

**RIU**

**2025-26**

**Winter Officials  
Meeting**

**Monday, November 3, 2025**



# OUR PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT

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

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

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

[ProtectThePurpose.com](http://ProtectThePurpose.com)



Rhode Island Interscholastic League

# FACT SHEET

The RIIL exists to serve, not to rule.

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

Year Founded

**1899**

Member Schools

**73**

Sports

**21**

Participants

**33,510**

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

## Services We Provide

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

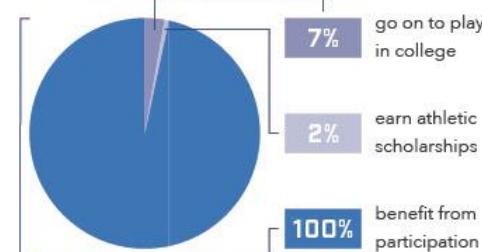
**... and so much more!**

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



Visit  
[riil.org](http://riil.org)  
to learn more



Sources: NCAA, NFHS, Women's Sports Foundation



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



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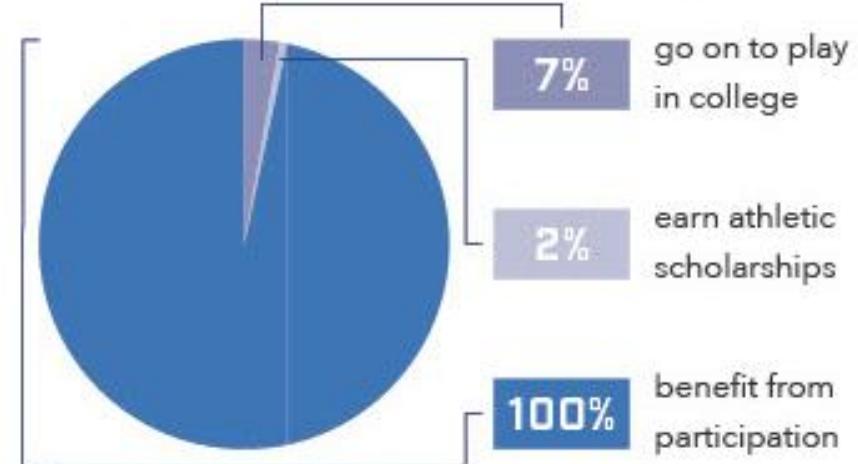
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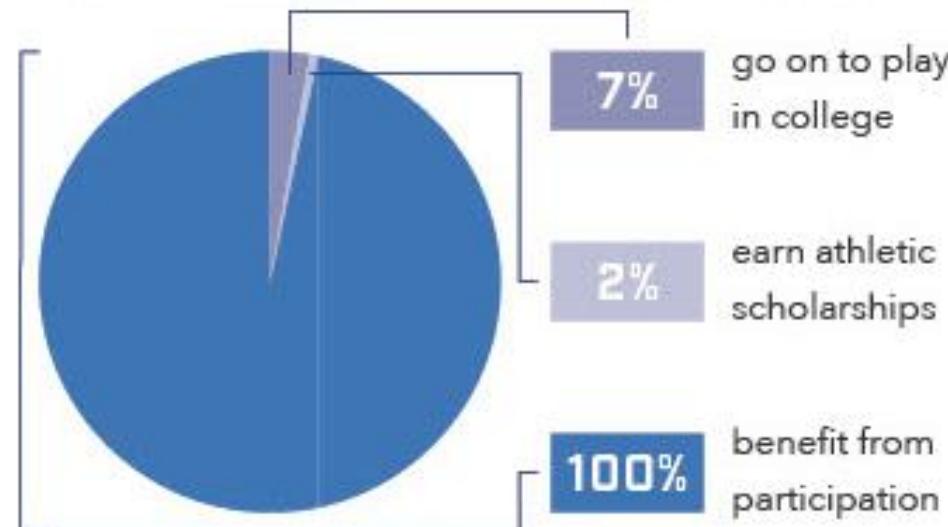
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# Caring for your athletes.

 Ortho RI **EXPRESS**

- Orthopedic specialists providing expert care you won't find in urgent care or walk-in clinics
- Treating sprains, strains, fractures & more
- Open evenings & Saturdays
- Same- and next-day appointments
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- Available in Warwick, Providence, and Wakefield

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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**401.777.7000 – Option 1**  
[orthopedicsri.com/express](http://orthopedicsri.com/express)



# Caring for your athletes.

- **Sports Medicine at Ortho RI**
  - 12 Sports Medicine Physicians
  - Offices:
    - Warwick, Providence, Wakefield, Westerly & Middletown
  - Primary Care Sports Medicine
  - Concussion Management & Clearance
  - Physical & Occupational Therapy





# **1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF WINTER SPORTS**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS:  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS:  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025**



# Officials Appreciation Week

Fall: October 5-11, 2025

Winter: January 11-17, 2026

Spring: April 5-11, 2026

#BECOMEANOFFICIAL



EVERY SEASON STARTS AT  
**DICK'S**  
SPORTING GOODS.



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



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

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

**20% OFF YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE** **DICK'S**

NEED AN ITEM NOT  
AVAILABLE IN-STORE? Ask a Store Associate about ordering an item(s) through our ScoreMORE kiosk, located inside the store.

Receive a 20% discount, plus free shipping, valid on the date(s) listed above. Some exclusions apply.

VALID IN-STORE ONLY. Limit one coupon per customer. Excludes taxes, prior purchases, gift cards, extended warranties such as the No Sweat Protection plan, licenses, store credit, services or excluded items, detailed in-store or at [DICKS.com/Exclusions](http://DICKS.com/Exclusions). Cannot be combined with other offers. No reproductions or rain checks accepted. Offer not accepted at DICK'S Warehouse Sale or Going, Going, Gone! locations.



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# RIIL SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



## **Pregame Safety Card**

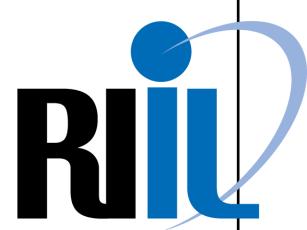
**for Coaches, Officials, Game  
Administrators, and Medical Personnel  
to review before every RIIL Competition**

### **All Events:**

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

### **Outdoor Events:**

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



# Preseason Meeting Topics

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



# Officials' Registration

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



# Sport Specific Information



- Basketball - RIIL [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Rule Changes](#)
- Gymnastics - RIIL [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Rule Changes](#)
- Ice Hockey - RIIL [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Rule Changes](#)
- Swimming - RIIL [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Rule Changes](#)
- Track & Field - RIIL [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Rule Changes](#)
- Wrestling - RIIL [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Homepage](#) - NFHS [Rule Changes](#)

# 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

**ARBITER**

DASHBOARD   SCHEDULE   PAYROLL   ELIGIBILITY   PEOPLE   RESOURCES   REPORTS   SETTINGS

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

**Games**   Events   Archived Games

**Game Report** (Game: 53666) Save Exit

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

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

Position	Official	Status	Locked	Paid By BillTo	Pay Travel	Travel	Per diem	A/D	Verify	Assign	Unassign
Ref		On Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Assign</a>	
Ump		On Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Assign</a>	

**Comments**

**Status**

Resolved / Approved

**Printing**

Adobe Acrobat Format (.pdf) Print Preview Save Exit



# Kick the Habit

## Don't text & Drive



### Hands-Free is the Law!

Traffic Safety is a Team Sport



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

**#JustDrive**

**Traffic Safety is a Team Sport**





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

**And you can help!**



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

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





# RICPG

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**Can children and teenagers develop gambling problems?**

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

[ricpg.com](http://ricpg.com)

**1-800-GAMBLER**  
HELP FOR PROBLEM GAMBLING

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## BET ON YOUR FUTURE NOT THE GAME



**LEARN MORE AT THE RICPG WEBSITE**  
[ricpg.com](http://ricpg.com)

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

### **What is the RI Council on Problem Gambling?**

A state affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling, RICPG is a non-profit organization that advocates for research, prevention, education and treatment for problem gamblers. Among the wide range of programs and services it provides, RICPG also provides a confidential 24-hour helpline for individuals experiencing a gambling problem.



# REFREPS

## OFFICIATING EDUCATION SYSTEM



### COURSE OFFERING

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

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

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

- Dana Pappas  
NFHS Director of Officiating Services

### STUDENT EMPLOYABILITY

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

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

(Forbes, 2019)

(ZipRecruiter, 2022)

### TURN-KEY OFFICIATING EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR TODAY'S STUDENT



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

### TEACH STUDENTS TO REFEREE

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

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Best of Luck to everyone this Season!