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Friday, October 6, 2023



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Executive Director

Rhode Island Interscholastic League





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ACL Injury Prevention Program

Presented by:
Tracy Gannon

Background

- ACL injuries are widespread in high school athletics.
- Each year 20,000 to 80,000 female high school athletes suffer an ACL injury while participating in a sporting activity.
- Females are 5 times more likely than males to sprain, tear, or rupture their ACL.
- ACL Injury Prevention Programs have a significant protective effect, reducing injury by 53%.¹



1. Yu-Lun Huang, et al.

The Ortho RI ACL Injury Prevention Program

- Our program focuses on 5 key elements necessary for a successful ACL IPP, per recent literature:
 - Strength
 - Agility
 - Plyometrics
 - Balance
 - Flexibility
- Athletes must be proficient in each category to decrease their risk of suffering an ACL tear.



The Ortho RI ACL Injury Prevention Program

1. A free, one-hour session for coaches and athletes at your school.
 - Education on the ACL and strength & conditioning.
 - Participation in a comprehensive warm-up, targeting injury prevention. To be implemented for daily practice/competition.
 - Review of a “Pre-season” program to be performed 2x/week outside of practice.
2. The written three-week “Pre-season” program with videos of each exercise will be distributed to coaches at the end of the session.
3. Ortho RI PT staff will be available for questions and follow-up as needed.



How to Get Started

- Contact Tracy Gannon, Ortho RI Director of Rehab Services
 - Phone: 401-777-7000 x2214
 - Email: tgannon@orthopedicsri.com
- All you need is a date, time, and location - we will provide the rest and accommodate your school's schedule and facilities.
- Sessions are flexible - we can work with single teams, athletes from across a season's sports, etc.
- We look forward to helping your athletes stay healthy!





The Ortho Rhode Island ACL Injury Prevention Program

ACL injuries are common in high school athletics, particularly among female athletes, who are five times more likely to sprain, tear, or rupture their ACL than their male counterparts. But regardless of gender or sport, ACL injury prevention programs are valuable tools for reducing injury risk for high school athletes. Research shows these programs can help reduce injury by 53%.

The goal of the Ortho Rhode Island ACL Injury Prevention Program is to decrease incidence of ACL injury in high school athletes, with a fun, educational focus on three key elements:

agility | **strength** | **plyometric**

Athletes must be sufficient in each of these categories to decrease their risk of ACL injury. They will finish our program with an increased understanding of cross-training and how to correctly perform basic exercises. We provide an easy-to-follow and effective plan that high schools can incorporate into their athletes' warmups and pre-season training. This plan includes:

- A three-week pre-season exercise progression
- A warmup routine
- Videos of each warm up and exercise

For more information, call Tracy Gannon at 401.777.7000 ext. 2214 or email tgannon@orthopedicsri.com.



The Ortho Rhode Island Running Injury Prevention Program

Track and field and cross country are among the most popular sports with high school athletes. While running develops physical and mental fitness, it also increases stress to our bones, tendons, and muscles. Running challenges our bodies with two to three times our bodyweight, demanding more of our hips, knees, and calves. As the volume and intensity of training grows, so does the risk of developing a lower extremity injury. Approximately 30% of high school athletes can sustain a running-related injury during their season.

The goal of the Ortho Rhode Island Running Injury Prevention Program is to decrease incidence of running-related injuries in male and female high school athletes with a free, fun, educational focus on three key elements:

Mobility | **Strength** | **Plyometrics**

Athletes will finish our free program with an understanding of navigating pain while running, identifying common injuries, and correctly performing basic exercises to reduce injury. We provide an easy-to-follow and effective plan that high schools can incorporate into their athletes' warmups and pre-season training. This plan includes:

- A three-week pre-season exercise progression
- A warmup routine
- Videos of each warmup and exercise

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The RIIL is excited to announce new 5-year official ball agreements for football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball!!! **Beginning with the Fall 2023 season**, the balls listed below will become the official balls used in all home/neutral site playoff games and championships in their respective sports through the 2027-28 school year. Please make arrangements to purchase the items below with your typical vendors or by utilizing the contacts below starting in the 2023-24 school year.

Official Football of the RIIL (beginning Fall '23)

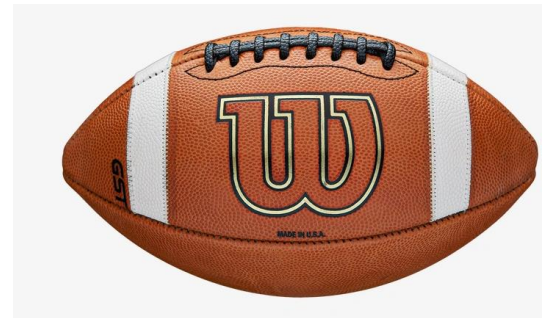
WILSON GST GAME FOOTBALL

Contact:

Brian Meehan

brian.meehan@wilson.com

617-510-6575



Official Soccer Ball of the RIIL (beginning Fall '23)

SELECT ROYALE

Contact:

Dave Cogliandro

Cogliandro79@charter.net

508-864-9247



Official Volleyball of the RIIL (beginning Fall '23)

MIKASA VFC1000 PREMIUM LEATHER GAME BALL

Contact:

Dave Meciak

bmsales@aol.com

508-612-1600





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Official Basketball of the RIIL (beginning Winter '23) WILSON NCAA EVO NXT OFFICIAL GAME BASKETBALL

Contact:

Brian Meehan

brian.meehan@wilson.com

617-510-6575



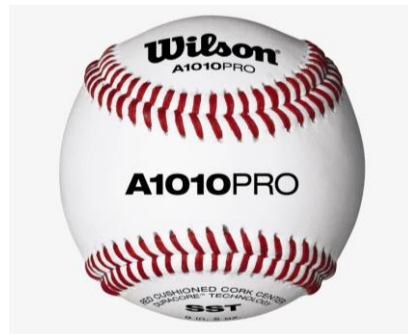
Official Baseball of the RIIL (beginning Spring '24) WILSON A1010 PRO SERIES SST BASEBALLS

Contact:

Bill McDermott

bill.mcdermott@wilson.com

973-769-3400



Official Softball of the RIIL (beginning Spring '24) WILSON A9011 NFHS LEATHER POLYCORE SOFTBALLS

Contact:

Bill McDermott

bill.mcdermott@wilson.com

973-769-3400



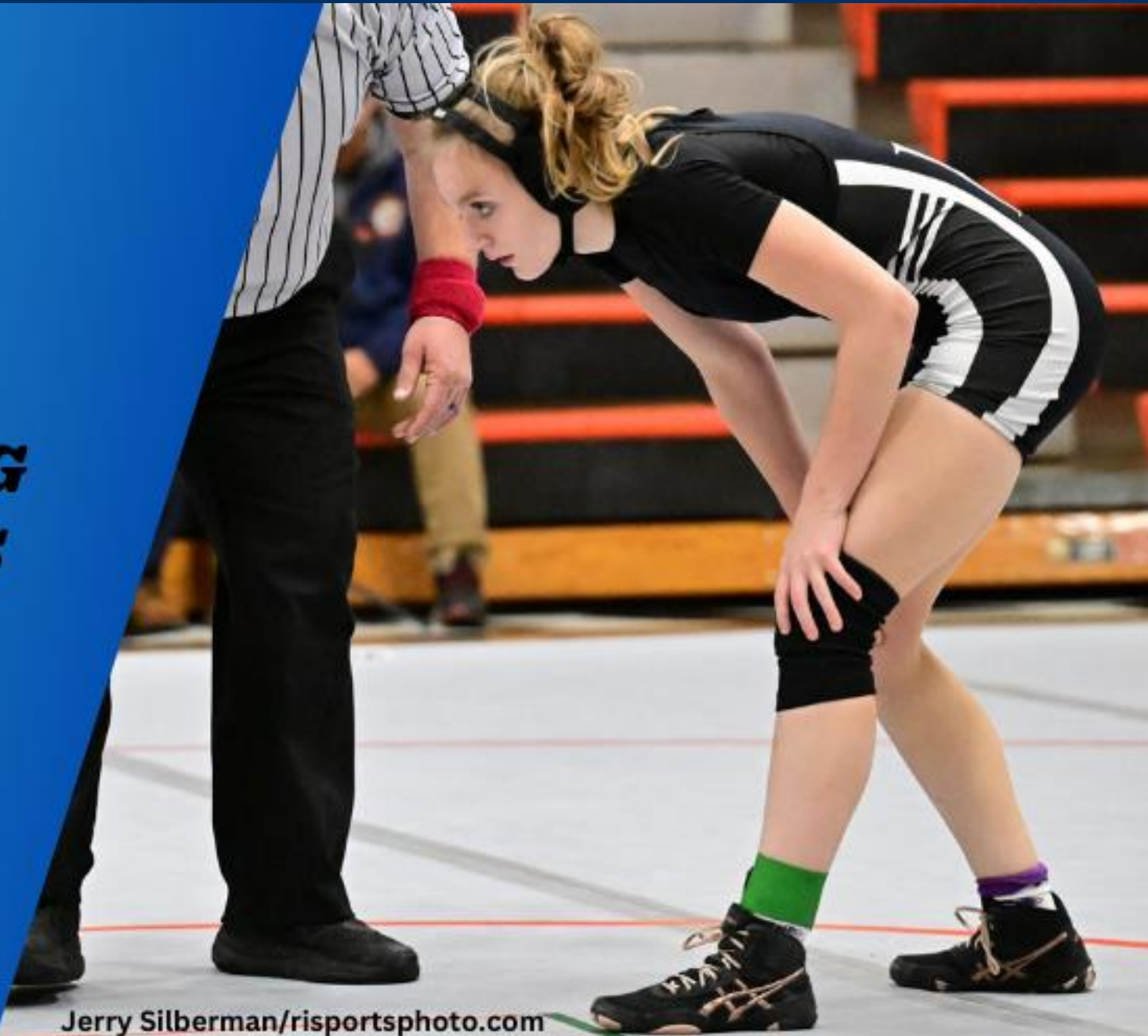


2023-2024 INITIATIVES

- RIIL Student-Athlete of the Year Award
- Leadership & Service Awards
- Local 51 Trades Scholarship
- RIIL Educator Spotlight
- Traffic Safety is a Team Sport safe-driving campaign
- SHOWCASE Cinemas High School Team of the Week
- RIIL Student Ambassadors Program
- RIIL Leadership Training Workshops
- RIIL Operation Clean Competition Program



***RIIL ADDING
GIRLS WRESTLING
WEIGHT CLASSES
FOR 2023-24
WINTER SPORTS
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2023-2024



Student-Athlete of the Year Award

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TRADES SCHOLARSHIP

As part of its partnership with the RIIL, UA Local 51 will provide a trade scholarship to a graduating senior interested in pursuing a career in the trades industry. Learn more at: www.riil.org/page/6711



2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
KYLE JOYAL, COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL





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BOB BOUCHARD

CRANSTON EAST & PARK VIEW M.S.

TEACHING:

Phys Ed & Health Teacher for 38 years, the majority of those years in the Cranston School System including currently at Park View M.S.

COACHING:

At Cranston East, has served for 33 years as head coach of the cross country and boys & girls swim teams, as well as 23 years as boys outdoor track coach and 10 years as boys tennis coach. Has guided Thunderbolt teams to numerous division titles and four Sportsmanship Awards.

“It has been extremely satisfying to see some of the kids that I taught in gym class in middle school work very hard at the high school level and turn themselves into excellent athletes in their particular sport . . . I have had the privilege to meet a lot of great families who support their kids' athletic endeavors and also support the coach.”



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MARGARET MCGREGOR

SOUTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHING:

Job Coach. Has also assisted with South Kingstown's Best Buddies and Unified teams for seven years.

COACHING:

Head Coach of South Kingstown's field hockey team for 16 years, guiding Rebels to numerous regular-season divisional championships. Selected Division II Coach of the Year three times.

“Watching students of all levels in the classroom and on the field thrive from my positivity, encouragement, and belief has been the greatest part of my education/coaching career. Seeing old players return to watch the team, letting us know how much they miss the program and the sport, and come to say thank you, is the best and makes me so happy.”



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VIN SCANDURA

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

&

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHING:

Physical Education Teacher in Providence for 30 years – 20 years at Central High School and Departmental Teacher Leader for the last 10 years.

COACHING:

Central High School Girls Basketball Coach for 20 years, 19 as head coach. Barrington Baseball Coach for seven years. Has received Coach of the Year honors in girls basketball three times.

“Coaching in the community where we live makes us feel as though we are part of something greater than ourselves. It gives us opportunities to connect with people, to reach for our goals and to better the community.”



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SEAN MCNAMARA

TOLL GATE HIGH SCHOOL
& LA SALLE ACADEMY

TEACHING:

21 years in Warwick Public Schools - 14 years as a high school history teacher, 1 year as a high school assistant principal & 6 years as technology integration specialist

COACHING:

12 years as La Salle Academy Girls Hockey Coach - 7 state championships, 5 team sportsmanship awards, 200+ career wins, 3X NFHS State Girls Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. Also Assistant Coach for Toll Gate H.S. Field Hockey

“It is important for me as a coach to help our players understand that they need to be productive members of the communities that they live and socialize in. Our players are expected to be successful student-athletes who represent their school community with class and dignity.”



KAREN LOCKHART

EAST GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHING:

PBGR-Senior Project Coordinator;
Senior Class Advisor; Advisor for the
Women in Leadership Club.

COACHING:

Head coach of East Greenwich Girls Soccer
team; JV and Assistant Coach of EGHS Girls
Basketball team; Assistant Coach of EGHS
Softball team; 2020-21 NFHS RI Girls Soccer
Coach of the Year; 2020 Division II Girls
Soccer Champions; 3X Division I Maddie Potts
Memorial Sportsmanship Award.

“The minute I graduated from EGHS in 2012, I knew I wanted to come back and teach and coach here one day . . . Being a coach makes me a far better teacher, and being a teacher makes me a far better coach. I am lucky to be so well-loved by such good people in EG.”



SHAUN HORGAN

PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHING:

Technology/Music Teacher at
Portsmouth H.S. for 16 years.

COACHING:

Head coach of Portsmouth boys cross country and track & field for 16 years. The 2022 Boys Indoor Track Coach of the Year, he has guided the Patriots to multiple Division titles and a Class B Championship. His teams have produced five R.I. State Champions, a New England Champion and two All-Americans. Has also been Coaches Assoc. Co-Director for Indoor Track for the last 4 years.

“I feel very fortunate to be a small part along a young person’s journey through the high school experience. I work hard to make that experience as positive and fulfilling as possible. Both of my grandparents were dedicated educators in the Town of Portsmouth. It is extra special for me to continue their legacy.”



JOSIE CHAVES

ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHING:

Athletic Director at Rogers since 2021. Previously taught physical education and health at Chariho High School.

COACHING:

Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Rogers High School since 2017. Helped guide the Vikings to the 2023 RIIL Final Four at the Ryan Center.

“My high school sports experience was full of competition, diversity and opportunity. This allowed me to form lifelong bonds with teachers, coaches and other athletes. These experiences have allowed me to be more understanding and compassionate towards the students’ needs. I want all student-athletes to feel supported, challenged and understood. I believe that this will help them to achieve their goals.”



BOB DOWNEY
**EAST GREENWICH H.S.
& COVENTRY H.S.**

TEACHING:

Physical Education/Health Teacher at East Greenwich High School for 23 years; PE/Health Department Head for 11 years.

COACHING:

2022-2023: Coventry H.S. assistant baseball coach; 2000-2021: EGHS head baseball coach; 1994-2000: assistant coach for football, basketball and baseball at North Kingstown H.S.; Coached EG Baseball to two division titles, five Final Four appearances and four Sportsmanship Awards.

“As a teacher, I really enjoy getting to know all the students in the school, not just the ones who swing a bat. Physical education is a blast. Health is equally fun because you get to know students off the field and in the classroom as well. It’s a great place to develop relationships.”



MELISSA LIPA
**MOUNT PLEASANT
HIGH SCHOOL**

TEACHING:

Chemistry Teacher, 1991-2003. Professional School Counselor, 2003-2011. Teacher Leader Professional School Counselor, 2011-present.

COACHING:

A member of the RI Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Lipa has served as either head coach or assistant coach of Mount Pleasant’s cross country & indoor and outdoor T&F teams for three decades, including boys & girls outdoor head coach since 2001. Teams have produced many N.E. and State champions.

“Watching these amazing student athletes, many of whom were up against the worst odds for them to becoming successful, grow to become successful adults in our society. And they did this through their own perseverance, dedication, and commitment to never give up to become the doctors, therapists, nurses, social workers, nuclear engineers, teachers, school administrators, coaches, the first state Hispanic female trooper in RI, and the list goes on.”

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HIGH SCHOOL **TEAM OF THE WEEK** PRESENTED BY SHOWCASE CINEMAS



SHOWCASE
CINEMAS

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Participants in the RIIL Student Ambassadors program are included in communications about upcoming leadership opportunities and programs. They are also asked to provide feedback from time to time about what is going on in their schools and to share information about various RIIL initiatives with their communities.

Interested students should fill out the online registration form

HERE: www.riil.org/page/6222



LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP

"How to Lead
with Confidence,
Character
&
Integrity"

Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Camp Fogarty, East Greenwich
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



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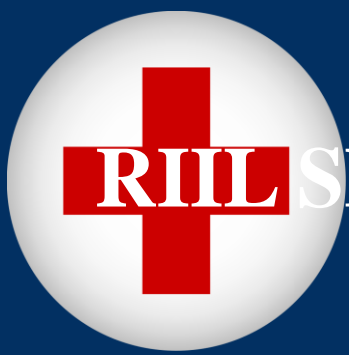
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Click [HERE](#) to watch highlights from the Operation Clean Competition presentation delivered to RIIL student-athletes by Brian Parker of the Taylor Hooton Foundation at the Spring 2023 RIIL Leadership Training Workshop at Camp Fogarty in East Greenwich.



SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE



George Finn

*Barrington H.S. Athletic Director
& Chair of the RIIL SMAC*

- Athletic Trainers
- Emergency Action Plans
 - AED
- Heat Acclimatization – IMPORTANT!!!
 - Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer (WBGT)
 - Cold Water Immersion Tub
- EEE/West Nile





EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

*As you plan for the start of fall sports and activities, coaches are encouraged to make sure that there is an **Emergency Action Plan** in place for their team and that the plan is reviewed and practiced with the players, coaches, staff and athletic trainers to ensure a quick response in the event of an emergency.*



Resources for Schools

- Korey Stringer Institute Emergency Action Plan Guidance & Templates
- Anyone Can Save a Life Emergency Action Planning Program
- National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Position Statement – Emergency Planning in Athletics

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES DESERVE ON-SITE MEDICAL SERVICES



High Schools without Athletic trainers reported higher overall and recurrent injury rates

According to a study that compared injury rates between girls soccer and basketball in public schools in Chicago (Pierpoint LA, 2018)



“The innovATe project is a unique opportunity to support the addition of athletic training services in secondary schools across the country that have been traditionally underserved.”

Christianne Eason '06 (EDU) '16 (PhD), director of the innovATe program.

Athletic Trainers are highly qualified, multi-skilled health care professionals. These allied health professionals are an integral part of the sports medicine team that provide clinical point-of-care and make medical referrals when needed.



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Increasing access to
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IMPROVING NEEDED NATIONWIDE OPPORTUNITIES & VALUE OF ATHLETIC TRAINER EMPLOYMENT



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Athletic trainers (ATs) are healthcare professionals who collaborate with physicians. ATs are trained in injury prevention, evaluation, immediate care, rehabilitation, and administration of acute and chronic injuries and medical conditions.

Value of Athletic Trainers in Secondary Schools



Treat acute or chronic injuries/illnesses properly

- Effective concussion education and decrease absenteeism from sports
- Appropriate identification and treatment of heat-related illnesses



Injury prevention and improved return to sport

- Schools with an AT report fewer acute and chronic injuries



Achieve cost savings and reduce liability

- Decrease in health care costs of more than 50%
- Develop recommendations for institutional risk management policies and procedures



Support student athletes' academic success

- Reduce time away from class with on campus rehabilitation

IMPROVING NEEDED NATIONWIDE OPPORTUNITIES & VALUE OF ATHLETIC TRAINER EMPLOYMENT



THE MISSION of UConn's Korey Stringer Institute's innovATe project is to increase access to medical care provided by an athletic trainer for secondary school athletes in underserved communities through the provision of funding, advocacy, education, mentorship, and strategic support to school districts and through partnerships with local medical services

OUR VISION is to dramatically increase access to athletic training services for secondary school athletes in traditionally underserved communities

A message from **CHRISTIANNE M. EASON, PhD, ATC, Korey Stringer Institute, President of Sport Safety, Director, innovate, UCONN:**

The preproposal application for the **innovATe** project is now open and you can access it [here](#). This is a short form that takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and is used to determine your eligibility to receive funding through the **innovATe** project and to invite you to complete the formal application.

We will select 3-4 applicants to receive \$180,000 over a three-year period to add or increase athletic training services in their communities. Please note, **innovATe** funds cannot be used to supplement athletic training services that are already in place.

The **innovATe** project is funded through the Education Fund that was established as part of the NFL Concussion Settlement. Please note, that we are waiting on a final decision from the court on a motion that was submitted to extend funding for any future **innovATe** cohort. At this time, we are very optimistic that the court will rule in favor of allocating more resources to the **innovATe** project, but we will wait to hear definitively before any school is invited to complete the formal application.

The preproposal applications are due **October 31, 2023**, and applicants will be invited to complete formal applications on November 17, 2023, or pending final decision from the court.

If you have any questions about the preproposal application, the **innovATe** project, or have any difficulty accessing the application contact Jessica Correia (jessica.correia@uconn.edu).

IMPROVING NEEDED NATIONWIDE OPPORTUNITIES & VALUE OF ATHLETIC TRAINER EMPLOYMENT



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Additional notes re: the innovATe project . . .

This is for schools looking to add an athletic trainer or increase the programming that may already exist.

Requirements are:

- o A minimum of 2 schools need to apply. It can be 2 schools in the same county i.e., middle and high school or a public school system. It could also be two neighboring counties applying together.
- o At least 1 of the schools applying must have a football program.
- o Money must go towards increasing AT services and can't be used to replace AT funding that already exists.

R.I. INTERSCHOLASTIC INJURY FUND

<http://www.injuryfund.org/>



COACHES INTERPRETATION MEETING POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- Coaching Requirements
- Coaches Registration
 - NFHS Coaches Level I Certification
- Eligibility – Clearing Students for Participation
- Officials
- Sportsmanship
- Score Reporting & Website Partners

ELIGIBILITY

BEFORE ANY STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN A GAME, THEY MUST BE PROPERLY CLEARED FOR ELIGIBILITY BY ALL RIIL RULES & REGULATIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Enrollment & Residency
- Assumption of risk forms
- Medical clearance
- Age
- 8-semester limit
- Academics
- Transfers
- CTE Pathways
- Alternative schools (New Form!!!)



If a student-athlete arrives at the first day of practice without the proper clearance, they should not be allowed to participate!



ELIGIBILITY LIST

- Fall Eligibility List (within 10 days of the start date of the fall sports season):
 - Football Deadline: Thursday, August 24th
 - All other fall sports Deadline: Thursday, August 31st
- To further protect schools and administrators:
 - *All Head Coaches must use the Official Rosters posted on the RIIL website for any game-related purpose.*
 - We are asking Athletic Directors and Officials to help enforce.

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Recommended for: Parent

The Parent Seat

NFHS Core Course



This course has been designed to help parents understand the importance of participation in school programs, their expectations of behavior at events, how their behavior affects their child, and how they can use their child's high school experience as a way to grow a healthy relationship for years to come.



WHEN HIGH SCHOOL COACHES LOSE THEIR COOL AT ATHLETIC EVENTS, IT GIVES FANS THE IMPRESSION THEY CAN TOO. COACHES ARE REMINDED TO ALWAYS SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES.



CLICK **HERE** FOR THE FREE TOOLKIT THAT FEATURES RESOURCES YOU CAN USE TO PROACTIVELY ADDRESS BAD BEHAVIOR AT YOUR SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC EVENTS. IT INCLUDES A PARENT-PLAYER CONTRACT, PRINTABLE FLYERS, PROGRAM ADS AND MORE!



OFFICIALS

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

GAME MANAGEMENT

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES TO OPPONENTS & OFFICIALS

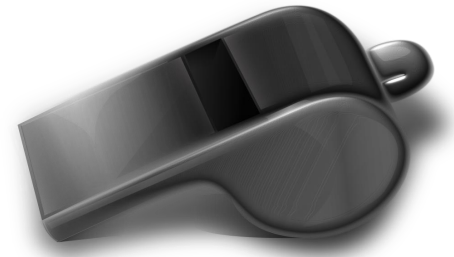


“Recent surveys indicate that despite the efforts of many individuals, groups and organizations, the behavior at events and abuse of officials is continuing across the country. We are tired of talking about the problems. It is time to start formulating solutions to the behavior issues at high school – and middle school – sporting events nationwide.”

- Dr. Karissa Niehoff, NFHS chief executive officer



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).
- **NFHS Fall Sports Officials Appreciation Week – October 1-7, 2023**

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!







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+

(Fortwa, 2019)

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

(Zippinwuter, 2022)

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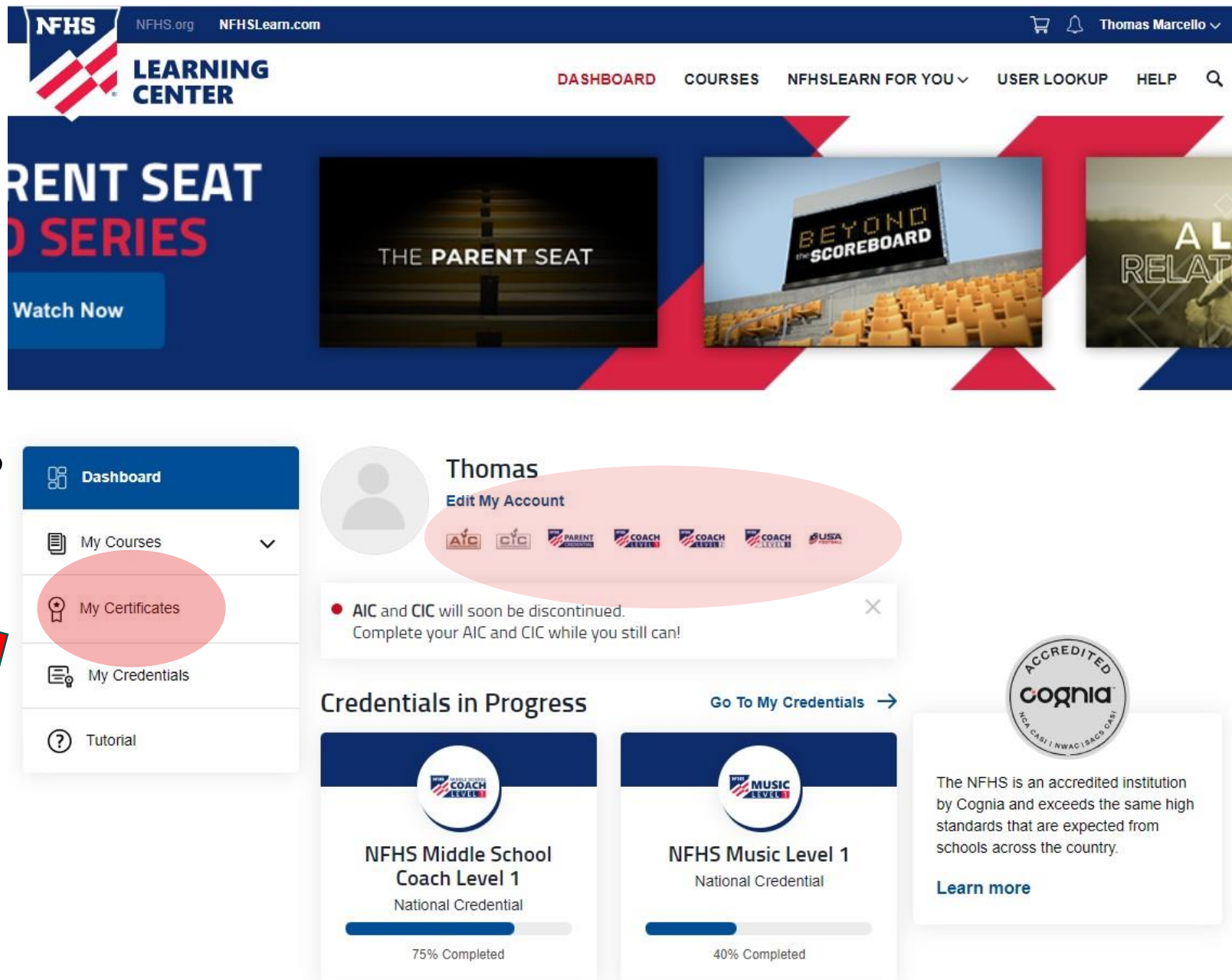
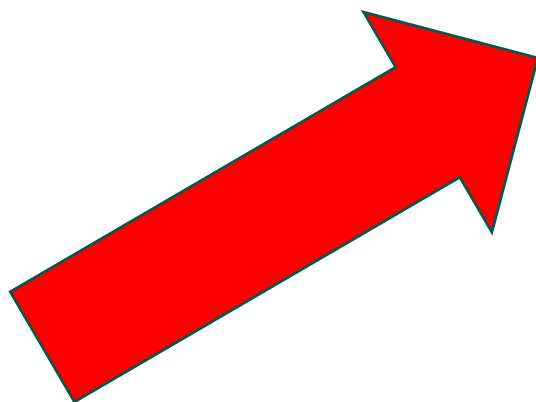
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The screenshot shows the NFHS Learning Center dashboard for a user named Thomas Marcello. The top navigation bar includes the NFHS logo, the Learning Center logo, and links to NFHS.org and NFHSLearn.com. The main header contains links to the Dashboard, Courses, NFHSLearn for You, User Lookup, and Help. The dashboard features a sidebar with links to My Courses, My Certificates (highlighted with a red oval), My Credentials, and a Tutorial. The main content area displays a banner for 'The Parent Seat' video series, a row of accreditation logos (AIC, CIC, Parent, Coach, Music, USA), a notification about the discontinuation of AIC and CIC, and two progress cards for 'NFHS Middle School Coach Level 1' (75% completed) and 'NFHS Music Level 1' (40% completed). A Cognia accreditation badge is also present on the right side.

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Thomas
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