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2026-27 SEASON



Fall Officials Meeting



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↑ Higher graduation rates

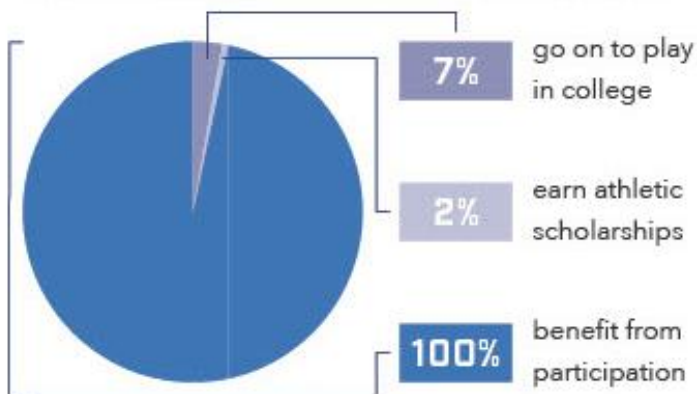
↑ Greater career aspirations

↓ Fewer school absences

↓ Fewer discipline problems

↓ Lower risk of drug use

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Sources: NCAA, NFHS, Women's Sports Foundation



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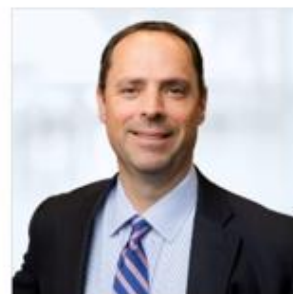
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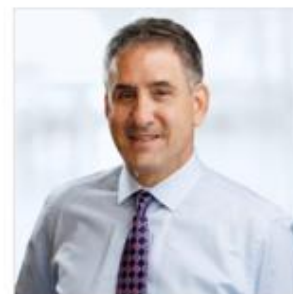
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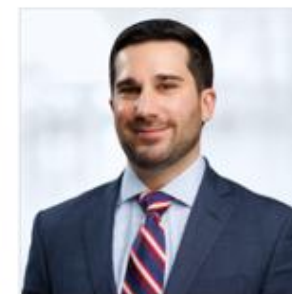
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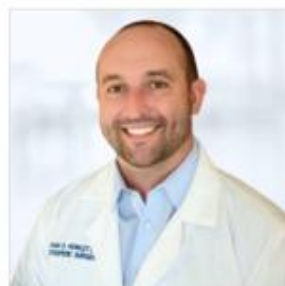
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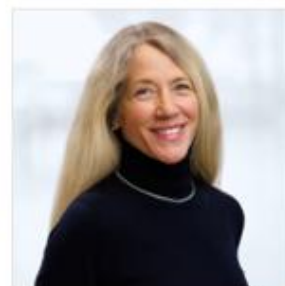
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1ST DAY OF FALL SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS: Monday, August 17, 2026

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS: Monday, August 24, 2026



Preseason Meeting Topics

- RIIL provides Arbiter for Officials' Registration & Assignment
 - Officials must Register to be eligible to be Assigned
 - Payment Process:
 - Athletic Directors confirm games and assignments are listed correctly
 - Officials' Assignors review the games for accuracy on a monthly basis
 - Officials' Assignor provide the RIIL with the "OK" to pay
 - RIIL pays the Officials in that sport
 - Officials BCI Checks – attested to by all Officials Associations



Preseason Meeting Topics (cont.)

- Chain of Command through Assigners or Association Designee
- School Responsibilities to Officials
 - Postponements & Game Supervisors
- Process for Reporting Ejections and/or Issues
 - Enter in Arbiter Game Reports & Notify Assignor
- RIIL SMAC Pregame Safety Checklist
- RI Interscholastic Injury Fund - change
- RIIL Sport Information
- NFHS Rulebooks & Rule Changes



Officials' Registration

- RIIL provides Arbiter for Officials' Assignments
- Officials work exclusively in Arbiter, Schools have viewing privileges
- Registration Instructions on the RIIL website [HERE](#)
 - Officials Registration:
 - Existing officials enter email address
 - New officials select “create one”
- Registration Components to be completed:
 - Personal Information, Sport(s) Selection, Consent Forms, Bank Setup, and Payment
- For assistance, please contact:
 1. Arbiter FAQ linked on the RIIL Registration Instructions
 2. Officials Association or Assignor
 3. Arbiter Support



Responsibilities to Officials



- Improved relationships with coaches and teams are necessary
- Creating a safe environment for officials – dressing room, parking, security (before, during and after game).



2026-27

Officials Appreciation Week Dates

Fall: October 4-10, 2026

Winter: January 10-16, 2027

Spring: April 4-10, 2027

NFHS Fall Sports Officials Appreciation Week – October 4th – 10th

Suggested ways to show appreciation:

- Officials' appreciation week banners and signage on the fence, wall, etc., surrounding the contest playing area.
- Gift cards/cookies/donuts/other items presented to the crew by both the home and visiting team.
- Photos of the officiating crew with both teams and coaches prior to the start of the game (or at the end, depending on timing).
- Read a PSA at the start of the game, thanking the crew for working the contest.
- Student escorts of the crew onto the field/court/pitch.
- “Thank you” cards, signed by the team and coaching staff.
- Special appreciation signage in the officials' locker room.
- Recorded “thank you” messages from student-athletes and coaches to officials, posted on social media.
- These are just some examples of what schools can do – the possibilities are endless!



RULES SPOTLIGHT

POSTPONEMENT & RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

- A. Where unusual circumstances prevail or where weather conditions are unfavorable, a game may be postponed by mutual consent of the Principals, or Athletic Directors.
- B. By mutual agreement of the schools involved, confirmation of official's availability, and facility availability postponed games shall be rescheduled to the next day (including weekends and/or school vacations).

Article 4, Section 2.

RULES SPOTLIGHT

Game Supervision

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

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

Article 2, Section 3.D.1.



Arbiter Game Reports

Select the “Create Report” Icon (piece of paper) to report Ejections

SCHEDULE SCHOOLS PAYROLL ELIGIBILITY PEOPLE RESOURCES REPORTS SETTINGS											
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Arbiter Game Reports



DASHBOARD SCHEDULE SCHOOLS PAYROLL ELIGIBILITY PEOPLE RESOURCES REPORTS SETTINGS

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



Games Events Archived Games

Game Report (Game: 63807)

Delete Save Exit

Game	Date	Time	Sport	Level	Site	Status	Notes	Bill Amount	Verify
63807	8/27/2026 Thu	6:30 PM	Volleyball - Girls	Varsity	East Greenwich High School, Gym	Normal ▾		192.00	☐

Team	Score
East Greenwich HS	
Chariho HS	

Submitted On: 8/11/2026 Tue 2:53 PM
Submitted By: Thomas Marcello

Position	Official	Status	Locked	Game Fee	Pay Travel	Travel	Perdiem	A/D	Verify	Assign	Unassign
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R2 - Ref		On Time ▾	☐		☐	0.00	0.00		☐	Assign	

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Status

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RIIL SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Pregame Safety Card

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

All Events:

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

Outdoor Events:

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

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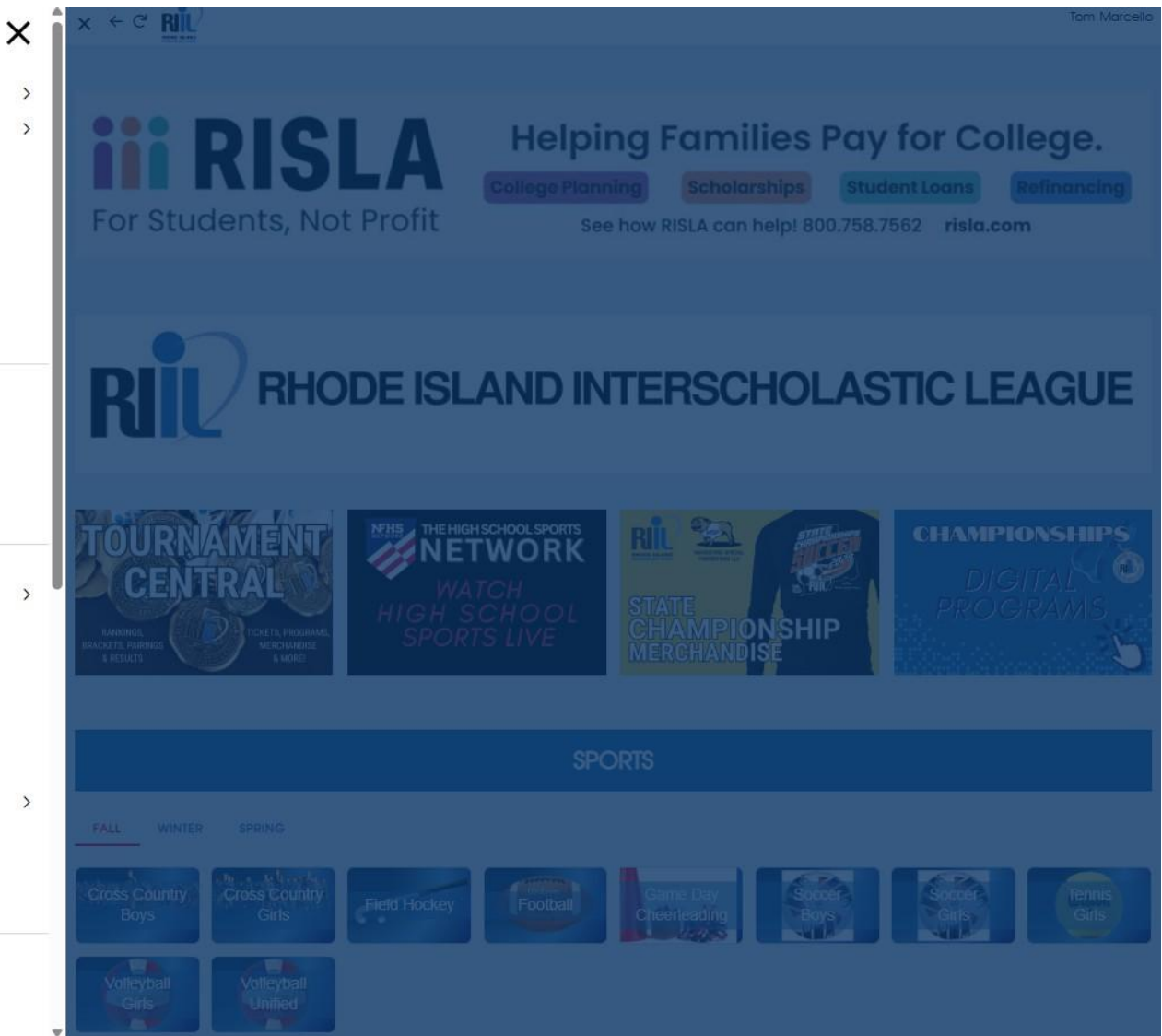




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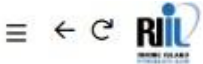
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Tom Marcello

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IMPORTANT DATES

FALL 2026 GIRLS SOCCER REGULAR SEASON

First Day of Practice: Monday, August 17, 2026

First Day to Schedule a Game : Thursday, August 27, 2026

Week #1: Begins Monday, August 31st

Week #2: Begins Monday September 7th

Week #3: Begins Monday September 14th

Week #4: Begins Monday September 21st

Week #5: Begins Monday September 28th

Week #6: Begins Monday October 5th

Week #7: Begins Monday October 12th

Week #8: Begins Monday October 19th

Last Day of Regular Season: Friday, October 23, 2026

FALL 2026 GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Preliminary Games: Monday, October 26, 2026

Quarterfinals: Thursday, October 28th - Friday, October 30th

Semifinals: Tuesday, November 3rd - Wednesday, November 4th

Championships: Saturday, November 7, 2026 - Sunday, November 8, 2026

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [NFHS Rules and Rule Changes](#)
- [NFHS Soccer Homepage](#)
- [RIIL Girls Soccer on MaxPreps](#)
- [RIIL Soccer Girls Assigned Schedule - Fall 2026 & 2027](#)
- [RIIL Sport Handbook - Fall 2026 - Soccer G&B](#)

Girls Soccer HANDBOOK

TEAM Schedule

RANKINGS

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LINK to RIIL Sport Handbook



Soccer – Boys & Girls Sport Handbook – Fall of 2026

Section 1: Rules

- A. All contests under the jurisdiction of the RIIL shall be played according to the National Federation of State High School Association Rules, except for any special rulings adopted by the RIIL and listed in this handbook below.
- B. The RIIL strongly recommends head coaches/officials obtain a copy of the most recent NFHS Rulebook.

Section 2: Mandatory Coaches Certification & Continuing Education

- A. ALL Coaches must be appointed by their School Administration and upload their valid certificates to the Coaches' Certification website below. A coach is any adult with access to student-athletes through an education-based athletic program.
 - a. Including, but not limited to: Volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Head Coaches.
- B. Coaching Requirements: Article 13
- C. Coaching Out of Season Rules: Article 7, Section 8
- D. Rules on Recruitment: Article 3, Section 11
- E. Sportsmanship Expectations for Coaches: Article 12, Section 3

Section 3: Medical Coverage/Emergency Action Plans

- A. Medical Coverage should be provided by the host school, be in attendance and on duty for the duration of all interscholastic scrimmages and games during the regular season and all tournament round games. The medical personnel must introduce themselves to both coaches and referee prior to the start of the game.
 - a. Pre-Game Safety Checklist
- B. Schools are responsible for providing Medical Coverage for their team throughout the playoffs,



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NFHS Director of Officiating Services

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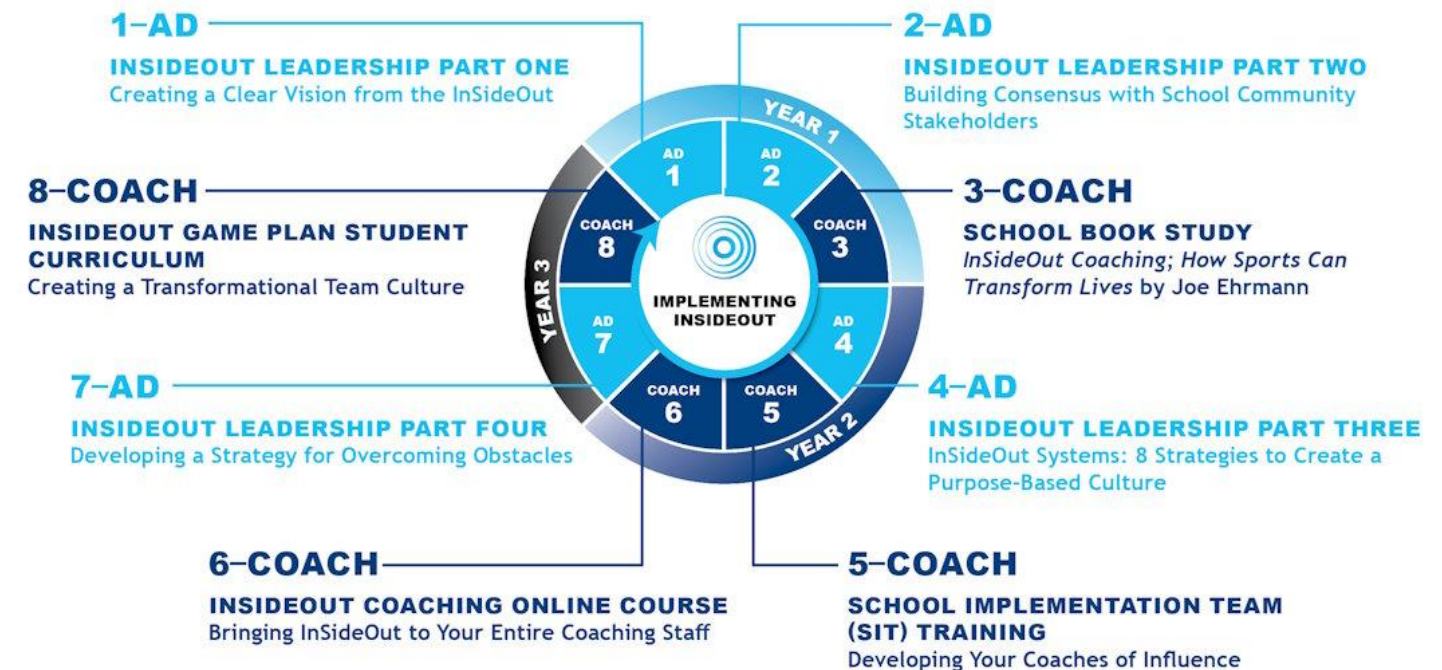




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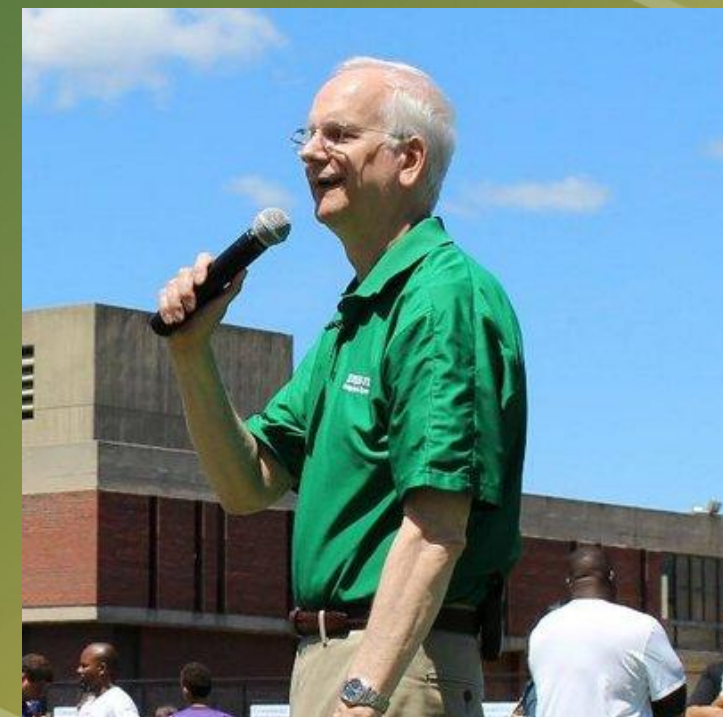
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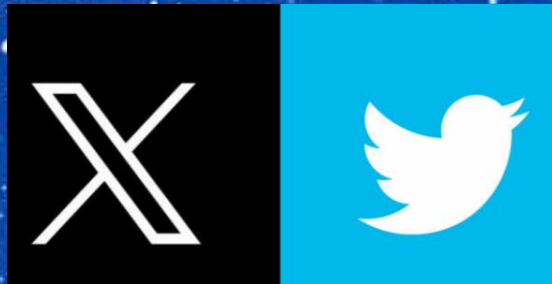
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