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9.28.010 Definitions.

“Code of conduct” means a written specification of the behavior of parents, guardians, coaches and officials prepared by each sports team which must at a minimum incorporate the within ordinance and must be agreed to in writing by the parents and legal guardians of the minor participants of each youth sports team.

“Youth sports event” means any competition, practice or instructional event involving one or more youth sports teams.

“Youth sports team” as used herein shall refer to any sports organization organized pursuant to a non-profit or similar charter which is affiliated with or received monetary or other support from East Greenwich Township or the East Greenwich Township parks and recreation committee or regularly utilizes any facilities owned, operated or maintained by East Greenwich Township, which sports organization participates in sporting competitions involving minors. (Ord. 15-2002 (part))

9.28.020 Implementation.

A. Every sports team shall be required to establish an athletic code of conduct by incorporating this chapter within their by-laws.

B. The parents and guardians of each child participating in a sports team shall be required by the sports team to execute an agreement acknowledging receipt of said sports teams code of

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conduct and agreeing to be bound thereby. (Ord. 15-2002 (part))

9.28.030 Untolerated behavior and penalties.

A. Any parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sports event who initiates a fight, scuffle, or any type of verbal or physical abuse or threats of abuse towards any player, coach, official, parents or spectator shall be banned from attendance at all youth sports events within the Township of East Greenwich for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the incident.

B. Any parents, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sporting event who enters the field of play, court, mat or rink during any youth sporting event for the purpose of physically or verbally abusing or confronting coaches, players or officials shall be banned from attendance at all youth sports events within the Township of East Greenwich for a period of up to twelve (12) months from the date of the incident.

C. Any parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sports event who verbally abuses officials, players or spectators including the use of obscene or profane language or gestures, racial, ethnic or sexual slurs may be banned from all youth sports events for a period of up to twelve (12) months from the date of the incident and shall be subject to such discipline as provided for by the applicable sports team's code of conduct.

D. Any parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sports event who throws or causes to be deposited any object on the field of play, court, mat or rink during any youth sports event may be banned from attendance at all youth sports events for a period of up to twelve (12) months from the date of the incident and shall be subject to such discipline as provided for by the applicable sports team's code of conduct.

E. Any person banned for twelve (12) months from youth sports events for a violation of this code of conduct prior to being allowed to resume attendance at any youth sports event shall be

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required to complete an anger management or equivalent counseling program consisting of no less than twelve (12) hours of instruction and shall provide proof of satisfactory completion to the code of conduct committee. Any banning for less than twelve (12) months may include up to twelve (12) hours of anger management. (Ord. 15-2002 (part))

9.28.040 Authority.

Any parent, guest, township official, coach or spectator at any youth sporting event shall be subject to the authority of all field officials including umpires and referees and elected league officials of the youth sports team or teams sponsoring the youth sports event or in the absence of such persons at a youth sports team's practice or instructional event to the authority of the ranking youth sports team coach on the premises. Such authority shall include the authorization to direct any person or persons involved in any incident in violation of this chapter or the applicable sports team's code of conduct to immediately remove themselves from the premises. Failure to comply with residing official will be cause to engage the East Greenwich Township police. (Ord. 15-2002 (part))

9.28.050 Violation procedures and hearing.

A. Any individual may report an incident that they believe constitutes a violation of this chapter to the particular sports governing body. If the governing body believes a violation may have taken place, they shall report in writing the alleged fact to the code of conduct committee who shall notify the purported violator of the time, date and location of a hearing to be held before the code of conduct committee. Also, the committee shall provide a brief description of the alleged violation within the notice. The nature shall be by regular mail and certified mail.

B. Any person receiving such a notice who wishes to contest same shall appeal to the East Greenwich Township code of conduct committee within seven calendar days of the mailing of

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said notice by forwarding a copy of said notice with a written request for appeal specifically setting forth the basis of such persons contest of the notice of violation via personal delivery or certified mail to the chairperson of the code of conduct committee at 159 Democrat Road, Mickleton, New Jersey 08056.

C. Upon receipt of such an appeal, the code of conduct committee shall convene within seven days and provide an opportunity for said person and any interested person to appear and be heard with respect to the occurrence of any violation and the action taken by the youth sports team.

D. The code of conduct committee shall be authorized to hear testimony under oath, review affidavits and such other and further information or documentation relevant to the alleged violation. Upon a majority vote of the members of the committee present at such hearing, the committee may impose sanctions limiting or precluding the violator's participation or attendance at any and all sports team activities within East Greenwich Township for a period of up to one year. The committee may also, at anytime, decide the matter should be referred to the East Greenwich Township police department.

E. The township solicitor shall serve as counsel to the code of conduct committee. (Ord. 15-2002 (part))