

Lori Riley

2022 Spotlight Recipient

Lori Riley has been a sportswriter and columnist at the Hartford Courant since 1989, covering college, professional and high school sports. She focuses primarily on girls and women's sports and outdoor sports. Lori has covered the UConn women's basketball team on and off since their first Final Four team in 1991. Her main focus of coverage from 1997-2008 was the UConn women and national women's college basketball team, and the WNBA since its inception in 1997 through the mid-2000s, including the Connecticut Sun. Currently, Lori covers high school sports. Lori also reported for Trenton (N.J.) Times and the Asbury Park (N.J.) Press.

Lori Riley has been inducted into the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame and will be inducted into the Connecticut Field Hockey Hall of Fame in September 2022. Lori has won numerous CT Society of Professional Journalists awards, as well as national Associated Press Sports Editor (APSE) awards. Lori is a 1986 Rutgers University graduate and is married with two children, ages 27 and 22. Lori likes to run, bike and kayak.