



State of New Jersey

# Model Policies Regarding Banning a Person from a School or Community Sponsored Youth Sports Event

The following model policies regarding banning a person from a school or community sponsored youth sports event are promulgated in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 2002, Chapter 74.

**Pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2002, Chapter 74, a school board or youth sports organization may ban the presence of a person at a youth sports event in accordance with the following guidelines:**

1. A coach, parent, player, participant, official or other youth sports event attendee who violates one or more of the provisions contained in the *Model Athletic Code of Conduct* may be banned from attending, coaching, officiating or participating in at least one youth sports event if the person;
  - a. has been issued a prior written warning for violating one or more of the provisions contained in the *Model Athletic Code of Conduct*,
  - b. violates the *Model Athletic Code of Conduct* by engaging in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee, or
  - c. violates the *Model Athletic Code of Conduct* by initiating a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. A coach, parent, player, participant, official or other youth sports event attendee may be permitted to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event from which the person has been banned pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of these *Model Policies* if the person;
  - a. provides a written request for permission to resume participation or attendance to the school board or youth sports organization which issued the ban,
  - b. provides a written apology to the school board or youth sports organization which issued the ban, and to the person or persons who were the subject of the behavior which constituted the violation of the *Code*, as directed by the school board or youth sports organization,
  - c. demonstrates the completion, as required by the school board or youth sports organization, of an anger management counseling program which satisfies the provisions of Section 3 of these *Model Policies*, and
  - d. satisfies any other requirement set forth by the school board or youth sports organization.
3.
  - a. An anger management counseling program shall, at a minimum, offer services to individuals, singly or in groups, for the purposes of promoting anger control principles and shall be administered by an individual;
    - i. licensed as a professional counselor pursuant to the provisions of the "Professional Counselor Licensing Act," N.J.S.A. 45:8B-33 *et seq.*, or
    - ii. licensed as a practicing psychologist pursuant to the provisions fo the "Practicing Psychology Licensing Act," N.J.S.A. 45:14B-1 *et seq.*
  - b. Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit a school board or youth sports organization from requiring a person banned pursuant to the provisions of these *Model Policies* to complete an anger management counseling program specified by such board or organization.



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# Model Athletic Code of Conduct

The following model athletic code of conduct is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 2002, Chapter 74.

## Preamble:

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

**I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:**

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
8. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
14. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

**I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:**

1. Verbal warning issued by a league, organization or school official.
2. Written warning issued by a league, organization or school official.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by a league, organization or school official who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection by a school board or youth sports organization.
4. Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by a league, organization or school official who is authorized to issue such suspension by a school board or youth sports organization.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by a school board or youth sports organization.

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Name

Signature

Date