CONCUSSION FACTS
DEFINITION: BRAIN INJURY, USUALLY FROM A BLOW TO THE HEAD

SIGNS OF A CONCUSSION
- HEADACHE
- BALANCE PROBLEMS/DIZZINESS
- NAUSEA
-_behavior change
- CONCENTRATION PROBLEMS
- VOMITING
- CONFUSION
- LIGHT/NOISE SENSITIVITY

CONCUSSIONS / BRAIN INJURIES SEND ABOUT 250K YOUNG PEOPLE TO EMERGENCY ROOMS ANNUALLY*

60% INCREASE OF REPORTED CONCUSSIONS IN THE PAST DECADE

70.5% OF ER VISITS: 10-19 YEAR OLDS

71% OF ER VISITS: MALES

NEW JERSEY ENACTS LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE:
1. REMOVAL OF STUDENT
2. EDUCATE COACHES, ATHLETES, & PARENTS
3. CLEARANCE TO RETURN

*Per the White House
Benefits of Playing High School Sports

High school athletics offer the following benefits:
- teamwork
- leadership
- goal-setting
- independence
- discipline
- self-confidence
- stress relief
- acceptance
- of others

51% less likely to use drugs or alcohol
63% less likely to become teen parents

Drop Out Rate
Athletes 0.6%  Non-athletes 10.32%

High School Athletics:
- Teach lessons about self-discipline and teamwork
- Foster physical and emotional development
- Instill sense of community pride

High School Athletes have an increased likelihood of college success
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES
YOUR CHANCES OF MAKING THE BIG TIME

4,303,996
MALE ATHLETES IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football - 1,093,234
Basketball - 541,054
Baseball - 482,629
Other - 2,187,079

2,899,959
FEMALE ATHLETES IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Soccer - 433,344
Basketball - 374,564
Track & Field - 476,885
Other - 1,613,166

5.6% 5.8%
MALE ATHLETES FEMALE ATHLETES
ADVANCE TO COMPETE AT NCAA LEVEL

1.9% 2.1%
D1 D2

1.4% 1.4%
D2 D3

2.3% 2.3%

THERE ARE 7 MAJOR PRO SPORTS LEAGUES IN THE UNITED STATES
NFL MLB NHL
NBA MLS WNBA NWSL

OF THE 409,207 NCAA STUDENT ATHLETES
ONLY 1,140 WILL BE DRAFTED EACH YEAR

.28%

CHANCE OF A HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE GOING PROFESSIONAL

NFL - 0.1%
MLB - 0.64%
NHL - 0.76%
NBA - 0.04%
MLS - 0.08%
WNBA - 0.03%
NWSL - 0.04%

*NOSIAA
*These calculations should be treated as estimates only.
source: http://www.nosiaa.org/resources/infographics211.pdf
NJSIAA Web site social media posts


- Curious about who heads the athletic department at your local high school? Look it up here: http://www.njsiaa.org/member-information

- Foreign exchange student athletic eligibility application is now available: http://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/document/Foreign%20Exchange-Student%20Request%20for%20Eligibility%20Application%20%20%20%203.pdf

- Athletes must complete all appropriate forms on our Web site before participating in practice or games. http://www.njsiaa.org/forms-information

- Every fan of a particular scholastic sport should devote some time to reading about that sport via the NJSIAA "Sports" tab. Details on 21 different sports are featured. http://www.njsiaa.org/sports


- Want to learn more about some aspect of the officiating of a scholastic sport? Check out our "Officials Handbook." http://www.njsiaa.org/officials-handbook

- If you're interested in reaching out to a particular NJSIAA staff member, take a look at the "NJSIAA Staff" page. It's got thumbnail photos and contact details. http://www.njsiaa.org/everything-njsiaa/njsiaa-staff
High school-level athletics participation across NJ rises more than 11% in just three years, NJSIAA reports

Number of student-athletes in state now approaching 300,000

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (July 22, 2014) – Participation in high school athletics has increased by more than 11 percent during the past three school years, according to the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA). This increase boosted the total number of student-athletes at association member high schools from 255,892 in 2010-2011 to 285,020 in 2013-2014.

During the past year alone, participation in interscholastic athletics has increased by approximately 5.5%.

“Given what’s now expected of high school students academically, the extent of their participation in athletic programs is tremendously impressive,” says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. “I’m very proud that, with each passing year, more and more students are demonstrating an ability to successfully balance school, sports, and outside activities.”

With 428 NJSIAA member public and non-public high schools, three distinct athletic seasons, and a total of 32 different boys and girls sports -- along with many schools fielding teams at the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman levels -- this trend of increased participation shows no signs of slowing.

While there are many sports with a significant number of athletes, the programs with the largest participation are outdoor track and field, with more than 37,000 athletes, soccer (33,000+), and football (26,000+).

“The multitude of benefits provided by athletic participation are well known to educators and students,” Timko adds. “It’s appropriate and wise that we continue expanding opportunities for students to enjoy a well-rounded high school experience that includes athletics.”

Over time, participation also has increased in less traditional sports. For example, during the 2010-2011 school year, three high school girls played football in New Jersey. During the most recent fall season, that number skyrocketed to 197 female football players. And female athletes have also increased their participation in wrestling, with 83 participants during the most recent winter season.

The nation’s eighth largest state interscholastic athletic association, the NJSIAA offers more championship tournaments than does any other state association. It was the first association in the nation to conduct steroid testing, and the first to institute a comprehensive concussion program.
In addition, the NJSIAA oversees the activities of approximately 25,000 coaches and 11,000 officials.

**NOTE:** Details on recent, nationwide athletics participation -- including New Jersey -- is available at [http://tinyurl.com/nltpxeq](http://tinyurl.com/nltpxeq).

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NJSIAA appoints Woodstown-Pilesgrove schools superintendent as new board president

Mickleton resident Thomas A. Coleman serving during 2014-15 school year

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (July 30, 2014) – Mickleton resident Thomas A. Coleman Jr. has been appointed president of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) board. For Coleman, the superintendent of the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District since 2009, the term covers the 2014-2015 school year.

“Given the wealth of leadership skills Thomas has displayed over time, I'm confident he'll be an extremely influential advocate for New Jersey's high school student-athletes,” says Steven J. Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "With his years of experience and expertise as a teacher, guidance counselor, and school administrator, he's an excellent fit as this year's board president.”

Coleman earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree (in student personnel services and education administration) from Rowan University. Before coming to Woodstown-Pilesgrove, he held various positions at Camden Catholic High School, Triton Regional High School, Collingswood High School, and Kingsway Regional High School.

“I'm committed to using my skills to help our association continue to provide an exceptional athletic experience for high school students across New Jersey,” says Coleman. “It's remarkable what the NJSIAA accomplishes on an ongoing, consistent basis and I'm proud to be playing a leading role on the team.”

A high resolution, digital portrait of Coleman is available at http://tinyurl.com/kt63a9t.

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NJSIAA appoints new director of finance

Moorestown resident Colleen Maguire guiding all association's financial activities

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (August 12, 2014) – Moorestown resident Colleen Elizabeth Maguire was recently appointed director of finance by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA). In this role, Maguire has day-to-day responsibility for all of the association's financial-related activities.

Prior to joining NJSIAA in 2014, Maguire worked at Commerce Bank/TD Bank, based in Cherry Hill, and began her career with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Washington, DC.

“Colleen is exceptionally well-qualified to be our director of finance, and not only because of her extensive professional experience," says Steven J. Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "In addition, she excelled in basketball as captain of her George Washington University team, and she's a 2008 inductee into George Washington's Athletic Hall of Fame. So, she's an ideal fit for an organization that exists to address the needs of student-athletes."

A summa cum laude graduate with a Bachelor of Accountancy degree from George Washington, Maguire earned her certified public accountant license in 1998.

“I couldn't be more honored to assume a leadership role in this truly important association," Maguire says. "I'm looking forward to using my knowledge and experience to help the NJSIAA continue to excel in serving the needs of its member high schools throughout New Jersey.”

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WEB SITE PROVIDES PARENTS, COACHES AND STUDENT-ATHLETES CRUCIAL INFORMATION ON STEROIDS AND OTHER BANNED SUBSTANCES

NJSIAA OFFERS ACCESS TO RESOURCE EXCHANGE CENTER SERVICE REGARDING PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING DRUGS

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.DRUGFREESPORT.COM/REC/

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (August 25, 2014) -- Parents, coaches, and student-athletes alike now have access to clear, accurate information on whether or not their athletic supplements contain steroids and other ingredients not approved by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA).

The NJSIAA -- a non-profit organization of 428 public, private, and parochial high schools that conducts tournaments and crowns champions in 32 sports -- is providing its membership with direct access to the Resource Exchange Center (REC), a leading information source on dietary supplements, prescription, and over-the-counter medications. A National Center for Drug Free Sport division, REC gives users the ability to check online -- at www.drugfreesport.com/rec/ -- to receive a timely evaluation of any substance they've purchased.

After accessing the site, visitors may select the NJSIAA logo, then enter the password "njsports." Once an inquiry is submitted, a response typically is provided within 48 business hours. The site's assessment of supplements is specifically intended to help prevent a student-athlete from being suspended for unknowingly consuming a banned substance.

"With thousands of energy and muscle-enhancing products on the market, it can be incredibly difficult for athletes and their families to know which are safe and which contain banned chemicals," says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "The Resource Exchange Center alleviates the pressure to know each ingredient of every substance and allows athletes to make better decisions related to competitive integrity."

The majority of athletes and coaches are aware of the more prominent banned substances. Yet there are supplements readily available from various popular retailer outlets that contain performance-enhancing ingredients not permitted by the NJSIAA. Of note, many products containing steroids feature intentionally vague lists of ingredients, which leave consumers unaware of exactly what they're dealing with.

The complete list of substances banned by the NJSIAA is available online at www.njsiaa.org/documents/banned-substance-list.

Under the current NJSIAA program -- which was instituted in 2006 -- any student testing positive for steroids or other banned substances included on a list patterned after the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) list, automatically forfeits a year of athletic eligibility. Athletes randomly designated for testing -- all of whom are participants in championship tournaments -- are selected by the National Center for Drug-Free Sport computer system. The tests, which can identify more than 80 banned substances, are analyzed by the University of California, Los Angeles Olympic Analytical Laboratory.
Funded through a public-private partnership between the state and NJSIAA, tests were conducted during the 2012-13 school year (the most recent for which figures are available) on 510 students from 105 different schools (approximately one quarter of all NJSIAA member schools). From this group -- in which 11 different sports were represented -- there was one positive test, a clear indication of the effectiveness of the association’s testing protocols.

New Jersey State Senator Richard Codey recently sponsored a bill -- which enjoys NJSIAA support -- to make random steroid testing for student-athletes a state law, implement workshops to educate coaches on combating steroid use, and foster increased overall awareness.

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NJSIAA appoints new 1st vice president

West Milford resident, board of ed member Gregory Bailey serving during 2014-2015 school year

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (September 9, 2014) – West Milford resident Gregory Bailey was recently appointed 1st vice president of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA).

“Greg has been with NJSIAA for eight years now, and has been a consistently engaged, enthusiastic member of this association,” observes Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. “In particular, his active involvement in a range of New Jersey-based sports organizations provides him an excellent foundation to serve as our 1st vice president.”

Bailey is a member of the North Jersey Football Officials Association, Northwest New Jersey Board 168 Basketball Officials, New Jersey State Baseball Umpires Association, and the Bergen County Umpires Association.

“I'm a passionate advocate for New Jersey scholastic athletics, and I'm actively involved in associations focusing on a variety of sports,” says Bailey, who has been a member of the West Milford Township Board of Education since 1996. "Now, with my new leadership role in the NJSIAA, I hope to put my experience to use in supporting member high schools across the state."

With his appointment as the association’s 1st vice president, Bailey -- a University of Georgia graduate -- now is in line to become NJSIAA president for the 2015-16 school year.

As a local business leader -- as well as a board of education member and athletic official -- Bailey offers a broad perspective beyond exclusively education-focused circles. The NJSIAA has long emphasized board participation by those with diverse backgrounds and experience; many of its previous senior leaders have had occupations separate from the school environment.

A high resolution, digital portrait of Bailey is available online at http://tinyurl.com/mzuapt4.

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NJSIAA unveils financial results for 2013-2014 school year

Focus on alternate revenue sources, strategic cost reductions

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October 8, 2014) -- Emphasizing continued strategic cost reductions -- plus a commitment to identifying alternate revenue sources -- the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) today unveiled its financial results for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Net assets increased by approximately $200,000, to a total of $2,496,604, for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

"These results highlight our consistent efforts to reduce costs across a broad range of categories," says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "We'll continue in this direction during 2014-2015, with an added emphasis on cultivating alternate revenue sources wherever they can be identified or developed."

Despite a slight decrease in total revenues of $95,000, compared to the previous year, the association continued trimming overall costs and decreasing total expenses by approximately $265,000, as compared to the same period last year. The largest single cost reduction came from eliminating printed programs at NJSIAA events.

"We operate in a challenging environment and are impacted by a variety of external factors," Timko adds. "That said, this association has put New Jersey scholastic athletics in a leadership position, nationwide, and -- for the sake of all our more than 285,000 student-athletes -- we're strongly committed to remaining there."

New Jersey has the largest variety of championship tournaments offered by any state's high school athletic association.

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EVERYONE HAS A ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING STUDENTS
By Steven Timko, executive director, NJSIAA
October 10, 2014

As reported in the media, the current allegations regarding Sayreville War Memorial High School are jarring, and based on what we know, the school district's administration took swift, decisive action -- it is to be commended for putting the safety and security of young people above all else. Now, appropriately, law enforcement officials have taken the lead in the ongoing process of discovering and rooting out wrongdoing.

Outrage and calls for justice should be matched by collective compassion, care and concern for possible victims.

Made up of both public and non-public schools, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletics Association (NJSIAA) has the singular mission of protecting, promoting and providing for New Jersey's student athletes. To meet these lofty goals, NJSIAA has reams of rules and regulations that dovetail with state and federal laws, school policies and procedures, and assorted best practices and even individual principles and character.

In this particular instance, if press reports prove true, wellbeing of students was not protected. As is often the case with criminal allegations, the guilty, the onlookers, even those who turned away while saying nothing, are forced to wrestle with their own guilt and shame. But it's crucial to keep in mind that everyone with a role in safeguarding the welfare of students should take this opportunity to do some serious soul-searching and assessment. I know that I am.

Our organization's authority to intervene is limited to instances when specific NJSIAA rules are not followed and/or a particular administration fails to self-report or remedy a wrong. At this stage, given what we know, canceling the season and quickly alerting law enforcement were absolutely appropriate actions -- and the NJSIAA will continue to closely monitor the situation to determine if future action is required.

We're also going to continue our ongoing review of rules and regulations to ensure we meet our mission, and will solicit feedback from our 428-member schools, 25,000 coaches and 11,000 officials, along with our partner organizations and parents, to determine whether revisions to our rules may be appropriate. As a member of the National Federation of High School Sports (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, I will reach out to all states' high school athletic/activity associations, mining the nation for best practices and protocols. I also look
forward to speaking with the New Jersey Department of Education, which is represented on our Executive Committee, to consider new strategies for protecting students.

NJSIAA is going to expand our annual education programs on HIB and athletics-related hazing, and will continue our first-of-a-kind partnership with New Jersey’s Division on Civil Rights to improve sportsmanship and react to any possible bias-related acts between member schools. And, our medical advisory board will be tasked with considering new safety measures and programs for victims of sex crimes, while we'll continue advocacy efforts in Trenton to ensure that appropriate laws are in place.

In short, I'm re-committing this organization to continuing the fulfillment of its mission of protecting student athletes, including our ongoing drive to stamp out hazing of any form in interscholastic athletics.

That said, we’ve learned that the responsibility for care belongs to many -- boards of education, administrators, teachers, coaches, trainers, and also officials. In addition, an essential part of this safety net falls to parents and guardians, along with students themselves. The drive for victories and winning records -- even the quest to be cool and accepted -- can never supplant safety or standing up to injustice. The good that's in most of us is the lone remedy for the evil in a few. And so the apparent tragedy in Sayreville should serve as a teachable moment for everyone.

Interscholastic athletics has been my career for nearly half a century -- and you won't find a bigger advocate for high school sports anywhere. But enthusiasm for competition must never distract us from the fact that scholastic athletics are a privilege, not a right, and are actually a valuable extension of the classroom. We must never fall into the trap of viewing interscholastic athletics through the same lens as we do professional sports.

Unwavering respect for rules, team, opponent, officials and self are not some vague concept from a pre-season speech -- they're the very foundation of a successful interscholastic sports program. And a team void of respect for itself or others is really no team at all.

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**NJSIAA 2014 football playoffs have SportsCare as title sponsor**

*Industry leading physical/occupational therapy provider partners with scholastic athletics association*

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October 21, 2014) -- SportsCare will be the title sponsor of the NJSIAA's 2014 state football playoffs, scheduled to run from November 14 to December 7.

“It’s an honor to be directly involved with one of New Jersey's premier scholastic sporting events,” says Ron Lombardi, SportsCare president. “We're looking forward to partnering with the NJSIAA to provide an exceptional experience for the student-athletes, and for the spectators as well.”

The annual championship tournament features the top high school football teams from around the state. Determinations of playoff participation and seeding taking place on November 9, "Selection Sunday," and the first round is held on November 14 and 15. The second round is November 21 and 22, with finals following on December 5–7.

December's championship finals will be contested at four sites -- MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford; Rutgers University’s High Point Solutions Stadium; Richard Wacker Stadium at Rowan University; and Kean University’s Kean Alumni Stadium.

“We’re privileged to be working with SportsCare and to have them sponsoring our football championships," says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. “In the past, SportsCare has provided support at individual NJSIAA events, and its involvement with these high profile games further highlights its commitment to scholastic sports.”

The official physical therapy provider for the Brooklyn Nets and New York Red Bulls, SportsCare -- which has expertise in physical therapy, athletic training, and sports performance -- operates a network of more than 50 facilities in New Jersey, New York, and Florida.

**About SportsCare Institute, Inc**

SportsCare Institute, Inc. manages a network of physical and occupational therapy centers. The company's goal is providing the highest quality of care available, with an emphasis on preventing injury, treating pain, and recovering function. Each of SportsCare's more than 50 facilities offers the latest technology in rehabilitation, and is equipped with state-of-the-art modalities, testing and exercise equipment, and more. Additional information is available online, at http://www.sportscare1.com.

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NJSIAA inducts “Class of 2014” to Bollinger Hall of Fame

49ers' first-round draft pick, New Jersey high school lacrosse pioneer among honorees

Inductees from Scotch Plains, Basking Ridge, Elizabeth, Hillsborough, Hamilton, Montclair, Haddonfield, Perth Amboy

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October 27, 2014) -- Several NFL players – including Bruce Taylor, the 1970 San Francisco 49ers first-round draft pick – and Gilbert Gibbs, the coach who established the first lacrosse dynasty in New Jersey, highlight a group of eight Garden State sports luminaries being inducted into the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) Bollinger Hall of Fame’s class of 2014. The induction ceremony will take place on December 1 at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ.

The eight 2014 inductees include:

- Scotch Plains’ Fanwood High School three-sport athlete – football, basketball and track – William “Billy” Austin received a full scholarship to Rutgers University. In 1957 and 1958 he received honorable mention All-American lacrosse team and in 1958 he received Collegiate 1st Team All-American running back. A year later Austin was drafted into the NFL by the Washington Redskins.

- Miller Bugliari – head soccer coach at Pingry since 1960 – is the national record holder for most victories as high school coach, which he set back in 2009 after his 714th win. He recently received his 800th victory on September 16. Bugliari has coached 18 undefeated seasons and has been a longtime inductee into the Pingry Hall of Fame.

- Gil Chapman attended Elizabeth’s Thomas Jefferson High School and played football under NJSIAA Hall of Fame coach, Frank Cicarell. In 1970 the team went undefeated and Chapman was named Parade Magazine’s “Number 1 Player in America.” Three years in a row – from 1968-70 – Chapman was the lead scorer in NJ with a total of 514 points and the Star-Ledger named him 1st Team All-State all three years. Chapman received a scholarship to University of Michigan and went on to play for the New Orleans’ Saints during the 1975 NFL season.

- Wheelchair track and field athlete, Jessica Michelle Cloy, nee: Galli, was injured in a car accident at age seven. She participated in both fall and spring track during her four years at Hillsborough High School. At the Meet of Champions from 1998-2002 she set and reset the four state records in the 100 meter, 400 meter, 800 meter, and 1600 meter and held those records until 2012. In 1998 – at the age of 14 – Cloy competed in her first international event, the IPC World Championships in Birmingham, England, and has been competing internationally ever since.

- Rich Giallella held a number of roles over the years including teacher, coach, administrator, athletic director and high school and college basketball official. He was the varsity baseball coach at Steinert High School for 18 years, compiling an overall record of 401 victories and five baseball

- **Gilbert Gibbs** established the 1st New Jersey high school lacrosse dynasty. During his 13 years as Montclair’s lacrosse coach, his record was 177-35 with 7 state titles and during his final nine seasons his record was 144-10, a 94 percent winning rate. Today, Gibbs is recognized as a pioneer in the growing sport of lacrosse in New Jersey.

- Varsity baseball athlete at Haddonfield High School from 1945-49, **Joseph Hartmann**, led his team to a Colonial League championship in 1949. He went on to establish the South Jersey Baseball Coaches Association (SJBCA) in 1974 and has served as president ever since. He has also been a member of the New Jersey State Baseball Coaches Association since 1972 (41 years). Hartmann is by far considered the “dean” of south Jersey baseball coaches.

- Football star at Perth Amboy High School, **Bruce Taylor**, was named the Star-Ledger football “All Decade Team” for the 1960s and the 1st Team All-State in 1966. Taylor went on to play at Boston University in 1969, where he led the nation in punt returns and was named 1st Team All-American. In 1970 he was the San Francisco 49ers 1st round NFL draft pick, where he played his entire eight-year career.

Established in 1995 and named for Short Hills, NJ-based sponsor Bollinger Insurance, a provider of sports-related insurance products, the NJSIAA’s Bollinger Hall of Fame receives nominations annually from high schools across the state. These submissions are reviewed by a selection committee that makes final decisions regarding inductees.


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In recognition of Veteran’s Day, NJSIAA to offer FREE admission to all military personnel

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October 29, 2014) – To recognize the men and women who have served or are actively serving in the military, the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) is offering them free admission to all NJSIAA tournament events being held from November 10-16.

“We want to demonstrate our gratitude to those who have or are currently defending our country,” says Steve Timko, executive director of the NJSIAA. “These men and women are true role models to today’s youth, so during the week of November 10 we’re showing our appreciation to them by offering free admission to all our events.”

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NJSIAA 2015 wrestling championships have Rothman Institute as co-sponsor

International leader in orthopedic science and technology
partners with scholastic athletic association

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (January 29, 2015) — Rothman Institute will be the co-sponsor of the NJSIAA's 2015 wrestling championships, with team competition scheduled for Trenton's Sun Center on February 15, and individual competition slated for March 6-8 at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall.

"It's an honor for us to be involved with one of the most popular, well-attended scholastic sporting events in New Jersey," says Tim Jones, sports marketing coordinator for Rothman Institute, a recognized leader in orthopedic science and technology. "We're looking forward to partnering with the NJSIAA in providing an outstanding experience for the individual student-athletes, teams, and wrestling fans."

The annual wrestling championships -- which also have the Star Ledger newspaper as a co-sponsor -- feature the top scholastic athletes and high school teams from around the state.

“We're fortunate to be partnering with Rothman Institute in the sponsorship of our annual wrestling championships,” says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "This arrangement represents the joining of an outstanding healthcare provider with an outstanding annual athletic event."

The exclusive orthopedic partner of the Philadelphia Flyers and the Philadelphia 76ers, Rothman Institute has locations throughout the greater Philadelphia area and across southern New Jersey.

About Rothman Institute

Rothman Institute is a private orthopaedic practice dedicated to providing communities with high-quality, compassionate, and affordable musculoskeletal care that is grounded in evidence-based medicine, the results of which will exceed expectations. Rothman Institute orthopaedists treat patients at 20 locations in the Philadelphia-region, including orthopaedic urgent care clinics in Marlton, NJ and Limerick, PA.

With experts in orthopaedic sub-specialties including spine, hip and knee, foot and ankle, shoulder and elbow, hand and wrist, sports medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation, orthopaedic oncology and trauma, Rothman Institute is internationally recognized for excellence in clinical treatment methods, research, education and technology.

Consistently recognized as national and regional “Top Docs,” Rothman Institute is proud to be the first practice serving as official team physicians for all four of the major professional sports teams in one city, the Philadelphia Eagles, Phillies, Flyers and 76ers, as well as several college and high school teams.

For more information about Rothman Institute please call 1-800-321-9999 or visit www.RothmanInstitute.com.

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NJSIAA wrestling committee immediately returning to power point system used during previous seasons

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (January 30, 2015) – The NJSIAA’s 10-member state high school wrestling committee will immediately shelve a new power point system in favor of returning to the ranking system used during previous years. This return to the traditional system is also backed by a two-to-one vote of the state’s wrestling coaches.

“NJSIAA learned last week there were some issues with the implementation of the current wrestling power points,” said NJSIAA Executive Director Steve Timko. “Specifically, the new Power Points formula didn’t seem to accurately reflect the strength of teams and gave undue weight to certain types of victory and losses.”

Power points are a complex, detailed criteria used to create rankings. The formula goes beyond wins and losses and takes into account quality of an opponent and the outcome of specific contests. The wrestling power point system only impacts the team championships, not individual standings.

"Given this situation -- and along with our direct outreach to committee members -- we polled New Jersey’s wrestling coaches and the regional presidents, who overwhelmingly recommend a return to the previous system,” said Timko. “Based on this input, the wrestling committee agreed that returning to the proven system would be the fair and prudent thing to do. Given what we know, this will ensure the seeding accurately reflects the strength of teams."

“Thankfully, the problems with the new system were caught and the coaches, committee and NJSIAA were able to work collaboratively to fix the problem before the start of this year’s tournament.”

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New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association, 
New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association 
hosting Hall of Fame 2015 awards event

March 29 at Pines Manor, Edison

Inductees from Bergen, Burlington, Essex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Union Counties

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (March 9, 2015) - The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJSCA) -- in cooperation with the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) -- will host its annual Hall of Fame awards program Sunday, March 29, at Pines Manor, in Edison. Thirty-four New Jersey high school coaches will be inducted.

In addition, coaches and officials recognized at the national level by the National Federation of Coaches Association (NFCA) and the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) will be honored during the event.

- A list of this year’s NJSCA inductees is available at http://goo.gl/tnN7PU
- A list of this year’s NFCA Coach of the Year honorees is available at http://goo.gl/Ofc3xm
- A list of this year’s officials being honored by the NFHS is available at http://goo.gl/s9jRb7

Fred Hill, Sr., retired head coach of men’s baseball at Rutgers University and the winningest college baseball coach in the Scarlet Knights 145-year athletic history, will be among the honorees during the festivities.

“The 2015 inductees are admirable leaders and inspirations to our young athletes,” says NJSIAA Executive Director Steve Timko. “Each one of them is a true example of what every coach should aspire to be.”

The Hall of Fame program honors coaches from all sports in New Jersey's public, non-public and independent secondary schools. All Hall of Fame inductees have exhibited exceptional coaching skills during their careers, along with strong ethics and integrity, not only for their own sports, but for all interscholastic sports programs and events.

Official sponsors of this year’s Hall of Fame awards luncheon are Wilson Sporting Goods; the Star-Ledger; and Blue Ribbon Awards, Inc. Tickets are $55.

For more information on attending the event, please contact Liz Nodeland at enodeland@njsiaa.org or 609-259-2776.

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2015 NJSIAA Golf State Championships
to be contested at courses in Mercer, Somerset counties

Boys event at Hopewell Valley Golf Club, May 18

Girls event at Cherry Valley Country Club, May 21

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (May 12, 2015) -- New Jersey's finest male and female scholastic golfers will soon be competing at some of the state's top courses during the 2015 NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) Golf State Championships.

The boys event will be held on Monday, May 18, at Hopewell Valley Golf Club, in Hopewell, Mercer County. Measuring 6,621 yards from the back tees, the course features a par of 72, a slope of 129, and a United States Golf Association (USGA) rating of 71.4.

The NJSIAA has held its annual boys tournament at Hopewell Valley since 2012. Start time this year will be 11 a.m.

"Golf's a sport for people of all ages, and it's remarkable just how accomplished these student-athletes already are at such a young age," observes NJSIAA Executive Director Steve Timko. "When you watch them play, you realize how much practice, persistence, and concentration they've invested in their individual games. It's impressive and, for those of us who actually play golf, a bit humbling."

The girls event will be held at Cherry Valley Country Club, in Skillman, Somerset County, on Thursday, May 21. The member-owned Cherry Valley course provides 6,930 yards of golf, and features a par of 72, a slope of 126, and a USGA rating of 72.9.

The NJSIAA has held the girls tournament at Cherry Valley since 2013. Competitors tee off this year at 9:30 a.m.

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NJSIAA Adopts Operational Budget for 2015-'16 School Year

Total budget to decrease $56,504, or 1 percent, versus current year

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (June 3, 2015) -- The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) introduced a balanced operational budget for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. The plan was approved during a session of the Association's Executive Committee.

Under the new budget, total expenses for the upcoming school year are $5,238,310, versus $5,294,814 for the current (2014-2015) school year -- a decrease of $56,504. Of note, sports-related expenses will decrease to $2,004,210 from the current year's budget of $2,234,014.

"We consistently work to reduce costs across the entire spectrum of this association's activities," said Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "This new budget reflects our success at accomplishing this, without compromising the essential services we provide to more than 285,000 scholastic athletes across the state of New Jersey."

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NJSIAA Assistant Director Don Danser passes away

Association’s track-and-field and cross-country tournament director was 69

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (June 16, 2015) – Don Danser, New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) assistant director, passed away on Monday at the age of 69.

An association staff member since 1997, Danser was named an assistant director in 2001, with oversight of both winter and spring track-and-field, cross-country, classifications for all sports, co-op programs, tournament programs and many other major publications/records.

Before joining the NJSIAA, he served as the director of the New Jersey track-and-field championships, as well as director of the cross-country championships. A long-time educator at Rancocas Valley High School – the school from which he graduated in 1963 -- he served as their head track coach for 10 seasons, compiling an 81-39 record with a pair of league championships and one county championship.

"Of course, all of us at the NJSIAA are terribly saddened by Don's passing," said Steve Timko, the association's executive director. "He's been our friend and colleague for many years now, and his dedication to both the student-athletes of those sports he directed as well as to the association was a true inspiration. Don will be sorely missed by us all."

Born in Mount Holly, Danser held a bachelor's degree from Montclair State University, and a master's degree from Trinity College in Hartford.

The memorial for Danser will be held at Perinchief Chapels, at 438 High Street in Mount Holly, on Saturday, June 20. Visitation hours will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., with a funeral service from 11 a.m. to noon. Interment will be at the Baptist Cemetery, Mount Holly.

In lieu of flowers, family members have requested that donations be made to fund an annual scholarship in Danser's memory, to be presented to a cross-country or track-and-field student-athlete during the NJSIAA's Annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon. Checks can be made payable to the NJSIAA (attn: Colleen Maguire, director of finance, P.O. Box 487, Robbinsville, NJ 08691).

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