

# **State of New Jersey**

## **Model Athletic Code of Conduct**

### **For Coaches and Parents:**

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:**

Any altercations initiated by a parent to a coach or a coach to a parent on the playing field at the time of a game shall result in a written warning.

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Written warning. Only 1 will be issued. \*\*\*

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Suspension- Minimum of 1 game but up to 3 games to be determined by the Recreation Directors and the league Commissioner.

3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: 1 Year Suspension from coaching and/or attending games in ALL Recreation Sports.\*\*will be determined by Rec Directors based on severity of incident.

4. 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Lifetime ban from Recreation sports and any Recreation function.

\*\*\*If there is physical contact or threats made on the 1<sup>st</sup> offense or anything resulting in police involvement consequences will go directly to 2<sup>nd</sup> offense or possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> depending on the severity of the incident.

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Family Name

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Family Signature\*\*

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Date

\*\*one parents signature required, but will cover both parents