



# **RIIL Boys Ice Hockey Alignment Proposal**

## **Winter of 2023-24**

**12 – 11 : 23**

### **Sport Committee Members:**

Sport Director: George Egan

Administrators: Kevin McNamara (Lincoln Assistant Superintendent) & Toby Gibbons (Pilgrim Principal)

RIIAAA Representatives: Keith Cory (Portsmouth), John Abbate (Burrillville),

Jason Gove (Smithfield), Matt Tek (North Smithfield).

Coaches Representatives: Rob Jackson (Smith), Mike Brannon (CW), Mike Soscia (BH)

Officials Representatives: Mike Schmitt

### **Approval Process:**

- Sport Committee Approval: May, 2022
- RIIAAA E-Board Approval: June 10, 2022
- PCOA Approval: June 13, 2022

### **Season Dates:**

*Please note that all dates are subject to change.*

- First Day of Practice: Monday, November 27, 2023
- First Day to Scrimmage: Saturday, December 2, 2023
- First Day to Schedule a Game: Friday, December 8, 2023
- Last Day of the Regular Season: Friday, February 23, 2024
- Playoff Dates:
  - Preliminary one-game play-ins: Monday, February 26th
  - Quarterfinal 3-Game Series begins on Friday, March 1st
  - Semifinal (single elimination) on the weekend of Friday, March 8th
  - Championships on Sunday, March 17th

**Playoffs:**

**Frozen Four Format:**

- **Rank Teams 1-12**
  - All Teams from the A & B Subdivisions will be ranked together according to points earned in all league games.
  - Top-10 Teams earn a playoff berth
- **Single Elimination Play-in Games at higher seed:**
  - Games Played on the Monday after the end of the regular season as needed to reduce the playoff field to 8 teams.
  - Example #7 seed hosts #10 seed and #8 seed hosts #9 seed
- **Quarterfinal Round: Best of Three Series**
  - Series Played at home sites:
    - Game #1 on Friday
    - Game #2 on Saturday
    - Game #3 on Monday (if needed)
  - #1 seed hosts 8/9
  - #2 seed hosts 7/10
  - #3 seed hosts #6 seed
  - #4 seed hosts #5 seed
- **Semifinal Round: Single-Elimination Frozen Four at a Neutral Site**
  - All games played at one neutral site
  - Schedule: 2 Games per Division
    - Highest Remaining Seed hosts Lowest Remaining Seed
    - Utilize Friday – Sunday to complete all games at a neutral site
- **Finals Round: Single-Elimination Frozen Four at a Neutral Site**
  - Winners of the Semifinal Games move on to the Championship Games
    - Higher seed is the home team

**State Championship Division (D.1) (12 teams)**

(teams listed alphabetically)

Barrington  
Burrillville  
Cumberland  
East Greenwich/Toll Gate Coop  
Hendricken  
La Salle  
Moses Brown  
Mt. St. Charles  
North Kingstown  
Pilgrim  
Prout  
Smithfield

**Division 2 (11 teams)**

(teams listed alphabetically)

Coventry  
Cranston West/Cranston East/Scituate Coop  
Lincoln  
Mt. Hope/East Providence Coop  
Narragansett/Chariho Coop  
Coop  
Ponaganset  
Portsmouth  
Rogers/Middletown/ Tiverton Coop  
South Kingstown  
St. Raphael/PCD/No. Smith/Johnston/No. Prov Coop  
West Warwick/Exeter-West Greenwich Coop

**Schedule:**

- 14 or 15 League Games. Game Cap of 24.
- Divisions are broken into two sub-divisions
  - Teams will play in sub-division twice
  - Teams will play the crossover sub-division once