

Annual Report

2012-13





GREETINGS FROM THE RIIL

DEAR FRIENDS,

As we begin our 81st year, the RIIL continues to support our member schools and the numerous student-athletes in many ways. Working with the NFHS, the RIIL has entered into a partnership with PlayOn Sports to launch the NFHS Network. The purpose of this partnership is to develop and manage a Rhode Island high school network comprised of online video and television products. Through this new platform, the RIIL will foster the values of participation in high school programs and continue to build support for that participation.



Thomas A. Mezzanotte
Executive Director, RIIL



Kevin J. McNamara
Chairman, Principals'
Committee on Athletics

As a leading advocate for high school athletic programs, the RIIL recognizes that these are very difficult financial times in both education and education-based athletics. However, we must continue to stress the fact that education-based athletic programs are the No. 1 dropout prevention program in America's schools today. Our programs have value and that value is reflected in numerous studies that show that students who participate in these programs do better in school, have fewer discipline referrals, have better attendance and enjoy greater success in post-secondary education.

Our school administrators, athletic directors, teachers and coaches have provided excellent leadership throughout the years. The torch now passes to a new generation of leaders. We must learn from the past, and model those values that produce learning opportunities for our students to mold them into the leaders of tomorrow. We all must pitch-in in this worthwhile endeavor.

Thomas A. Mezzanotte

Executive Director, Rhode Island Interscholastic League

As Chairman of the Principal's Committee on Athletics (PCOA), I am proud to serve along with Vice-Chair Dr. Michael Sollitto and the other members of the committee representing the member schools and affiliated groups of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League. The PCOA is the governing body of the RIIL and its members are committed to providing the students of Rhode Island with high quality interscholastic athletic competition, sportsmanship development activities as well as health and wellness programs.

By way of introduction, I have been a student-athlete, teacher, coach and athletic director. First as an Assistant Principal and now as Principal of Lincoln High School, I have served on the PCOA since 2005. Each of these experiences has provided me with a unique perspective on the work of the RIIL. I am very much looking forward to working with the various constituencies that make up the RIIL community. Our shared mission is to provide students with lessons and memories that will last a lifetime. We must always keep the student-athlete at the center of our decision making.

Under the guidance of the PCOA, the RIIL has grown into a vibrant and dynamic organization. RIIL Executive Director Mr. Thomas Mezzanotte, Assistant Director Mr. Michael Lunney and the talented office staff work diligently every day to ensure the success of the League. Along with Dr. Sollitto, Mr. Mezzanotte and Mr. Lunney, I welcome your feedback and input.

Kevin J. McNamara

Chairman, Principals' Committee On Athletics

YEAR IN REVIEW

COACHES EDUCATION/ CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Now in its third year, the RIIL and RI Department of Education (RIDE) continue to promote and monitor a comprehensive coaches certification program for any new coach hired after January 1, 2012. In conjunction with the NFHS Coach Education Program, our coaches are able to select from more than 30 courses (16 sport-specific courses and 14 elective courses, seven of which are free).

UNIFIED SPORTS

The RIIL and Special Olympics RI have continued to build a strong bond to advance the mission and goals of both organizations. Through our Project Unify Program, students with intellectual disabilities and their partners compete for their respective high school in the sports of basketball and volleyball. Each year the number of participating schools increases and as a result a new population of student-athletes are able to enjoy invaluable athletic experiences as well as social inclusion opportunities that will impact the quality of their life years after graduation.

“Unified Sports brings a whole new diversion to an interscholastic program with a renewed perspective through the eyes of a new set of student-athletes. These young people may not have had the opportunity to participate for their school in the past, now they do.”

Chuck Schmidt

*Associate Executive Director
Arizona Interscholastic
Association*

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Students from our member schools were nominated each month and a male and female athlete was selected as the RIIL Student of the Month. All monthly winners were recognized at the Student of the Month Luncheon. The overall 2013 male student, Alex Denoncour of Johnston High School and female student, Courtney Kent of Cumberland High School were selected and each received a \$1,000 Scholarship from the New England Dairy Promotion Board—*Must Be The Milk*.





STUDENT CONFERENCES

With the passage of the 40th Anniversary of Title IX, schools throughout Rhode Island and the U.S. continue to offer equal opportunities to girls in high school athletics.

In December, numerous female student-athletes attended a conference entitled "Title IX—40 Years Later." This conference included speakers and topics dealing with the history of Title IX in both Rhode Island and the U.S.

SPORTS MEDICINE

Working with the RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) the RIIL continues to be committed to minimizing risk for all student-athletes.

To this end the RIIL SMAC has lead the way in the establishment of concussion legislation in RI for all coaches, athletes and parents. In addition, the RIIL SMAC advocated for, and the PCOA approved Heat Acclimatization Rules for all Fall Sports starting in the fall of 2013.

TECHNOLOGY

The PCOA approved the partnership between the RIIL and the NFHS in the establishment of the NFHS Network. Through this network, the RIIL will produce online video and television athletic events. In addition, schools will be able to produce through this network school athletic events and activities.

Working with Scholastic Tools and our webmaster, Craig Blanchard, we approved numerous improvements to the RIIL Website. Sport statistics and a more user-friendly Home Page will be the highlights of these improvements.

In the realm of Social Media, the RIIL is now on Twitter (@riil_sports).

FINANCES

Due to the financial success the League has enjoyed over many years, the PCOA approved the distribution of a one-time stipend to member schools. This stipend was based on the number of sports a school participates in.

At the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year, and every year thereafter, the RIIL will distribute any profit to member schools. The amount would be based on the number of sports a school plays in the RIIL.



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

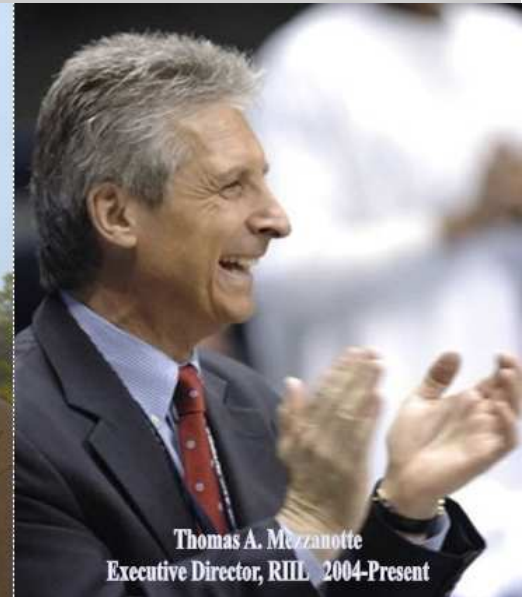
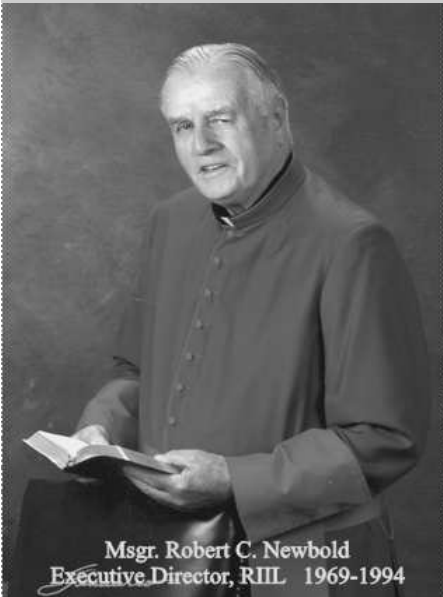
We believe:

- 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

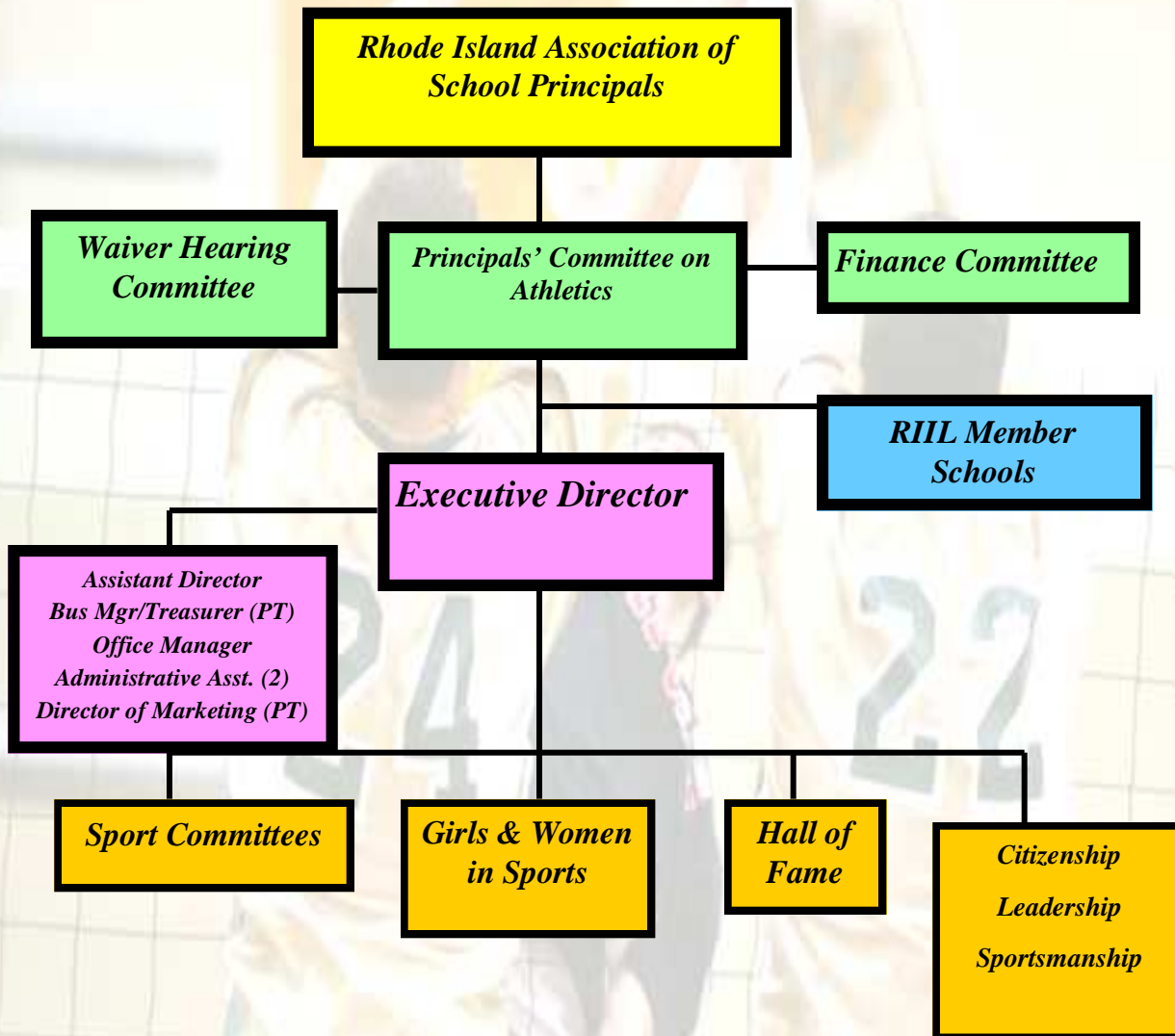


The Rhode Island Interscholastic League was established in 1932. It is a voluntary, private, incorporated, non-profit organization of principals who pledge their high schools and participants to follow the Rules and Regulations of the League.

There are fifty-five (55) 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.

ORGANIZATIONAL 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-five member high schools. The Committee meets regularly. 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.

The following administrators served on the Principals' Committee on Athletics during the 2012-2013 school year:

Gerald Foley, *Chairperson*
Principal, Johnston High School
Donald Kavanagh, *Assistant Chairperson*
Principal, La Salle Academy

Gail Abromitis, Principal, Middletown High School

Daniel Kelly, Principal, Smithfield High School

Scott Barr, Principal, Classical High School

Robert Littlefield, Principal, Portsmouth High School

Brian Butler, Principal, Exeter/W. Greenwich High School

Robert McCarthy, Principal, So. Kingstown High School

Kathy Crowley, RISSA / Superintendent, Little Compton

Kevin McNamara, Principal, Lincoln High School

Robert DiMuccio, Asst. Principal, Mt. Pleasant High School

Michael Sollitto, Ed.D., Principal, Scituate High School

Joseph Goho, Principal, No. Providence High School

Michael Traficante, RIIAA/Athletic Director, The Prout School

Colleen Gribbin, Principal, St. Mary Academy-Bay View

Daniel Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School

I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of the PCOA for their leadership, dedication, expertise and support. In addition, special thanks to Mr. Gerry Foley who has served as our Board Chairman for the past four years and has announced his retirement as principal of both North Kingstown High School and Johnston High School. Through his more than 19 years of service to the PCOA, Mr. Foley has faithfully demonstrated the dedication, compassion and loyalty to student-athletes and the Mission of the RIIL. Also thanks to Mr. Donald Kavanagh, Principal of La Salle Academy, who has completed his five-year term as Assistant Chair of the PCOA. Throughout these past five years, Mr. Kavanagh has served with distinction on numerous committees and programs.

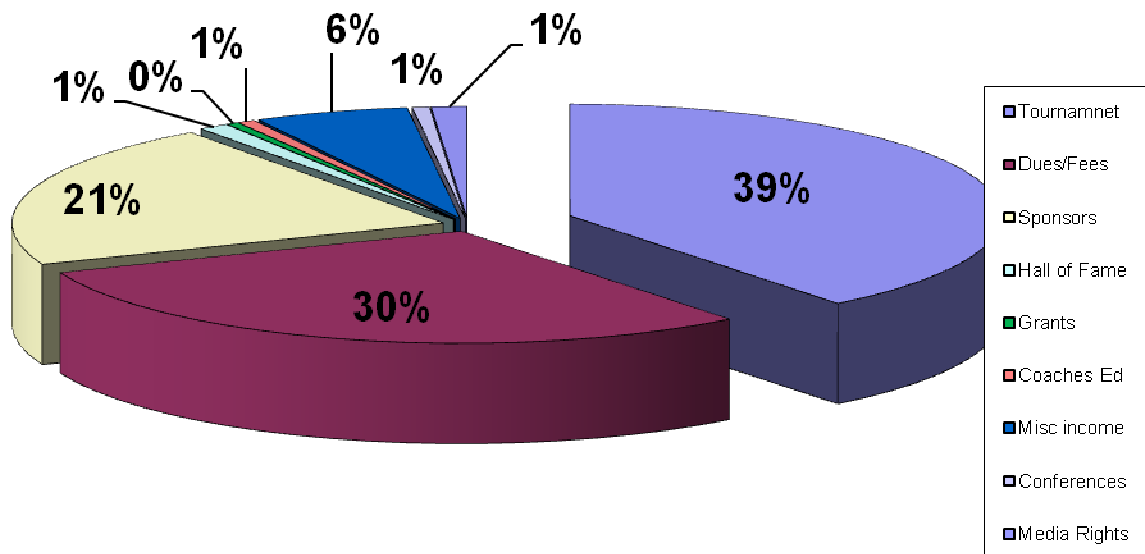
The PCOA now welcomes Mr. Kevin McNamara, Principal of Lincoln High School, as the new Chair, and Mr. Michael Sollitto, Ed.D., Principal of Scituate High School as the Assistant Chair.

The RIIL and the Principals' Committee on Athletics are deeply grateful to the RI Association of School Principals, the RI Athletic Administrators Association, and the RI School Superintendents 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 Michael Lunney, Assistant Director, for his cooperation, support and efforts on behalf of the League and its student-athletes. I would also like to thank Donna Kane, Business Manager/Treasurer; Gail Lepore, Office Manager; Susana Borges and Julie Mancini, Administrative Assistants; and Tracy Quarella, Director of Marketing for the important role they play in the success of the League.

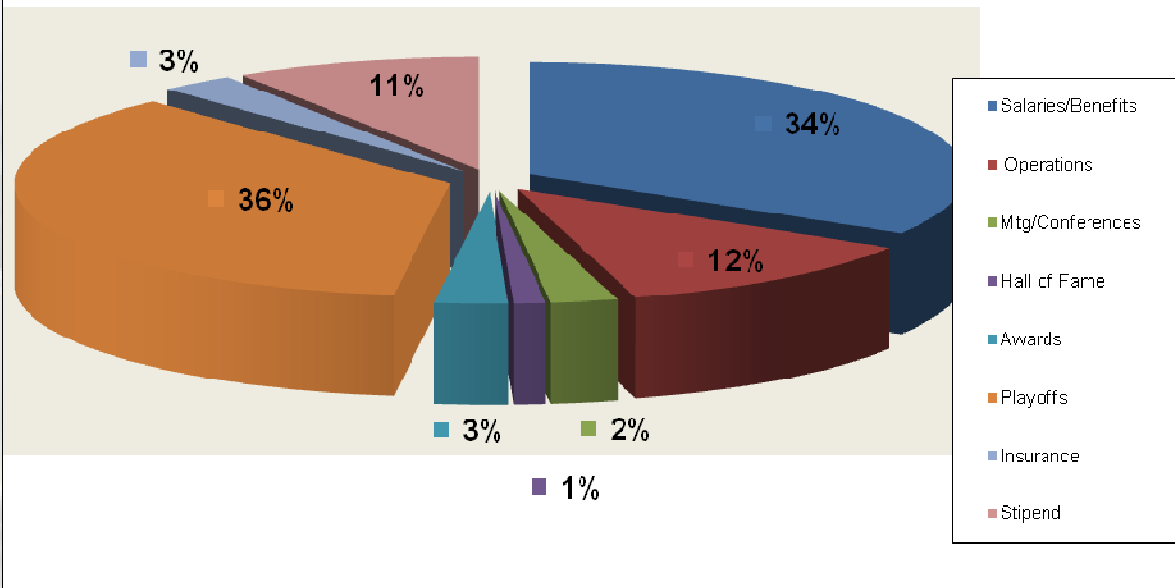
RIIL FINANCIAL REPORT

2012-2013 Revenue



Tournament	\$447,553.00	39%
Dues/Fees	\$336,751.00	30%
Sponsors	\$239,601.00	21%
Hall of Fame	\$12,625.00	1%
Grants	\$5,000.00	0%
Coaches Ed	\$7,584.00	1%
Misc Income	\$66,570.00	6%
Conferences	\$7,275.00	1%
Media Rights	\$15,150.00	1%
Total	\$1,138,109.00	

Expenses 2012-2013



Salaries/Benefits	\$386,405.00	34%
Operations	\$136,308.00	12%
Mtg/Conferences	\$28,439.00	2%
Hall of Fame	\$13,412.00	1%
Awards	\$31,513.00	3%
Playoffs	\$412,344.00	36%
Insurance	\$31,914.00	3%
Stipend	\$104,950.00	11%
Total	\$1,145,285.00	

TOURNAMENT FINANCES

Tournament Revenue/Expenses 2012-2013

Sport	Tournament Revenue	Tournament Expenses
Football	\$34,829.00	\$13,359.00
B/G Soccer	\$33,287.00	\$19,191.00
B/G Cross Country	\$7,231.00	\$13,243.00
Wrestling	\$19,112.00	\$23,860.00
B/G Basketball	\$104,891.00	\$54,960.00
B/G Swim	\$10,715.00	\$19,707.00
B/G Hockey	\$92,346.00	\$126,473.00
B/G Indoor Track	\$29,201.00	\$49,753.00
Baseball	\$21,287.00	\$10,624.00
B/G Golf	none	\$1,766.00
B/G Tennis	none	\$5,064.00
B/G Outdoor Track	\$15,817.00	\$23,858.00
B/G Lacrosse	\$23,327.00	\$8,992.00
B/G Volleyball	\$12,987.00	\$15,098.00
Field Hockey	\$11,827.00	\$6,762.00
Gymnastics	\$1,662.00	\$5,341.00
Fast Pitch Softball	\$9,084.00	\$9,333.00
Cheerleading	\$11,040.00	\$4,269.00
Freshman Sports	\$8,910.00	2,812.00
Totals	\$447,553.00	\$414,465.00

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.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION 2012-2013

Participation in RI high school sports has once again increased. According to the 2012-2013 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the RILL, the total number of teams and participants has increased from previous years. While boys participation figures dipped slightly, girls participation and Unified Sports participation has increased. Overall, there was an increase of 405 participants for 2012-2013.

TRENDS:

1. The fastest growing sports for both boys and girls continues to be Lacrosse.
2. The total number of girls teams and participants continues to grow.
3. The number of participants in boys cross country, lacrosse, and basketball showed moderate increases, while the numbers in boys tennis and ice hockey decreased.
4. Unified Sports continues to significantly grow in both the sports of basketball and volleyball. These are both co-ed sports.
5. The number of participants in high school sports in RI closely reflect the National participant trends.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION SURVEY

YEAR	BOYS	TEAMS	GIRLS	TEAMS	UNIFIED	TEAMS	TOTAL
2007-2008	16,642	524	11,516	460	N/A	N/A	28,158
2008-2009	16,621	531	13,105	484	N/A	N/A	29,726
2009-2010	16,707	533	11,915	463	150	N/A	28,772
2010-2011	16,547	549	11,849	468	106	N/A	28,502
2011-2012	17,042	567	12,001	474	161	N/A	29,204
2012-2013	16,597	544	12,271	490	580	44	29,448

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Congratulations...to the Bishop Hendricken Boys Swim Team. They have won the Boys Swim State Championship for the past 24 years—1990-2013!





**RIIL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
MAY 8, 2013**

SEATED ROW: (L-R)

Philip W. Kershaw, Dr. John Stellitano, Jane Forman,
Special Recognition Award: Kendra N. Cimaglia, "Spirit of Sport"
Richard Lawrence

BACK ROW: (L-R)

Maura McGonagle Brown, Laura Turner O'Hara, Stephanie Perry,
Ray E. Johnson, James Bennett (representing his brother, Curt Bennett),
Ron Wilson, Bobby Thompson

RIIL Student-Athlete of the Year Winners

Sponsored by:



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Alex DeNoncour
Johnston High School

Courtney Kent
Cumberland High School

What makes these athletes so exceptional? "Must Be The Milk!"

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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