



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 for 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.