



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

At this Holiday Season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. It is in this spirit the administration and staff of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League and the Principals' committee on Athletics say ... Thank You ... and Best Wishes for the Holidays and a Happy New Year.



→ RIIL HOLIDAY HOURS ←

PLEASE NOTE: the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Office will be closed for the Holidays on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 24-26, 2001. The office will reopen on Thursday, December 27, 2001 at 8:00 am.

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POPPING PILLS LIKE CANDY

Next time you chaperone a school dance, take a closer look at the girl wearing a candy necklace or the boy digging into a bag of M & Ms. Keep your eyes peeled for the Certs and Altoids containers flicked open, or a torn package of midget Tootsie Rolls.

Your students might use these innocent products to conceal Ecstasy, a synthetic club drug that destroys brain cells and can lead to death.

The pills look harmless: baby aspirin stamped with Bart Simpson, Tweety Bird, Scooby Doo or the Mitsubishi logo in a rainbow of white, tan, pink, green, or purple. Around holidays, the tablets may take the shape of Valentine's hearts, shamrocks, and Christmas trees.

But don't be fooled. Tina Murphy, a demand reduction coordinator for the Drug Enforcement Administration, told Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Wellness Coordinators that Ecstasy can cause severe dehydration and heat stroke. Repots of Ecstasy-related deaths showed core body temperatures ranging from 107 to 109 degrees Fahrenheit. For a fee, many rave clubs provide "chill rooms," areas that have air conditioning, portable showers, hoses, or drugs to lower body temperature. Clubs will also jack up the price for bottled water. however, temperature isn't the only danger associated with Ecstasy, known by the chemical term MDMA. The drug destroys dopamine and serotonin cells in the brain, has been linked to liver damage, and has side effects including confusion, depression, sleep problems, severe anxiety, paranoia, muscle tension, nausea, blurred vision, rapid eye movement, faintness, chills, sweating, increased heart rate and elevated blood pressure.

Tina Murphy gave a couple of clues to identify Ecstasy users. Many young people crash hard after a long weekend partying, but they may have a delayed reaction, nicknamed "Tuesday

Morning Suicide." *If students seem fatigued early in the week, and have flu-like symptoms, this could be a sign of Ecstasy use.* Another hint is acne on the arms and back. But to Ecstasy fans, the lowered inhibitions make it worth the price. Known as the "Love Drug" or "Hug Drug," Ecstasy produces feelings of empathy for others, eliminates anxiety and triggers extreme relaxation. This is not a drug commonly used in private.

"It's the Love Drug," said Tina Murphy. "You want to be around people. This is attracting kids who would never think of using an illegal substance in their lives. They're told that if they go to a party, people will hug them and be their best friend."

young people may take great strides to camouflage the pills, which sell at rates for \$20 to \$30 per unit. One strategy is microwaving a Tootsie Roll, then pressing a pill into the soft texture, hidden for later use.

The DEA estimates that over two million tablets are smuggled into the country each week. Due to the number of colleges, airports and train stations, many pills are distributed along the East Coast. "Ecstasy is probably the number one health crisis among young people," said Tina Murphy.

DRUG STREET NAMES	Source: Nat'l Institute on Drug Use
MDMA – Ecstasy, XTC, X, Adam, Clarity, Lover's Speed	
GHB – Grievous Bodily Harm, G, Liquid Ecstasy, Georgia home Boy	
Ketamine – Special K, K, Vitamin K, Cat Valiums	
Rohypnol – Roofies, Rophies, Roche, Forget-Me Pill	
Methamphetamine – Speed, Ice, Chalk, Meth, Crystal, Crank, Fire	
LSD – Acid, Boomers, Yellow, Sunshines	

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GIVING

"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of one's self.

We must be purposely kind and generous or we miss the best part of existence.

The heart that goes out of itself gets large and full of joy.

This is the great secret of the inner life.

We do ourselves the most good by doing something for others."

- Horace Mann -

TAKE THIS QUIZ!

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for Best Actor and Actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series Winners.

How did you do?

The point is ... none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They're the best in their field. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Now here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name six heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier?

The message here is that **you** are a person in the second quiz. In fact, you are probably someone's response to each of the six questions. Principals make positive differences in the lives of students, parents, teachers, and others. Your influence is far-reaching and long lasting. Through all the hassles and pressures of the job, you need to put what you do in perspective. You do a critically important job in our society that few people are able to do. Most people recognize and appreciate that. Way to go!

*from Illinois Principals' Association Newsletter
September 2001*

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AND WE QUOTE ...

"The moment of victory is much too short to live for that and nothing else."

Martina Navratilova

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HAVE YOU HEARD THE BULL ABOUT ENERGY DRINKS?

*by Jane Foos RD,
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Energy drinks. "New Age" beverages. The cola of Gen-X. Three hundred million cans were sold in 1999 worldwide. Energy drinks make claims of improvements in performance that are hard for athletes to resist. Who wouldn't want to feel

"energized", have increased endurance, sharper mental alertness, and more speed, just by drinking a beverage? Add claims that these drinks can increase metabolism for weight loss and most athletes will try them once.

One of the best known of these drinks originated in Austria in the 1980's. There it became a popular drink on college campuses, especially around finals week. Recently it was brought to the U.S. and marketed as a "performance enhancer". Let's examine the claims and see what they're based on. A single 8 oz. can sells for \$1.90-\$2.25 and contains 113 calories, 28 gm carbohydrate, 0 gm protein, and 250 mg caffeine.

- ◆ Mental alertness: Attributable to the caffeine. The 240-mg per can is roughly equal to drinking a large cup of coffee.
- ◆ "Energizer": Caffeine again, plus the 28 gms of sugar, which provides the 113 calories/can. Again equal to a cup of coffee but with 2 Tbsp. sugar.
- ◆ Speeds metabolism: Primarily the caffeine.
- ◆ Eliminates Waste Products: This claim relates to the addition of glucuronolactone and taurine. Both amino acids have a "detoxifying effect"; but then so does water.
- ◆ Increased Endurance: A review of the "research" used to substantiate claims that taurine increased endurance showed that indeed taurine intake did increase endurance of sperm cells. They could swim longer! The direct benefit to athletes, especially a female athlete, is left unexplained.

Taurine is a non-essential amino acid produced naturally in the body. Food sources include infant formula, eggs, dairy products, brewer's yeast, fish, and meat. It's a common additive to pet food. The main functions of taurine are related to the absorption of fats, regulation of heartbeat, and antioxidant activity. While taurine deficiency is rare it can occur among vegans who avoid all meat, dairy, and eggs. Currently there are no known toxicity levels for taurine but excess intake can result in diarrhea and peptic ulcers.

"Energy drinks" are not sport drinks. they have a high sugar concentration; four times the caffeine of a can of cola, and additives that might cause stomach upset and accelerate dehydration. As little as 2 cans daily can cause increased nervousness, irritability, and anxiousness. Athletes would be well advised to avoid drinking these beverages before, during, or after exercise. And that's no bull.

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"Do the right thing ...
it will gratify a few and amaze the rest"

Mark Twain

WINNING THE SPORTSMANSHIP BATTLE

by Donald C. Collins
Attorney and Longtime Official from San Francisco

The sports world has gotten ugly in the past 10 years. The increase in unsportsmanlike conduct has led to a new focus on sportsmanship by sports governing bodies and officials associations should take note.

In the past, sports governing bodies primarily wrote rules to address sportsmanship problems. Recently, we have all seen unsportsmanlike attitudes that transcend the parameters of conduct rules; the enforcement of rules alone does not create a sportsmanlike environment.

Sports governing bodies are now struggling with the problem of creating an atmosphere in which sportsmanship can be defined, rewarded and become a normal part of the sports culture. To succeed, everyone in the sports world must have a clear idea of what is and what isn't proper behavior. Dr. Shari Young Kuchenbecker, a research psychologist and author of *Raising Winners*, says, "Unless you have some very clear guidelines in your mind as to what behavior is appropriate, some very inappropriate behavior is justified," Kuchenbecker points out that if governing bodies don't define standards of behavior and prepare parents and coaches to implement them, "they'll feel the negative effects of adrenaline."

Sports governing bodies will have to work as partners with officials and officials associations in order to fully succeed in creating a sportsmanlike atmosphere. Governing bodies are just beginning to move in the right direction. For example, the NCAA does not currently involve officials in its sportsmanship efforts, but it does intend to work with officials groups in the future. Even groups that have a history of working well and closely with officials have some room for improvement. The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), for example, has not fully developed statistical information on sportsmanship problems even though it works closely with officials and officials associations and is one of the country's leading groups in advocating sportsmanship.

sports officials associations must continue their traditional roles: teaching members the conduct rules; reviewing casebook and play situations; teaching the intent behind conduct rules; teaching mechanics used in implementing the conduct rules; applying standards of professionalism to the enforcement of conduct rules, and evaluating member officials.

Mike Gutierrez, the California high school basketball rules interpreter, points out that officials associations can supplement their traditional role by taking some steps to be more interactive with coaches, administrators and sports governing bodies. some of those steps are:

- Have association leaders hold individual meetings with every school's coach and athletic director to review

expectations – this is a chance to do more than can be done in reviewing rules with coaches. Howard Mayo, the commissioner of the Portland Basketball Officials Association and the Oregon state basketball rules interpreter, says that has been most helpful in Portland. it is an extra, but significant step for an association to take, and gives an association the opportunity to stress sportsmanship expectations as well as a school's administrative responsibilities toward officials.

- Have game officials complete a sportsmanship card, grading a school on sportsmanship. That practice is used in a number of places. According to Mayo, the Portland public schools keep a running tally on all sports throughout the year and give recognition and awards to the most sportsmanlike schools and programs. it should also be noted that the grading system has worked at the recreational level in some cities. If the sportsmanship tally is combined with incident reports and sent to state and regional governing bodies along with data from incident reports, groups like the NCAA or state high school governing bodies would have easier access to statistical data on sportsmanship. That is the type of idea an association can propose to a league or a governing body that seems receptive.
- Many, if not most, state governing bodies require the suspension of individuals who are ejected from a contest.

Few appear to extend that to program penalties, imposing a sanction on schools which show a pattern of misconduct or ejections. Again, that is a situation where associations can work with leagues and governing bodies to fashion an appropriate remedy. The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) is one group that uses program penalties. The OSAA will fine a school if a sports team has more than one ejection per season. Each additional ejection brings a new fine. When poor sportsmanship affects a school's bottom line, the school has the incentive to clean

up its act.

- Associations don't have much access to parents and fans, but having a Q & A session with them allows association administrators to let them know that there are sportsmanship expectations from fans and that officials have unique safety concerns. It also humanizes officials who answer parents' and fans' questions. Mayo points out that his Portland association blends Q & A sessions and scrimmages, killing two birds with one stone.
- Creating situations where players officiate lets players gain some exposure to what officials do, and helps in the sportsmanship battles. In some states, schools provide players to regularly officiate youth games. Associations can benefit if they work with schools to structure student officiating programs.

Finally, officials should have some exposure to basic sports psychology. Dr. Ronald Kamm, a New Jersey sports psychiatrist and the vice president of the International Society for sports Psychiatry, points out that there are proven risk factors to be aware of. Kamm notes that

Those are just a few of the things which sports governing bodies and officials associations can do to help win the

Among the risk factors are [for unsportsmanlike behavior], "When there's a perceived threat by the opponent If the expected retaliation is not going to be too severe. If there's a large point differential, violence tends to break out." ... Also - being at home and being near the end of a contest increases participants' and fans' tendencies to be violent.

sportsmanship battle. The key is for officials associations to work interactively and as equal partners with schools, leagues and governing bodies. The sportsmanship battle is a battle we must win for our own personal safety and for the well being of sports.

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The following is a summary of the October 15, 2001 meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics.

The October 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 was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

RESIGNATIONS

Mr. Lynch reported that he received a letter from Mrs. Patricia Pitocchi, Principal, Johnston High School, who is resigning as a member of the Committee and Chairperson of the Waiver Hearing Committee, effective December 17, 2001.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics voted to accept, with deep regret, Mrs. Pitocchi's resignation.

Mr. Lynch also thanked Mrs. Pitocchi for her professionalism and dedicated service to the Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

This matter was tabled for further discussion and will be addressed at the November 19th meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics.

CROSS COUNTRY

There was no Cross Country report at this time.

FOOTBALL

Mr. James Murano

Mr. Murano reported on dates/times/sites for the 2001 Superbowls as follows:

Div I	Sun., Dec. 2, 2001 – 1:00 pm at Pierce Field
Div II	Sun., Dec. 2, 2001 – 12:30 pm at Bryant College
Div III	Mon., Dec. 3, 2001 – 6:00 pm at Pierce Field
Div IV	Mon., Dec. 3, 2001 – 6:00 pm at Site TBD

Several schools have expressed interest in hosting the Division IV Superbowl game. This was referred to the next meeting of the Football Committee, which is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 17th.

In other business, Mr. Lynch reported on the concept of cooperative teams in conjunction with charter schools. He stated that he has met with representatives from the Providence School Department regarding students at several Providence charter schools being allowed to participate in athletics at their feeder schools – or – developing cooperative teams between schools that do not have enough students enrolled to form their own teams.

SOCCER

**Mrs. Kathryn Crowley
Mr. Victor Mercurio**

Discussion ensued regarding the R. I. Soccer Officials' Association expressing its interest in utilizing a 3-person system for all soccer games. Questions arose regarding the availability of [enough] qualified officials to be able to cover all scheduled contests with a 3-person crew. The Committee also expressed its concern on the ramifications this proposal would have on other sports. This matter was tabled for further discussion.

Mr. Mercurio reported on the following dates/times/sites for the Boys Soccer playoffs:

Playoff Coaches Mtg. Sat., Nov. 3rd – 9:00 am at RIIL
Finals: Saturday, November 17th.
Small Division – 10:00 am
Large Division – 12:00 noon
Open Division – 2:00 pm

Mrs. Crowley reported on the following dates/times/sites for the Girls Soccer playoffs:

Playoff Coaches Mtg. Thur., Nov 1st – 6:00 pm at RIIL
Finals: Monday, November 12th
Division IV - 12:00 noon
Division III - 2:00 pm
Division II - 4:00 pm
Division I - 6:00 pm

VOLLEYBALL

There was no volleyball report at this time.

FIELD HOCKEY

Ms. Jean Angell

Ms. Angell reported on an incident in which a breakdown in communication between the League office and a host school resulted in a field hockey game being officiated by the assistant coaches from each school. The game in question was a rescheduled game as the result of a rainout. The assignor for the officials association had notified the League office that, because of a full schedule and a shortage of officials, there would be no officials available for the rescheduled date. A message to that effect was left on the Athletic Director's cell phone and he did not receive the message until late afternoon. By that time, the visiting school was en route. Both schools agreed to play the contest with the assistant coaches officiating.

Consequently, the R. I. Field Hockey Officials' Association requested that the game not count toward the final standings and that it be replayed with certified officials.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which it was emphasized that the student-athletes had fun and that there were no ramifications in that the League did not receive any complaints from either school's Principal, Athletic Director, or coaches. It was further noted that the student-athletes played the game with the assumption that it would count toward the standings and, as such, played to win.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee voted 8-1, with 2 abstentions, to allow the game to count toward the standings and to not reschedule the game.

In other business, Mr. Lynch reported that Providence College is not available for the field hockey playoffs. He stated that he is awaiting responses from Bryant College and from the Superintendent of the North Kingstown School Department regarding the use of their respective facilities.

HOCKEY

Mr. Daniel Sheehan

Mr. Sheehan submitted the 2001-2002 hockey schedule for the Committee's review and consideration. He noted that Scituate High School has joined the League in hockey and he welcomed them to the RIIL hockey league in the Met C division.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 hockey schedule.

BASKETBALL

Mr. Gerald Foley Mr. David Light Ms. Cindy Neal Ms. Colleen Gribbin

Mr. Foley reported that the League season for boys' basketball begins on December 6th. Therefore, he asked that the number of practice/conditioning days for basketball be changed from ten (10) to nine (9).

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved reducing the number of practice/conditioning days from ten (10) to nine (9) for boys and girls basketball.

In other business, Ms. Gribbin reported that the Coaches Interpretation Meeting for Freshman Basketball will be held on Monday, October 29th at the League office: girls' coaches will meet at 6:00 pm and boys' coaches will meet at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Gribbin also submitted the 2001-2002 Boys and Girls Freshman Basketball schedules for the Committee review and consideration.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 boys and girls freshman basketball schedules.

GYMNASTICS

Mr. Lynch reported that he received a letter from Mrs. Susan [McNamara] Wilbur, who is resigning as Director of Gymnastics, effective immediately. It was noted that Mrs. Wilbur will continue to serve the League as a gymnastics judge and track official.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics voted to accept, with regret, Mrs. Wilbur's resignation.

As a result of Mrs. Wilbur's resignation, Mr. Lynch proposed the appointment of Richard Stapleton and Melissa Gendreau as co-directors of gymnastics. It was noted that both Mr. Stapleton and Ms. Gendreau have extensive experience in gymnastics as coaches and judges.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the appointments of Mr. Stapleton and Ms. Gendreau as Co-Directors of Gymnastics.

In other business, Mr. Magarian submitted the 2001-2002 Gymnastics Schedule for the Committee's review and consideration.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 gymnastics schedules.

INDOOR TRACK

Ms. Jane Headley

Ms. Headley reported on a request from the R. I. Girls' Track Coaches Association to conduct a meet at Moses Brown School on Saturday, December 22nd. They further request that this meet count toward the State Meet.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the request.

SWIMMING

Cindy Neal, Director of Athletics, St. Mary Academy-Bay View, reported that the 15th Annual Bay View Invitational will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2002 at Brown University, with warm-ups at 12:00 pm and starting time at 1:00 pm. A snow date, if needed, has been scheduled for Sunday, January 27th at the same times.

SPORT COMMITTEES

Mr. Lynch encouraged all Sport Directors to schedule at least two or three meetings per year of their respective sport committees. He asked that all sport committees be comprised of the proper representation as set forth by the League; i.e., Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches. He also asked that all directors submit a list of their [respective] committees to the League office.

PROPOSED CLARIFICATION TO RIIL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Lynch submitted the following clarification [addition] to Article 3, Section 4c – the 8-Semester Rule, of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Rules and Regulations;

1. *If a student is enrolled in Grades 9-12 and is eligible to participate in athletics but chooses not to participate for one or more semesters or does not participate because no sports are offered or a particular sport is not available, those semesters shall count as semesters of enrollment and competition.*
2. *If a student who is enrolled in Grades 9-12 is declared ineligible for any reason for one or more semesters, those semesters shall count as semesters of competition.*
3. *If a student is suspended or expelled from school for one or more semesters, those semesters shall count as semesters of enrollment and competition.*

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the proposal.

LATE ELIGIBILITY LISTS FOR FALL SPORTS 2001

Mr. Lynch reported that several schools have submitted the required eligibility lists very late and, in some cases, not at all for Fall 2001 sports. Discussion ensued regarding a fine/penalty system to be imposed against those schools that do not submit eligibility lists in accordance with the RIIL Rules and Regulations.

The Committee voted 10-2 to defeat a motion to impose a fine of \$100.00 per sport for any eligibility list that is not submitted to the RIIL.

A second motion was made and seconded to issue a letter of reprimand to schools who do not comply with the rule. On a vote of 7-2, with 3 abstentions, the Committee defeated this motion.

A subsequent motion was made and seconded to establish a committee to review the structure of the rule as it applies to eligibility lists. The Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved this motion. Serving on this committee will be Cindy Neal, George Finn, Robert Littlefield, Victor Mercurio, and Messrs. Lynch and Magarian.

RIIAAA REPORT

Mr. Lynch reported that he received a request from the Athletic Director's Association asking that the League office submit to them a list of all Sport Directors and all Sport Committees. This information will be sent to the RIIAAA.

OTHER SPORTS / ISSUES

Wrestling - Ponaganset High School has submitted a request to host the 2002 Class C Sectional Tournament. This request was referred to Mr. Edmond Lemoi, Director of RIIL wrestling.

ADDITIONAL SPORT SURVEY

Mr. Lynch reported that a survey was sent to all member schools to determine the level of interest in adding additional sports to those offered by the Rhode Island Interscholastic League. Responses to the survey indicate enough interest to form a girls' hockey league and girls' golf league beginning with the 2002-2003 school year.

FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE RIIL

- **Officials' Assignments** - Mr. Lynch reported that the RIIL administration and staff has begun discussion regarding the potential for no longer being involved in the assigning of officials for all sports. This matter requires a great deal of planning and discussion will continue. Mr. Lynch will report back to the Committee as this proposal evolves.
- **Technology** - Mr. Lynch presented a brief overview of the RIIL office's undertakings regarding technology. Specifically, the League office will begin requiring more documentation online rather than hard copies; i.e., rosters, home confirmations, etc.
- **Co-op Football** - Mr. Lynch reported that he received a request from Providence Country Day School to participate in a non-league football game versus member schools. PCD does not participate in the RIIL football program. They presently participate in the prep school league and, due to their low (male) enrollment, their football team roster includes five (5) students from The Wheeler School, who also has low (male) enrollment. Therefore, the request is for their [coop] team to participate against RIIL member schools; one game would be varsity and the other would be junior varsity.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to grant the request to combine PCD and The Wheeler school for football only for the remainder of this season only. At the end of the season, the use of coop teams will be evaluated. (see notes regarding coop teams earlier in this report under Football).

HEARINGS

5:00 pm Brad Lafleur - Mt. Hope High School
This was an appeal of the Waiver Hearing Committee's decision on August 20, 2001 to deny a request for a waiver of Article 3, Section 5, the Transfer Rule - **granted**

The October meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER

A proposal was made that Candace Calouri, Vice Principal, Toll Gate High School, be appointed to the Principals' Committee on Athletics as Director of Boys' Tennis.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the appointment of Candace Calouri to the Committee as Director of Boys' Tennis.

CROSS COUNTRY

Mr. Charles Sweeney

Mr. Sweeney submitted the following 2001-2002 Boys and Girls Cross Country Championships for the Committee's review and consideration:

CLASS CHAMPIONS

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Class A	Bishop Hendricken H.S.	North Kingstown H.S.
Class B	Warwick Veterans H.S.	Westerly H.S.
Class C	St. Raphael Academy	Ponaganset H.S.

DUAL MEET LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Northern	Cumberland H.S.	Ponaganset H.S.
Metro	St. Raphael Academy	LaSalle Academy
Suburban	Bishop Hendricken H.S.	Cranston H.S. West
Southern	North Kingstown H.S.	North Kingstown H.S.

State Champions

Boys	Bishop Hendricken H.S.
Girls	North Kingstown H.S.

New England Meet

Bishop Hendricken H.S. (1st)
North Kingstown H.S. (2nd)

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 Boys and Girls Cross Country Championships.

Mr. Sweeney addressed the concern of RIIL member schools competing in sanctioned events, some of which include students in Grades 7 & 8. He emphasized that the Brown Invitational, which was held in October, involved seven (7) invited schools whose rosters included Grades 7 & 8 students.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee unanimously approved the participation of RIIL member schools in cross country and indoor/outdoor track invitational meets involving students from Grades 7 & 8 *for this year only*.

Mr. Lynch addressed the issue of the Footlocker Invitational (Non-Sanctioned) Meet in which a student-athlete from a RIIL member school wished to participate representing his school. Discussion ensued and determined that student-athletes may participate in this non-sanctioned event as individuals and may not represent their school(s) by wearing a school uniform or using school equipment. A memorandum addressing this matter will be sent to all Athletic Directors.

FIELD HOCKEY

Ms. Jean Angell

Ms. Angell submitted the following 2001-2002 Field Hockey Championships for the Committee's review and consideration:

Division Champions

Division I	The Lincoln School
Division II	Tiverton High School

State Champions

Division I	Lincoln High School
Division II	Tiverton High School

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 Field Hockey Championships.

Ms. Angell also reported that the facility at Bryant College, where the Championships were held, was outstanding. She proposed that the finals be held there again next year, and that consideration be given to playing the semifinals there as well.

In other business, Ms. Angell stated that the Field Hockey Committee will be reviewing and considering a change to the college format for overtime procedure and the possibility of changing the official starting time for all League (season) games from 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm.

FOOTBALL

Mr. James Murano

Mr. Murano reported that the Football Committee recommends that the use of portable lights for the regular season, playoffs, and Superbowls not be allowed because there is too much disparity in the lighting and it creates a safety hazard for the participants.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the Football Committee disallowing the use of portable lights.

Mr. Murano also reported on the following Superbowl 2001 schedule:

Div I	Sun., Dec. 2, 2001 - 1:00 pm at Pierce Stadium
Div II	Sun., Dec. 2, 2001 - 12:30 pm at Bryant College
Div III	Mon., Dec. 3, 2001 - 6:00 pm at Pierce Stadium
Div IV	Mon., Dec. 3, 2001 - Westerly High School

Mr. Murano also submitted the following 2001 **Freshman Football Championship** for the Committee's review and consideration:

State Champion:	Bishop Hendricken H.S.
Runner-Up:	St. Raphael H.S.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 Freshman Football Championships.

In other business, Mr. Lynch reported that *The Providence Journal* has withdrawn their sponsorship of RIIL Football, Hockey, Baseball, and Girls' Volleyball. He stated that he has contacted Citizens Bank regarding their [possible] sponsorship of football. He will report back to the Committee on his findings.

SOCCER**Mrs. Kathryn A. Crowley
Mr. Victor Mercurio**

Mrs. Crowley submitted the following **2001-2002 Girls' Soccer Championships** for the Committee's review and consideration:

Division Champions

Division I	LaSalle Academy
Division II-North	Cumberland High School
Division II South	Portsmouth High School
Division III North	Woonsocket High School
Division III South	West Warwick High School
Division IV	North Providence High School

State Champions

Division I	LaSalle Academy
Runner Up	North Kingstown H.S.
Division II	Cumberland High School
Runner Up	East Providence High School
Division III	West Warwick High School
Runner Up	The Prout School
Division IV	North Providence High School
Runner Up	Our Lady of Fatima High School

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 Girls Soccer Championships.

Mrs. Crowley stated that girls' soccer game reports throughout the season indicate a consistent problem of lack of supervision at [home] game sites. This matter will be addressed with coaches at the pre-season meeting next year.

In other business, there appears to be concern and confusion regarding the criteria for qualifying for the playoffs: 50% wins of League games - or - top four (4) teams in each division. Mrs. Crowley reported that this will be reviewed by the Soccer Committee.

Mr. Mercurio submitted the following **2001-2002 Boys' Soccer Championships** for the Committee's review and consideration:

Division Champions

Open Division East	LaSalle Academy
Open Division West	Bishop Hendricken High School
Large Division	Shea High School
Small Division North	Mt. St Charles Academy
Small Division South	East Greenwich High School

State Champions

Open Division	LaSalle Academy
Runner Up	Bishop Hendricken High School
Large Division	Hope High School
Runner Up	Cranston High School West
Small Division	Tolman High School
Runner Up	North Providence High School

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 Boys Soccer Championships.

Mr. Mercurio also submitted a report outlining fouls and penalties that were assessed during the season. Further, he addressed concerns he has about the (lack of) success of the

past season regarding the behavior of athletes, coaches, and officials.

VOLLEYBALL**Mr. Donald Kavanagh
Ms. Elaine Botelho**

Mr. Kavanagh submitted the following 2001-2002 Boys' Volleyball Championships for the Committee's review and consideration:

Division Champions

Division I	East Providence High School
Division II North	Mount St. Charles Academy
Division II South	Westerly High School

State Champions

Division I	East Providence High School
Division II	Mount St. Charles Academy

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 Boys Volleyball Championships.

Mr. Kavanagh reported on the following actions of the Joint Volleyball Committee:

- A survey will be sent to all participating schools regarding the following:
 - Switching to rally point scoring in the 5th game beginning with the 2002 Spring season for girls and the 2002 Fall season for boys.
 - Switching the boys volleyball season to Spring beginning in 2004 when the girls season will move to Fall.

Ms. Botelho submitted the 2002 Girls' Volleyball Schedule for the Committee's review and consideration:

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2002 Girls' Volleyball Schedule.

In other business, Mr. Lynch reported on the following requests submitted to the League office:

- The R. I. Volleyball Coaches' Association requests permission to host the Annual Koch Tournament at Johnson & Wales University on April 4-18, 2002 - unanimously approved
- The R. I. Blast, a girls junior club program, requests permission for girls to participate while concurrently participating for their respective school teams in the Spring. In the past, such requests have been submitted to the League by individual schools. The Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to authorize Mr. Lynch to approve requests as they are submitted and to bring the requests before the Committee only if there is a problem.

TENNIS**Mrs. Denise Boulé**

Mrs. Boulé submitted the following 2001-02 Girls' Tennis Championships for the Committee's review and consideration:

State Champions

Class A	Barrington High School
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Runner Up	St. Mary Academy-Bay View
Class B	Lincoln High School
Runner Up	Portsmouth High School
Class C	The Prout School
Runner Up	Westerly High School

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the 2001-2002 Girls' Tennis Championships.

Mrs. Boulé also reported on the following situations which occurred during the season involving Mt. Pleasant High School and Woonsocket High School:

- Mt. Pleasant High School - did not have a coach at the beginning of the season and subsequently postponed scheduled matches without filing the appropriate paperwork. The matches were eventually made up at the end of the season.
- Woonsocket High School - the coach suddenly resigned, leaving the team without a coach for the first two (2) scheduled matches of the season. The Athletic Director was out of town and unaware of what was happening. Said matches were forfeited to the opponents.

On a recommendation from Mrs. Boulé, representatives from Mt. Pleasant and Woonsocket High Schools will be called in before the Committee to address concerns about the aforementioned incidents.

HOCKEY **Mr. Daniel Sheehan**
There was no Hockey report at this time.

BASKETBALL **Mr. Gerald Foley**
Ms. Cindy Neal
Ms. Colleen Gribbin

Mr. Lynch reported on a letter he received from the R. I. Athletic Directors' Association in which they requested that the number of practice/conditioning for boys and girls basketball be reduced from nine (9) to five (5).

On a motion made and seconded and on the recommendation of the Directors of Boys and Girls Basketball, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously *denied* the request.

On a subsequent motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics voted 12-1, with 1 abstention, to refer the matter of practice/conditioning days to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to review and reevaluate the number of days in an effort to create consistency for all sports.

WRESTLING **Mr. Edmond Lemoi**

Mr. Lemoi reported that Masters Regional Academy has expressed their interest in entering three (3) individual student-athletes in wrestling for the 2001-2002 season. Mr. Lemoi will continue to communicate with the Athletic Director at Masters Regional Academy regarding the procedure for declaring individual student-athletes and how they will fit into the wrestling schedule.

GYMNASTICS
There was no Gymnastics report at this time.

SWIMMING
There was no Swimming report at this time.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL **Mrs. Elizabeth Marquis**

Mr. Lynch reported that he received a letter from John Lyle, Principal, Central Falls High School, requesting permission for the CFHS fastpitch softball team to rejoin the RIIL for the 2002 Spring season. The CFHS fastpitch softball team withdrew from the RIIL last year (2001 Spring season) because there were not enough student-athletes to field a team.

Mrs. Marquis, Director of Fastpitch Softball, recommended that Central Falls High School be allowed to reenter the RIIL fastpitch softball league effective with the Spring 2002 schedule.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved Central Falls High School's request to reenter the RIIL fastpitch softball league *effective in the Spring 2002*.

OTHER SPORTS/ISSUES

- **Met School / Career & Technical Schools**
Mr. Lynch proposed the following addendum to Article 3, Section 1E, of the Rules and Regulations of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League, as they apply to students who attend the Met School and/or career and technical schools in Rhode Island and who want to participate in athletics for their 'feeder' school(s):

"When a student-athlete declares that s/he wants to participate in athletics at his/her feeder school, s/he cannot participate at his/her career and technical school. Conversely, if a student-athlete wishes to participate in athletics at the career and technical school/ s/he is not eligible to participate at his/her feeder school.

Once a student participates in athletics for either his/her feeder school or career and technical center and subsequently decides that s/he would prefer to participate for the other school, s/he shall be subject to the Transfer Rule as set forth in Article 3, Section 5, of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Rules and Regulations."

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously approved the proposed addendum to Article 3, Section 1E, as outlined above.

- **Wrestling - Toll Gate High School**
Mr. Lynch reported on a request he received seeking permission for a student-athlete to participate in Junior Varsity wrestling while sitting out 50% of the League varsity schedule due to a transfer.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics voted 12-0, with 1 abstention, to deny the request.

- **Moses Brown School - Overlap of Fall/Winter Seasons**
Mr. Lynch reported on a letter he received from Moses Brown School expressing their concerns that student-

athletes who are participating in football cannot try out for basketball until the football season ends, including Thanksgiving, Playoffs, and Superbowls. They were seeking a waiver of the rule, which would allow their student-athletes who participate in football to try out and practice basketball before the football season ends. It was noted that this rule effects all schools that participate in football and is in place to avoid dual participation.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously *denied* the request.

- **Providence School Department - Alternative Schools**

Mr. Lynch reported on a meeting that he and Mr. Magarian had with Mr. Edward Pascarella, Director of Health and Physical Education, and Mr. Thomas Mezzanotte, of the Providence School Department. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss the [athletic] eligibility of students who attend alternative schools in Providence. Mr. Pascarella stated that approximately one-thousand (1000) students in Providence attend alternative schools and will not have the opportunity to participate in athletics if not allowed to participate for their feeder schools. This will force students to make a decision of where to attend school based on athletics rather than academics.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics unanimously voted to grant eligibility to students in Providence who attend alternative schools to participate in interscholastic athletics at their feeder schools *for the 2001-2002 school year only*.

Mr. Lynch will discuss the matter further with the League's legal counsel and a more formal proposal will be submitted to the Principals' Committee on Athletics at a later meeting.

PROPOSED FORMAT FOR ALL SPORT SCHEDULES

This issue was tabled for further review inasmuch as the goal and future direction of the League is to have all schedules and home confirmations posted online.

CONTRACTS - OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATIONS

Mr. Lynch submitted contracts for the following Officials' Associations to be reviewed and considered by the Principals' Committee on Athletics: Boys and Girls Basketball; Hockey; Swimming; Gymnastics; Boys and Girls Track; and Wrestling.

In addition, it was reported that the R. I. Hockey Officials' Association is agreeable to developing an evaluation system by which they would be evaluated by coaches.

On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics approved the proposed contracts for the aforementioned officials' associations.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Recognition Awards were presented to the following former Sport Directors in appreciation for their dedication and commitment to the RIIL and the Principals' Committee on Athletics:

John W. Lyle, III - Immediate Past Director, Boys' Tennis

Susan (McNamara) Wilbur - Immediate Past Director, Girls' Gymnastics

Kenneth Reall - Immediate Past Director, Swimming

HEARINGS

2:20 pm **Donald Pagliarini - Moses Brown School**

The purpose of this hearing was to appeal a decision by the Waiver Hearing Committee which denied a request for a waiver of Article 3, Section 4c, the 8-Semester Rule - *denied deny* the request.

4:35 pm **Bishop Hendricken High School**
Alleged Recruiting Violation

Background: The administration of Cranston High School West has alleged that representatives of Bishop Hendricken High School are in violation of Article 3, Section 10 - Recruitment of Student Athletes.

On a motion made and seconded that a violation of the recruitment rule has occurred and has been recognized by the Principals' Committee on Athletics.

On a vote of 6-1, with 3 abstentions, the motion was *defeated*.

Subsequently, the Principals' Committee on Athletics asked Mr. Lynch to send a letter to the administration of Bishop Hendricken High School stating that the conversations between Mr. Myers and the student's mother were dangerously close to recruiting and, though informal, were inappropriate. The letter should also urge Bishop Hendricken High School to exercise caution so that future conversations between faculty/staff and prospective students and/or their parents cannot and will not be interpreted as recruiting.

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

The November meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

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