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Winning is for a day.
Sportsmanship is for a lifetime.



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2011 NHIAA Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The NHIAA is pleased to announce the inductees into the 2011 NHIAA Hall of Fame. The NHIAA created the Hall of Fame in 2001 as a way to recognize athletes, administrators, athletic directors, coaches, and contributors for their extraordinary contributions to school based interscholastic athletic programs for NH high schools.

The NHIAA Awards Committee has selected the following people for induction at the Annual Hall of Fame Banquet which will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at the Grappone Conference Center/Courtyard Marriott in Concord.

Anyone interested in attending the induction ceremony are urged to contact the NHIAA, 251 Clinton Street, Concord, NH 03301. (603-228-8671 or info@nhiaa.org) The event will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a luncheon, followed by the Induction Ceremony. The ticket price is \$48.00/person. **Reservations are required.**



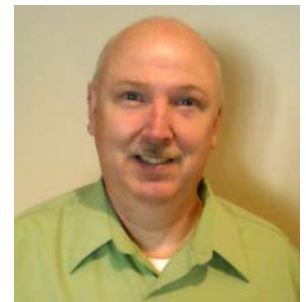
Kerry Bascom-Poliquin
Athlete



Richard Eustis
Athlete



Charles Hunnewell, III
Coach



Robert Lang
Athlete



Norman LeBlanc
Contributor



Melvin "Red" Murray
Official



Clarence Parker
Coach



David Pinkham
Coach

Executive Director's Report



Everyone understands and admires the efforts of principals, athletic directors, and coaches who serve as strong advocates for their student athletes. This is a crucial role for any educator. At the same time, when the school principal signs the agreement to join form they are committing the school and everyone affiliated with it (to include parents and fans) to the principles and rules of the NHIAA. This can create conflict at times and it is for this reason we have due process procedures and waiver provisions.

It is important to remember, however, that the constitution and rules of the Association are developed by you the membership or representatives thereof. Consequently, we all need to think seriously and carefully before asking for exceptions to policies and rules, for they are only there after much thought by your peers. Just because a parent is unhappy over an eligibility restriction, one should not use the appeals process to get them off the school's back.

There are plenty of hard luck stories and situations but more often than not the student in some manner contributed to his or her predicament by making poor choices. The individual situation also needs to be balanced against the interests of the Association and the 47,000 other student athletes participating in NHIAA activities.

There will always be legitimate situations and that is why we have waiver provisions, due process, and committees that constantly review and when necessary change their procedures. This should be the rare exception when looking at the bigger picture and the true values that make the NHIAA your organization in a way that benefits everyone.



Assistant Director's Report

The Coaches Education Committee would like to remind principals, athletic directors, and winter coaches that the NFHS Concussion Course is mandatory for all coaches, at all levels and must be completed **prior** to coming in contact with student athletes.

Any coach that receives a disqualification during the season must not only sit two games, they must also take the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Course prior to returning to coaching. This applies to all coaches disqualifications, such as a team or bench disqualification, that is assessed to the coach.

At its September meeting, the Coaches Education Committee reviewed the new NFHS Sportsmanship Course and has sent a recommendation to the Sportsmanship Committee to make it mandatory for disqualified student athletes to complete before returning to play. The NFHS Sportsmanship Course is free of charge.

The Cross Country Committee has made an update to the Policies and Procedures Manual regarding tournament sites prior to the Divisional Meets and Meet of Champions: "In the sport of cross country the Divisional Championships and Meet of Champions venues are available to teams for viewing any time prior to the championship meets beginning with the 2011-12 season."

The NHIAA Student Athlete Leadership Team is planning on conducting, through the student athlete ambassadors, a Red Ribbon Week from October 23-30. Red Ribbon Week is a drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention and awareness week. The NHIAA Student Athlete Leadership Team will be distributing information and activities to use during Red Ribbon week in your school.

NHIAA FAQ

Question: My school district does not offer a particular sport which is offered at a neighboring school. Can one of our students play that sport for the neighboring school? I heard that if approved by the athletic director or principal it is allowed.

Answer: A student may only represent the school in the district where his/ her parents or guardians legally reside. The aforementioned participation would not be allowed. A home educated student may represent the public school in the district where they reside and a non public or charter school student may represent their school of attendance or the public school in the district where they legally reside but can only represent one school in a school year. Secondary residences or summer homes do not count as legal residencies for the purpose of this policy.

Spotlight on NHIAA Member Schools

Keene High School

Location: Keene

Enrollment: 1637

Division: I

School Colors: Black & Orange

Mascot: Blackbirds

Principal: Alan Chmiel

Athletic Director: Leslie Farmer



NHIAA Participation:

Fall

Cross Country
Football
Field Hockey
Golf
Soccer
Spirit
Volleyball

Winter

Alpine Skiing
Basketball
Bowling
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Indoor Track
Nordic Skiing
Spirit
Swimming & Diving
Wrestling

Spring

Baseball
Lacrosse
Outdoor Track
Softball
Tennis
Volleyball

Want to Promote your School? To encourage better knowledge of member schools we would like to feature schools each month from each division. We would ask interested schools to contact Kerrin Randall, krandall@nhiaa.org or Mr. Corbin as soon as possible.

Did You Know?

EKS Day

On September 24th, Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day (EKS Day) was celebrated around the world bringing together people with and without intellectual disabilities in sport activities to honor the inspiration, impact and indomitable spirit of Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

While nearly 4 million Special Olympics athletes and millions of coaches, families, fans and friends live her legacy and lead our movement every day, on EKS Day over 100 countries and thousands of communities showed the world what the power of sport can do to create opportunities of acceptance.

NHIAA/Special Olympics Partnership to Change School Environments

Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) has partnered with the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) to create three seasons of Special Olympics Unified Sports® within New Hampshire high schools beginning this fall.

The collaboration between the two organizations will bring New Hampshire high school students with intellectual disabilities and their peers without disabilities together on the same team. The Unified Sports® teams will compete against other unified teams in regular season play and will culminate with a championship. The NHIAA and SONH partnership will feature unified play in soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter and track and field in the spring.



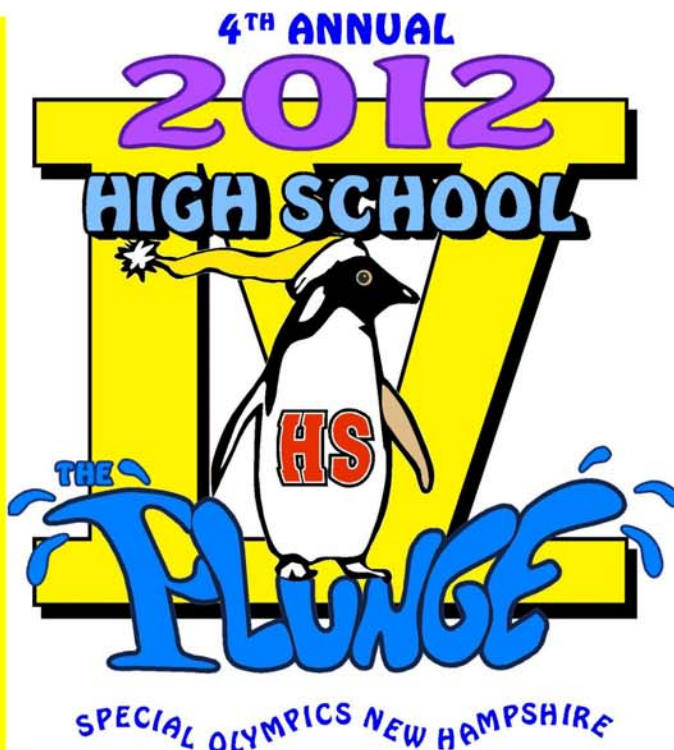
Mary Conroy, President of SONH said, "The partnership with the NHIAA is exciting because it will allow students with intellectual disabilities that may have not felt part of their school the opportunity to have a real connection to the school and their fellow students."



Both the NHIAA and SONH are promoting the Unified Sports partnership through Special Olympics Project UNIFY®.

Special Olympics Project UNIFY is an education-based program that uses the sports and education initiatives of Special Olympics to activate youth to promote school communities where all young people are agents of change - fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities.

Tricia Messler has been hired as the Special Olympics Manager of the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA). She will oversee the introduction of Unified Sports® in NHIAA member high schools as well as work with schools to introduce youth leadership activities to students. If you would like Tricia to contact your school about the NHIAA / SONH partnership and its programs please send her an email at triciam@sonh.org



In addition to *Plunging*, Student/Faculty Team Leaders will:

- Establish a "Flock" (HS Team) from your school or athletic department.
- Recruit Plungers from your School (students/faculty or staff).
- Help Flock members with their online fundraising.

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The NHIAA Student Athlete Ambassador Program, with representatives in almost every high school in the state, enthusiastically supports the **Special Olympics High School Plunge** and urges all schools to establish a "Flock."

The Goal of the collaboration between the NHIAA and SONH is to allow high school students an additional opportunity to participate in a meaningful athletic experience representing their school through Special Olympics Unified Sports.



NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Special Olympics
New Hampshire



*Join us Saturday,
February 4, 2012
at 12:00 noon!*

The High School Plunge is an exciting event that allows participants the opportunity to brave the icy Atlantic to raise funds and awareness for the 2,389 Special Olympics athletes participating in 22 year-round sports through out New Hampshire.

High School Plungers will:

- Be a part of their High School's "Flock," which must consist of 5+ plungers.
- Register at sonh.org after November 1st.
- Raise a minimum of \$150 for Special Olympics. Receive an apparel item and two tickets to the **Post Plunge Lunch & Celebration**.

Incentive prizes given for reaching additional incentive levels.

Prizes awarded to High Schools for spirit, costumes & fundraising!

For more information:

visit our website at
www.sonh.org,
call (603) 624-1250, or
email
TriciaM@sonh.org



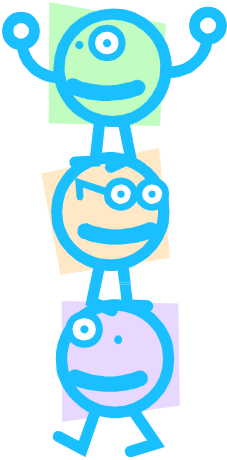
Girl's Golf Tournament

On Saturday, October 1st the Girl's Individual Golf Tournament was held at Campbell's Scottish Highlands in Salem. Although damp from another evening of heavy rain the players completed their rounds in fine fashion. There were 19 girls in the medal round and 12 in the championship round. The winners of the respective tournaments were Chelsea Sedler of Bishop Guertin High School and Colette Schmidt of Lebanon High School. Congratulations to the champions, medal winners, and all participating student athletes.

A reminder to golf coaches and players; please be reminded that the rules of golf make the individual player responsible for following what are very complex and often difficult to understand rules. If there is any question in a player or coaches mind about a rule interpretation and a tournament or USGA official is not readily available the player should play a second ball from both places in question and note both scores on his or her card. Once in the clubhouse the tournament committee should be notified of the issue prior to signing and turning in the card.



Sportsmanship Reminder: One indicator of poor sportsmanship is running up the score against a weaker opponent. Lopsided scores are followed up on each week by the NHIAA, and absent a clear explanation of how the score ended up with an unusually high spread, schools will be reported to the Sportsmanship Committee for potential action against the team, program, or school.

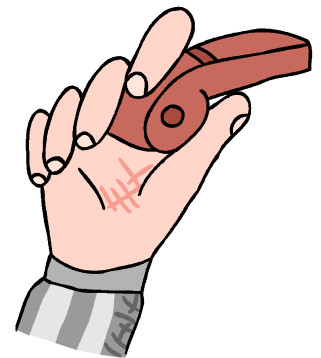


There have been some unusually high scores this season, although in almost each case there was a satisfactory explanation. There are clearly times when efforts to manage a "Blowout" fail due to errors on the part of the other team. It is also difficult in some sports more than others to manage a large lead without further embarrassing the other team, however, good sportsmanship dictates that people at least try.

We still have some coaches who measure their success by the margin of their wins as opposed to the quality of the game.

Payment Of Officials: Understanding that school districts vary on how they approach the payment of officials, and that often athletic directors and principals have little control over such procedures, we seem to be receiving an unusually large number of complaints about late payments to officials.

If your school district is making it difficult for you to get officials paid in a timely manner, you may want to remind them that at some point people will simply refuse to officiate for your school. This happened in one of my former school districts when they adopted a process that took 4-6 months at times to cut checks for officials. The way this was finally resolved came about when we had to cancel games due to a lack of officials. So please do what you can to ensure timely and reasonable payment of these important partners.



NHIAA Student-Athlete of the Month

September

The NHIAA is pleased to recognize two outstanding athletes both on and off the field of play. They exemplify the ideals and values that are the cornerstone of school based athletics and are positive role models in their school and community.

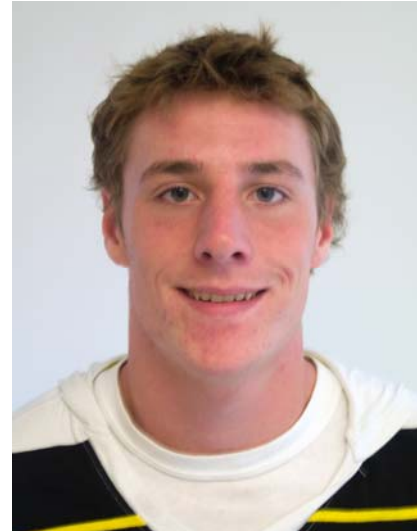


Casey Blakely

- Senior at Kennett High School
- Three Sport Athlete
 - Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis
- Captain of the Volleyball and Tennis Teams
- National Honor Society Member
- Performance in Volleyball: 78 hits, 11 kills first three matches
- Great Role Model for Younger Players

“Casey is generous and understanding with teammates; she has intense focus on the court. She has extremely high standards for herself and often meets or exceeds them. Casey is polite and courteous to opponents and represents school well as a captain. Casey gives everything she’s got to her every endeavor.”

Jocelyn Judge, Head Volleyball Coach, Kennett High School



Brendon Murphy

- Senior at Gilford High School
- 4.17 GPA
- Student Leadership Conference Member
- 2 Sport Athlete
 - Football and Lacrosse
- Performance in Football
 - 2000 yards attained during his Junior Year
 - Scored nine touchdowns in his first two games as a Senior

“Brendon is always looking to help others both on and off the athletic field. He is involved in numerous Gilford High School initiatives. If he sees someone sitting alone at lunch, he will go over and sit with that person or invite them to join his table. He is a tremendous football running back and attacker in lacrosse, but you will never see him show boat. He is the type of person who makes sure to help teammates and opposing players up after a play.”

Dave Pinkham, Athletic Director, Gilford High School

Important Information from the NFHS!



Attendance at High School Sporting Events Tops 500 Million

More fans attend high school basketball and football events than the same sports at the college and professional levels combined, according to a survey conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

During the 2009-10 school year, approximately 336 million fans attended high school regular-season and playoff games in football and girls and boys basketball – more than 2½ times the 133 million spectators who attended events in those sports at the college and professional levels.

In addition, attendance at events in the top 16 high school sports from a participation standpoint was approximately 510 million during the 2009-10 school year, including 468 million during regular-season events and 42 million for state association playoff contests.

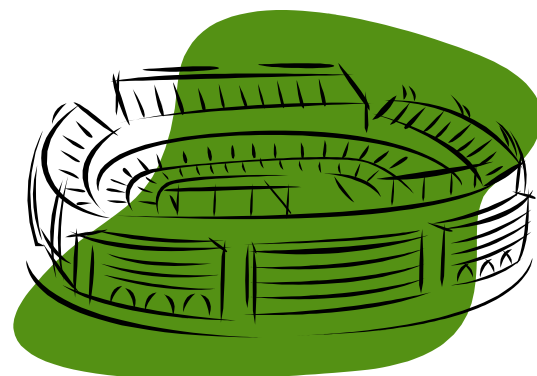
The NFHS surveyed high school athletic directors at small (up to 1,000 enrollment), medium (1,000 to 2,200) and large (more than 2,220) high schools and multiplied the average regular-season attendance (based on the schools that responded) in each sport by the number of schools in each enrollment category that sponsor the sport. A similar method was used to determine overall attendance at postseason events conducted by NFHS member state associations.

In addition to basketball and football, others sports included in the survey were baseball, cross country, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, water polo and wrestling. Where applicable, attendance for both boys and girls contests was included.

When combining attendance at regular-season girls and boys contests, basketball led the way with about 170 million fans, followed closely by football with 166 million. Soccer ranked third at 24 million, followed by baseball (20 million), volleyball (17 million), softball (15.8 million), wrestling (10 million), track and field (6.6 million), ice hockey (6 million), swimming and diving (4.8 million), lacrosse (4.5 million), cross country (3 million), water polo (1.8 million), tennis (1.8 million), golf (1.3 million) and field hockey (800,000).

While there are about 40 sports listed in the NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, the remaining sports not included in the attendance survey have minimal participation numbers nationally and would collectively add fewer than a million spectators annually. This is the first attempt (through the means of a survey) by the NFHS, the national leadership organization for high school athletic and performing arts activities, to determine national attendance figures at the high school level.

“This first-of-its-kind survey of attendance figures at the high school level is certainly a great sign that high school sports continue to be a big part of communities throughout our nation,” said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. “A ticket to a high school sporting event remains one of the best values for the entertainment dollar.”



Important Due Dates!



<u>FORM</u>	<u>DUE</u>
Cross Country Entry - Boys and Girls <i>DirectAthletics</i>	10/16
Girls Volleyball Roster & Photo	10/17
Boys and Girls Soccer Roster & Photo	10/17
Football Roster & Photo - Div. IV, V, VI	10/24
Football Roster & Photo - Div. I, II, III	11/4

Congratulations Fall Champions!

Sport	Division I	Division II	Division III	Division IV
Golf - Boys Individual	Chelso Barrett Keene	Nick Fairweather Windham	Chris Houston Gilford	Hayden Maroun, Moultonborough
Golf - Team	Keene	Hanover	Mascenic	Moultonborough
	Division I		Division II	
Golf - Girls Individual	Colette Schmidt, Lebanon		Chelsea Sedlar, Bishop Guertin	

More to Come!



NHIAA 6th Annual Athletic Administrative Assistant's Conference

January 5 & 6, 2012

Attitash Grand Summit Hotel, Bartlett, NH

If you would like to pre-register you may do so by filling out the slip below and remitting it to the NHIAA Office. Please contact Donna Plumb with any questions



School: _____ Name: _____

Shirt Size: _____ Email: _____

Registration Deadline: December 2nd

Double Room Registration: **\$160 (Before Nov 15th)** \$180 (After Nov. 16th)

Single Room Registration: **\$210 (before Nov 15th)** \$230 (After Nov. 16th)

If you would like to attend Friday only the rate is: **\$50** (Breakfast is not included)

Includes room, registration social with light appetizers, breakfast, lunch and gift

No refunds after December 7th