosse game between Mt. Hope and North Kingstown High School on Friday, April 16, 2004 in which the Mt. Hope players walked off the field. He explained that this was a make-up game due to inclement weather on the original date. Due to a mix-up, no officials were assigned to the make-up game. The coach of North Kingstown High School is a certified Lacrosse official and after the coaches agreed to play the game with her as the only official, the game began. Ten minutes into the game, the Mt. Hope coach and players were not happy with the way the game was being played and called. Subsequently, the Mt. Hope girls decided they would not play any further and walked off the field.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted on the following:

1. Mt. Hope High School forfeit the game to North Kingstown High School.
2. The Mt. Hope High School Girls' Lacrosse team be placed on probation for one (1) calendar year from April 16, 2004.

WINTER SPORTS

Mr. Lynch reported that everything went very well at the Basketball Championships at the Ryan Center and that all parties were happy. However, he also reported, by way of a handout, that the attendance figures were less than the previous four years. He stated that many factors may have caused that to happen i.e. distance to URI, match-up, etc. Mr. Lynch, however, recommended that the Championships be held at the Ryan Center for next year as well because it is such a great facility, the cooperation received by the Ryan Center Staff and because it is not fair to make a different judgment based on one year attendance figures.

SPRING SPORTS

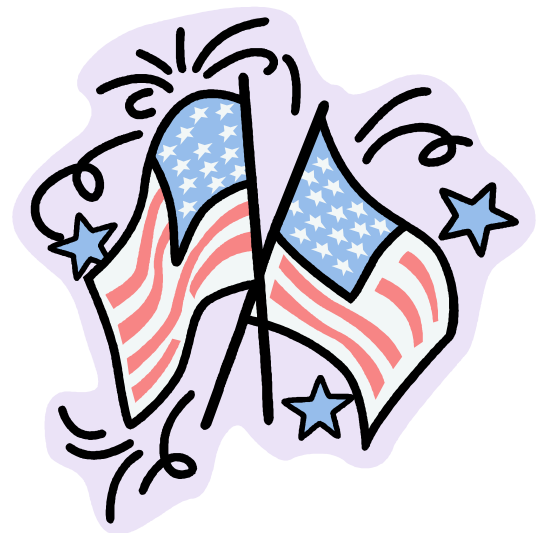
The proposed tie-breaking procedure for baseball that was tabled from the March meeting has been tabled again until the next meeting. John Blaess, Director of Baseball, was unable to attend the meeting.

BEFORE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED, A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE COMMITTEE SO VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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 April meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

*The Mission of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League
Is to provide educational opportunities
For students through interscholastic athletics
And to provide governance and leadership
For its member schools
In the implementation of athletic programs.*

NATIONAL AFFILIATION

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, which consists of the state high school associations of all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Guam, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and all provinces of Canada are affiliate members.

The objectives of the National Federation of State High School Associations are to:

- serve, protect, and enhance the interstate activity interests of the high schools belonging to the state associations;
- assist in those activities of the state associations which can best be operated on a nationwide scale;
- sponsor meetings, publications, and activities which will permit each state association to profit by the experience of all other member associations;
- coordinate the work so duplication will be minimized;
- formulate, copyright, and publish rules of play or event conduct pertaining to interscholastic activities;
- preserve interscholastic athletic records, and the tradition and heritage of interscholastic sports;
- provide programs, services, material and assistance to state associations, high schools and individual professionals involved in the conduct and administration of interscholastic activities;
- study in general all phases of interscholastic activities and serve as a national resource for information pertaining thereto;
- identify needs and problems related to interscholastic activities and where practical provide solutions thereto; and
- promote the educational values of interscholastic activities to the nation's public.



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