

2010-2011

Annual Report Rhode Island Interscholastic League



Rhode Island Interscholastic League Principals' Committee on Athletics 2010-2011 Annual Report

It is indeed a pleasure for me to submit the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Principals' Committee on Athletics 2010-2011 Annual Report to the Rhode Island Association of School Principals.

I am excited and look forward to the challenges of 2011-2012. However, I recognize people can not be successful and attain their goals unless they have the cooperation and assistance from others. With the help of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League staff, the Principals' Committee on Athletics, School Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Officials and Volunteers, we hope to maintain the mission and high standards that the RIIL has embodied for many years. Their hard work and 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.

The Principals' Committee on Athletics, operating the Rhode Island Interscholastic League, provides its member principals and their schools an opportunity to compete on a statewide basis in a sports program administered by principals. The League sports include Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Indoor and Outdoor Track, Soccer, Fast Pitch Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, and Wrestling. In excess of twenty-seven thousand girls and boys on over one thousand school teams participated in the aforementioned sports offered by the League representing fifty-six (56) public, private, and parochial member schools.

The 2010-2011 school year has been a very busy one for the League staff and the Principals' Committee on Athletics. In addition to the monthly meeting(s) of the Committee, many standing committees have met throughout the year to deal with issues being addressed by the League. In short, 2010-2011 has been one of the busiest and most productive years in recent history.

The Waiver Request Hearing Committee heard a total of forty-three (43) waiver requests for eligibility on issues such as transfer, eight-semester, age, academic eligibility, and foreign exchange. Our current process has proved to be a very fair and successful one for two reasons: It added another level for hearings, which allowed the unsuccessful applicant(s) to appeal to the Principals' Committee on Athletics. Secondly, it reduced the number of hearings conducted by the Principals' Committee on Athletics. To further streamline the waiver process, the PCOA approved the following change to Article 1, Section 16 *Waiver of Rules*:

The RIIL Executive Director (or designee) shall upon the basis of the completion of the waiver request and documentation provided determine whether the eligibility waiver and/or violation of the by-laws of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League shall be granted or not granted.

In the fall of 2010, the Rhode Island Interscholastic League conducted separate Annual Conferences for Principals and Athletic Administrators. The conferences were held at Johnson and Wales University, Harborside Campus in Providence, and The Crowne Plaza in Warwick. The purpose of these programs is to help schools prepare for the upcoming school year. Many issues pertinent to supervising and administering high school athletic programs for the League's fifty-six (56) member schools were addressed.

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League inducted eleven (11) outstanding individuals into the Rhode Island Interscholastic League High School Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2011. The Hall of Fame is dedicated to preserving the colorful tradition of high school athletics in Rhode Island and seeks to highlight the past in order to insure a promising future for Rhode Island high school athletics. The eleven (11) inductees were chosen after a two-level selection process involving the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and the Principals' Committee on Athletics. The inductees were: Jean Angell, Tim Army, Ray Beattie, John "Jack" Martin, Steve Gordon, Maria Nero Morin, William "Babe" Mousseau, Emily Selvidio Scharsu, Michael A. Traficante, Marilyn Hartley Picerelli, and Tim Walker.

The following list represents the many accomplishments of the RI Interscholastic League during the 2010-2011 year:

- Worked with RI Special Olympics to continue and promote the development of the RIIL Unified Sports Program at no cost to schools
 - Organized Unified Sports Program in both basketball and volleyball
 - Participated in the “Spread the Word to End the Word” activities
- Recommended a contribution of \$20,000 to SORI to continue the Unified Sports Program in 2011-2012 at no cost to schools
- Organized the Annual Principal/AD Conferences
- Organized and hosted the NFHS Section I Conference in Providence, RI
- Organized the RIIL Student-Athlete Leadership Forum: Captain’s Challenge in conjunction with the RI National Guard in the fall and spring
- Organized RIIL Leadership Conference for women in December – “There are No Limits”
- Continued to work with the RI Dept of Education to review and make changes to RI Certification for Coaches to improve the preparation and professional development of all athletic coaches
- At the request of our member schools, implemented a process for assigning JV and Freshman officials that will satisfy the new requirements outlined by the IRS
- Implemented online ticketing (Ticket Leap) for all championship events
- Completed the 2011 Hall of Fame selection and induction ceremony
 - Presented the Spirit of Sport Award to Juliann Tefft of Exeter-West Greenwich HS
- Coordinated efforts with the MIAA and other New England state associations to organize the first New England Student Leadership Conference
 - Recruited and selected 50 students from Rhode Island to participate in the NFHS New England Student Leadership Conference in July, 2011
- Met with the RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) to recommend provisions on new Concussion Legislation. Prepared “Best Practices for Care and Prevention of Concussions for Athletes”
- Developed school materials and guidelines for schools in accordance with the new RI Laws relating to Concussion Act
- Worked with the RI Athletic Trainers Association to educate all coaches during pre-season interpretation meetings on the symptoms and precautions of concussed athletes
- Convened the RIIL Foundation Committee to review 2010-2011 Monsignor Newbold Grants and select programs to be funded
- Collected approximately \$110,000 in sponsor contributions
- Completed the 2010 Audit
- Met with the RIIL Finance Committee (August, March & June)
- Distributed the following to schools:
 - Monthly Bulletins
 - 2009-2010 Annual Report
 - A Revised and Edited Rules & Regulations Manual
- Negotiated Official’s Agreement for 2011-2012 with 1% increase in fees
- Coaches Education – all coaches are required to take the Fundamentals of Coaching course. Presently, we are encouraging coaches to take the sport specific courses in soccer, football, wrestling, etc. In addition, all coaches must take annually the NFHS Concussion Course
- Updated the RIIL Rulebook – printed and sent to all schools
- Worked with the RIIAAA to develop a new alignment formula and process to be implemented in Sept 2012
- Promoted the mission of the RIIL. Implementing the following:
 - Challenge Cup
 - Spirit of Sport Award
- Conducted annual meetings with principals, athletic directors and superintendents throughout the state to discuss their issues with the RIIL as well as discuss the direction of the League
- Worked with Cox Sports to promote and help organize the Cox Sports Awards Program
- Recommended a revised Basketball State Open Tournament to be implemented in 2012
- Revised the Boys and Girls Hockey Playoff format to be implemented in 2012
- Coordinated the search and selection of the RIIL Assistant Director and Business Manager

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League would like to recognize and thank the following corporate sponsors for their generous support of the League and the student-athletes it serves: Amica Insurance, Baden Athletic Balls, Citizens Bank, Cox Sports, The RI National Guard, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of RI, CVS, Foundry Sports Medicine, Team IP, Members United Corporate Federal Credit Union, MetLife Auto & Home, MF Athletics, Nike, Pawtucket Red Sox, Penn Monto, Pepsi, Rawlings, South County Sports Medicine, Spalding, Subway, U.S. Marines, Wright's Farm and RI Credit Unions.

The following administrators served on the Principals' Committee on Athletics during the 2010-2011 school year:

Gerald Foley, *Chairperson*

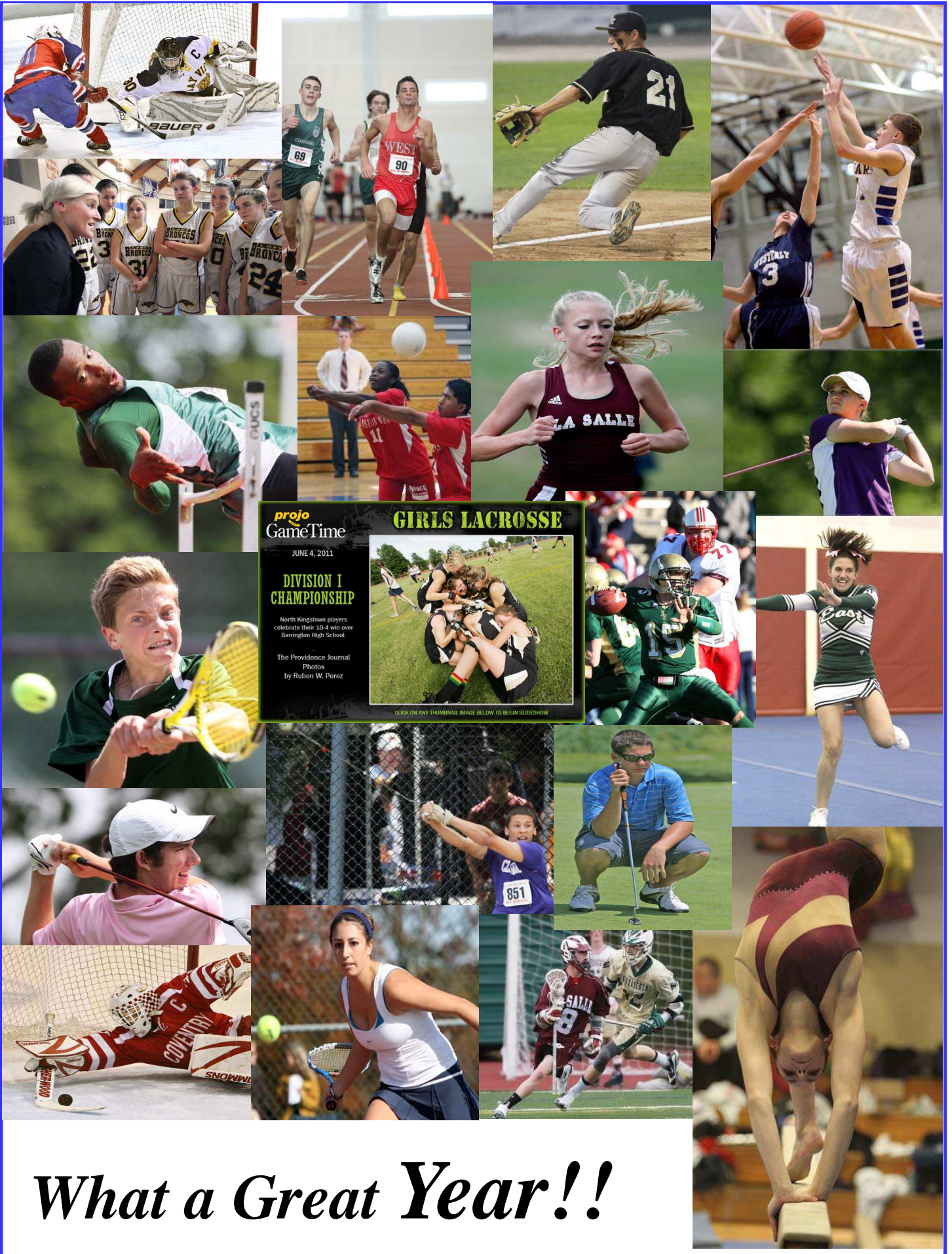
Donald Kavanagh, *Assistant Chairperson*

Scott Barr	Karen Tarasevich
Robert McCarthy	Robert Littlefield
John Craig, Jr.	Kevin McNamara
Patricia DiCenso	Janelle Clarke
Joseph Goho	Michael Sollitto
Colleen Gribbin	Daniel Warner
Daniel Kelly	Michael Traficante

I want to express my sincere thanks to the Principals' Committee on Athletics, Mr. Gerry Foley and Mr. Don Kavanagh, Chairperson and Assistant Chairperson respectively for their leadership, expertise, and support. In addition, many thanks to the RIIL Sport Committees, the League staff, the sport directors, and all the people who volunteer their services, for their dedication, cooperation, and hard work. The success of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League is due to the efforts of these outstanding people.

The RIIL and the Principals' Committee on Athletics are deeply grateful to the Rhode Island Association of School Principals and the RI Athletic Administrators Association for their continued support of its membership. Without the strong support of the principals and athletic administrators of our member schools, the Rhode Island Interscholastic League would not enjoy the level of success that presently exists.

As Executive Director, I would like to acknowledge and express my appreciation to Richard Magarian, Retired Assistant Executive Director, and Michael Lunney, Assistant Director, for their cooperation, support and efforts on behalf of the League and its student-athletes. I would also like to thank Jane Hale, Retired Treasurer; and Donna Kane, Business Manager/Treasurer; Susana Borges, Gail Lepore, and Julie Mancini, Administrative Assistants for the important role they play in the success of the League.



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GameTime
JUNE 4, 2011
GIRLS LACROSSE
DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP
North Kingstown players celebrate their 10-4 win over Barrington High School.
The Providence Journal
Photos by Ruben W. Perez

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What a Great Year!!

Mission Statement

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

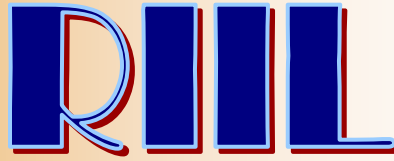
Core Values

We believe:

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

Vision Statement

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



History

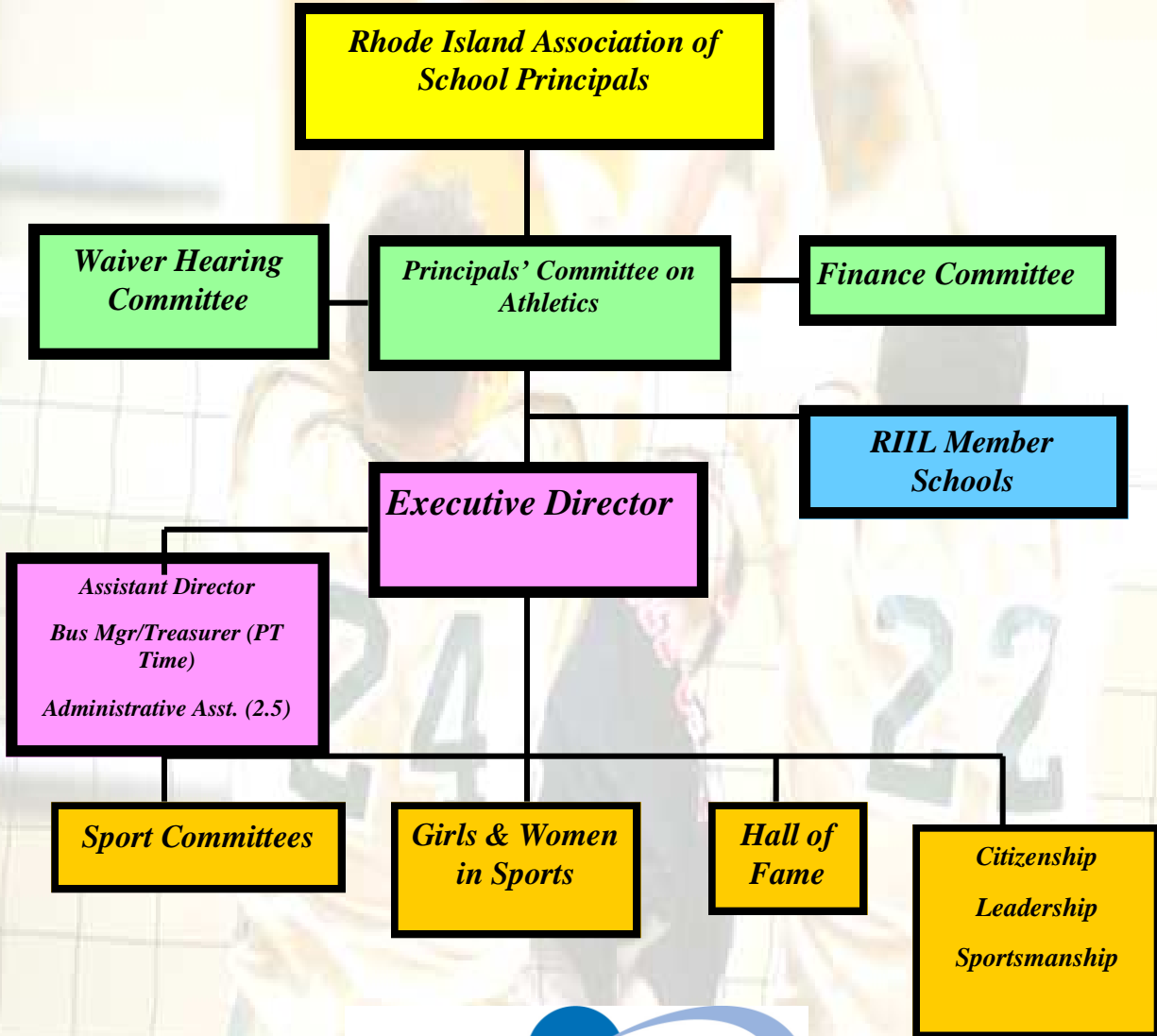
The Rhode Island Interscholastic League was established in 1932. It is a voluntary, private, incorporated, non-profit organization of principals who pledge their high schools and participants to follow the Rules and Regulations of the League.

There are fifty-six (56) public, private, and parochial high schools that make up the membership. These schools sponsor athletic activities in twenty-eight (28) sports. Over twenty thousand (20,000) young men and women compete annually in thousands of competitions.

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



Rhode Island Interscholastic League Organization Chart



GOVERNING PROCESS OF THE RIIL



The legislative body of the League is the *Principals' Committee on Athletics*, which consists of principals/assistant principals of the fifty-six (56) member high schools. The Committee meets on a monthly basis. All meetings are open to the public and anyone who wishes may attend.

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

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

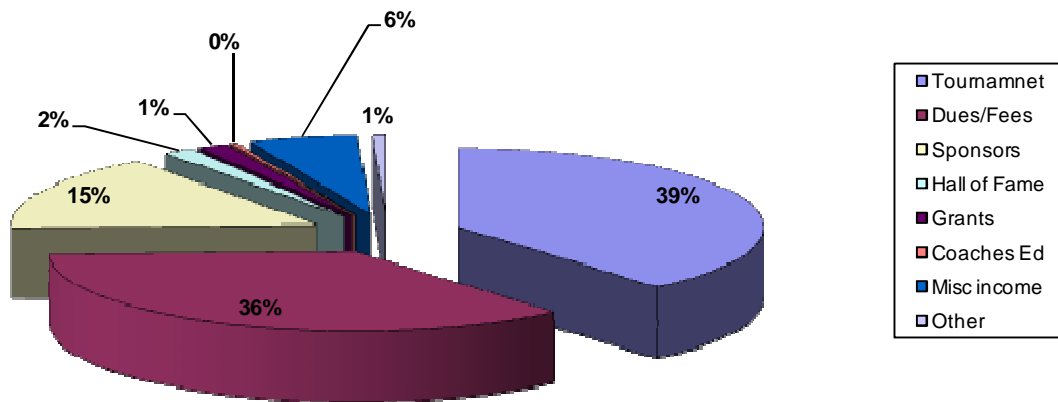
League Finances

Revenues generated from tournament ticket sales, corporate sponsors, and dues and fees make up the majority of the Leagues operating budget, which is approved annually by the Principals' Committee on Athletics. The League does not receive any state appropriations.

In addition, the League pays for:

- Liability and accident insurance for League sponsored tournaments
- Medals and plaques for students participating in League Tournaments

2010-2011 Revenue

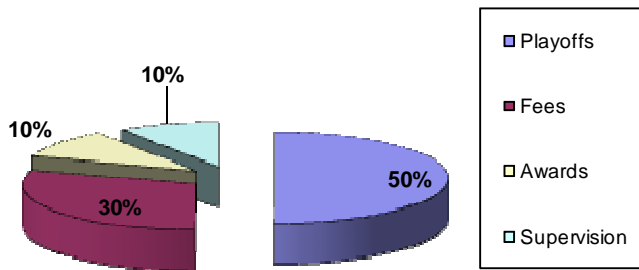


2010-2011

Revenue

39%	Tournament	\$378,499.50
36%	Dues/Fees	\$348,484.77
15%	Sponsors	\$151,270.00
2%	Hall of Fame	\$16,430.00
1%	Grants	\$15,620.00
	Coaches Ed	\$3,182.00
6%	Misc income	\$56,252.69
	Other	\$6,282
	Total	\$976,020.70

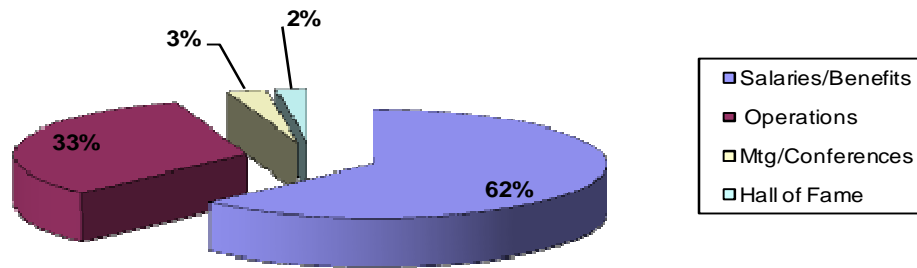
2010-2011 Program Expenses



2010-2011 Program Expenses

50%	Playoffs	\$197,149.56
30%	Fees	\$117,346.32
10%	Awards	\$43,916.60
10%	Super- vision	\$12,350.00
	Total	\$370,762.48

Administrative Expenses 2010-2011



2010-2011 Administrative Expenses

62%	Salaries/Benefits	\$390,414.34
33%	Operations	\$203,641.87
3%	Mtg/Conferences	\$17,137.33
2%	Hall of Fame	\$13,773.85
	Total	\$624,967.39

RIIL Finances Tournaments

Revenues/Expenses

2010-2011

Tournament	Revenue	Expenses
Football	\$27,189.00	\$12,632.00
Boys Soccer	\$15,110.00	\$8,831.00
B/G Cross Country	\$10,476.00	\$8,850.00
Wrestling	\$22,897.00	\$21,045.00
Boys Basketball	\$51,066.00	\$37,953.00
B/G Swim	\$11,000.00	\$20,918.00
B/G Hockey	\$353,668.00	\$366,515.00
B/G Indoor Track	\$24,241.00	\$48,525.00
Baseball	\$24,530.00	\$9,252.00
B/G Golf	none	\$1,781.00
Boys Tennis	none	\$3,360.00
B/G Outdoor Track	\$8,363.00	\$24,966.00
Boys Lacrosse	\$9,638.00	\$4,863.00
Boys Volleyball	\$5,725.00	\$3,484.00
Girls Soccer	\$14,553.00	\$7,949.00
Field Hockey	\$8,441.00	\$4,022.00
Girls Volleyball	\$6,650.00	\$5,632.00
Gymnastics	\$2,268.00	\$5,036.00
Girls Tennis	none	\$3,027.00
Fast Pitch Softball	\$11,225.00	\$6,909.00
Girls Lacrosse	\$6,418.00	\$2,085.00
Cheerleading	\$14,557.00	\$7,968.00
Girls Basketball	\$16,028.00	\$8,687.00
Freshman Sports	\$5,935.00	\$3,114.00
Totals	\$649,951.00	\$627,405.00

League Services to Member Schools

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League is a service organization providing its member schools with publications, training opportunities, recognition programs, tournaments, rules interpretation meetings, and other services that assist in the administration of interscholastic sports.

Communications

The League publishes or posts on its website and in its monthly bulletin.

Athletic Rules and Regulations, includes the by-laws and regulations for the RIIL.

Tournament Programs provide tournament fans with information about the teams participating in each League-sponsored tournament/meet.

Web Site www.riil.org keeps member schools and fans up to date on League activities, rules and events.

RIIL Foundation

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

Recognition

The League sponsors the **RIIL Hall of Fame** for the most distinguished individuals involved in high school athletics.

Tournaments

The League supervises and administers state tournaments in 28 athletic events for its member schools.

Assists the media outlets statewide in their coverage of high school sports.

Provides accident insurance for every student, coach, and official that participates in a league-sponsored activity.

Student Leadership Conferences

The League sponsors numerous opportunities for student-athletes to take part in an assortment of leadership and sportsmanship activities.

Student-Athlete Wellness Program

The Performance Edge: Wellness for Winners is a program designed to provide our student-athletes and coaches with a comprehensive wellness program that will support our high schools by embracing the health and wellness of all participants.

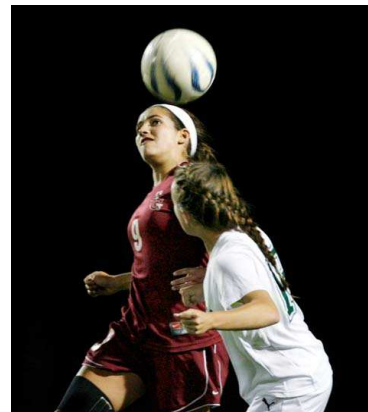
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RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

GIRLS PARTICIPATION CHART

SPORT	2007-2008		2008-2009		2010-2011	
	TEAMS	PARTICIPANTS	TEAMS	PARTICIPANTS	TEAMS	PARTICIPANTS
CROSS COUNTRY	41	693	44	795	42	702
FIELD HOCKEY	21	695	21	617	22	602
GOLF	1	61	1	49	1	56
ICE HOCKEY	8	212	8	167	9	180
SWIM	32	596	32	602	35	637
TENNIS	44	890	44	890	43	828
BASKETBALL	49	1135	49	1082	50	1072
GYMNASTICS	19	186	19	164	13	189
WRESTLING	0	15	0	10	0	20
VOLLEYBALL	40	994	40	969	40	973
OUTDOOR TRACK	40	1609	40	1586	40	1404
FAST PITCH SOFTBALL	47	1174	47	1127	47	1071
SOCCER	48	1413	48	1488	48	1512
INDOOR TRACK	37	1188	37	1144	35	1153
BASEBALL	None	0	0	0	0	0
LACROSSE	25	631	25	967	25	894
COMPETITION CHEER	26	508	26	508	26	566
UNIFIED BASKETBALL					18	220
UNIFIED VOLLEYBALL					8	106
TOTAL GIRLS	478	12,000	481	12,165	502	12,185



RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

BOYS PARTICIPATION CHART

SPORT	2007-2008		2008-2009		2010-2011	
	TEAMS	PARTICIPANTS	TEAMS	PARTICIPANTS	TEAMS	PARTICIPANTS
BASEBALL	48	1721	49	1663	58	1673
BASKETBALL	47	1483	47	1439	68	1720
CROSS COUNTRY	42	855	44	981	44	922
FOOTBALL	42	3017	43	2957	60	3306
GOLF	40	489	41	439	42	425
ICE HOCKEY	36	881	37	868	35	860
LACROSSE	20	724	22	782	23	888
SOCCER	44	1586	46	4613	45	1626
SWIM	27	323	23	402	22	439
TENNIS	40	764	40	833	40	740
INDR TRACK	39	1358	38	1432	35	1391
OUTDOOR TRACK	39	1693	39	1684	39	1505
WRESTLING	35	955	33	968	33	1025
VOLLEYBALL	25	553	25	558	26	539
TOTAL BOYS	521	16412	531	16,621	570	17,059 (Includes Frosh)
TOTAL B & G	972	27,904	1015	29,826	1072	29,244



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 practice, provide solutions thereto; and,
- Promote the educational values of interscholastic activities to the nation's public.



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