

Montville Township Recreation Athletic Code of Conduct

Policy Regarding Banning a Person from Community Sponsored Youth Sports Events

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 *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 *Athletic Code of Conduct*,
 - b. violates the *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 *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. 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;
 - a. 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
 - b. licensed as a practicing psychologist pursuant to the provisions to the "Practicing Psychology Licensing Act," N.J.S.A. 45:14B-1 *et seq.*
 - c. 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.
4. Any ban or suspension will be carried over to ALL Montville Youth sports organizations.

N.J.S.A. 5:17-4 VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

Any student, coach, official, parent or other person subject to the terms and condition of an athletic Code of Conduct established pursuant to the provisions of P.L.2002, c. 74 (C.5:17-1 *et seq.*) who violates the provisions of the athletic code of conduct, may be banned fro, attending any subsequent school or community sponsored youth sports event. In the event that any student, coach, official parent or other person subject to the terms and conditions of an athletic code of conduct is banned from attendance, that person may petition the school board or sports team for permission to resume attendance. Prior to being permitted to resume attendance, the school board or sports team shall required the individual to present proof of completion of anger management counseling through a public or private source.

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Incident and/or Behavior	Ban or Penalty*
Failure to report an incident witnessed by a coach and/or sports organization official	Coaches: minimum suspension from coaching at the next regularly scheduled game
Falsifying an Incident Report with exaggerated, misleading, or untruthful information as witnessed by a coach and/or sports organization official	Coaches: Suspension for seven days; no contact with players and/or coaches during practices or games during this period 2nd Offense: Maximum one-year suspension from all sports; successful completion of an approved anger management course must be completed before reinstatement 3rd Offense: Permanent expulsion from all Montville Youth Sports organizations For Parents and Spectators: minimum suspension from attending the next regularly scheduled game
Ejection from game by an umpire or referee	Coaches: Suspension for seven days; no contact with players and/or coaches during practices or games during this period 2nd Offense: Maximum one-year suspension from all sports; successful completion of an approved anger management course must be completed before reinstatement 3rd Offense: Permanent expulsion from all Montville Youth Sports organizations Parents and Spectators: minimum suspension from attending the next regularly scheduled game
Verbal confrontation between coaches, parents, spectators, players, umpires, referees	Coaches: Suspension for seven days; no contact with players and/or coaches during practices or games during this period 2nd Offense: Maximum one-year suspension from all sports; successful completion of an approved anger management course must be completed before reinstatement 3rd Offense: Permanent expulsion from all Montville Youth Sports organizations Parents and Spectators: minimum suspension from attending the next regularly scheduled game
Destruction of property	Coaches: Suspension for seven days; no contact with players and/or coaches during practices or games during this period 2nd Offense: Maximum one-year suspension from all sports; successful completion of an approved anger management course must be completed before reinstatement 3rd Offense: Permanent expulsion from all Montville Youth Sports organizations Parents and Spectators: minimum suspension from attending the next regularly scheduled game
Physical contact between coaches, players, parents, spectators, game officials	Physical contact can constitute assault and will be addressed by existing New Jersey state law. Coaches: Expulsion Parents and Spectators: minimum suspension from attending the next regularly scheduled game
Process for Banning or Breach of Code of Conduct * During any suspension, a coach must hand in his/her coaching ID tag to a league official.	All penalties assessed will be submitted to the sports organization by the Recreation Department and coach, parents or spectators penalized. It is the sports organization's responsibility to oversee the individual(s) being fined. If the coach, parent or spectator being penalized does not comply with the penalty, then his/her son(s) or daughter(s) will be suspended from playing from any township sanctioned sports activity until the penalty is has been fulfilled.
NOTE: Failure to comply with a penalty or fine will result in a minimum of one-year banning, up to a maximum of indefinite banning	If the coach, parent or spectator being penalized does not comply with the ban/penalty, then his/her son(s) or daughter(s) will be suspended from playing from any township sanctioned sports activity until the ban/penalty has been fulfilled.