

Woolwich Township Code of Conduct

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ARTICLE I Code of Conduct [Adopted 7-7-2003 by Ord. No. 2003-18]

§ 198-1. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

CODE OF CONDUCT - A written specification of the behavior of parents, guardians, coaches and officials prepared by each sports team which must at a minimum incorporate the terms of the within article and must be consented to in writing by the parents and legal guardians of the minor participants of each youth sports team.

YOUTH SPORTS EVENT - Any competition, practice or instructional event involving one or

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more youth sports teams.

YOUTH SPORTS TEAM - Any sports organization pursuant to a nonprofit or similar charter that is affiliated with or received monetary or other support or service from the Township or regularly utilizes any facilities owned, operated or maintained by the Township, or which sports organizations participants in sporting competitions involving minors.

§ 198-2. Compliance with code of conduct required.

Every sports team shall be required to follow the code of conduct as set forth in this article.

§ 198-3. Availability

The code of conduct will be made available to all parents and guardians of each child participating in a sports team.

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§ 198-4. Prohibited activities.

A. Any parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sports event who initiates a fight, scuffle, or any type of physical abuse or threats of abuse towards any player, coach, official, parent, or spectator, shall be banned from attendance at all youth sports events with the Township of Woolwich for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of the incident.

B. Any parent, guest, coach, or official at any youth sporting event who enters the field of play, court or rink during any youth sporting event for the purpose of physically or verbally abusing or confronting coaches, player or officials shall be banned from attendance at all youth sports events within the Township of Woolwich for a period not exceeding 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 not exceeding 12 months from the date of the incident and shall be subjected to such discipline as provided for by the applicable sports team's code of conduct.

D. Any parent, guest, spectator, or official at any youth sports event who throws or causes to be deposited any object on the field of play, court or rink during any youth sports event may be banned from attendance at all youth sports events for a period of 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.

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§ 198-5. Anger management or equivalent counseling.

Any person banned for 12 months from youth sports events for a violation of this code of conduct and prior to being allowed to resume attendance at any youth sports event shall be required to complete an anger management or equivalent counseling program consisting of no less than 12 hours of instruction and shall provide proof of satisfactory completion in the Code of Conduct Committee. Any banning for less than 12 months may include up to 12 hours of anger management.

§198-6. Controlling authority.

Any parent, official, coach or spectator in 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 sport team or teams sponsoring the youth sports event, and 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 article or the applicable sports team's code of conduct.

§ 198-7. Violation procedures and hearings.

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A. Upon a determination by a majority vote of the highest ranking officials and the governing board of a youth sports teams that a parent, guest, spectator, coach, or official at any youth sports event sponsored by such youth sports team has violated a provision of this article or the code of conduct of the youth sports team, such official shall forward to such violator a notice via regular and certified mail indicating the date and location and nature of the violation and period of banning or other action to be taken in response to such violation.

B. Any person receiving such a notice who wished to contest same shall appeal to the Township of Woolwich Code of Conduct Committee within seven calendar days of the mailing of 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 the Address specified in the notice, or if no such address, then to the Code of Conduct Committee c/o Township of Woolwich, 121 Woodstown Rd, Woolwich, New Jersey 08085.

C. Upon receipt of such appeal, the Code of Conduct Committee shall convene within 10 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 violation and upon a majority vote of the members of the Committee present at such hearing, may sustain, overturn, or modify the youth sports team's notice of violation and the period of banning or other action taken in response to such violation consistent with this article or the applicable youth sports team's bylaws or code of conduct.

E. All notices of violation and bannings shall remain in effect until overturned or modified by the Code of Conduct Committee.

F. In the event any notice of violation is not appealed with 10 days of such notice, said notice of

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violation and the action taken by the youth sports team official including banning from youth sports events shall become final.

ARTICLE II Code of Conduct Committee [Adopted 7-7/2003 by Ord. No. 2003-19]

§ 198-8. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

YOUTH SPORTS TEAM - As used herein, shall refer to any sports organization organized pursuant to a nonprofit or similar charter which is affiliated with or received monetary or other support from the Township of Woolwich or the Township of Woolwich Park and Recreation Committee or regularly utilizes any facilities owned, operated, or maintained by the Township of Woolwich, or which sports organization participates in sporting competitions involving minors.

§ 198-9. Composition.

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The Code of Conduct Committee shall be made up of the President of each youth sports team who is duly elected pursuant to the bylaws or rules and regulations governing each respective youth sports team and the Chairman of the Township of Woolwich Park and Recreation Committee.

§ 198-10. President.

A. Each youth sports team shall annually advise in writing the Township of Woolwich of the name, address and telephone number of its duly elected President who shall serve on the Code of Conduct Committee commensurate with his/her term of office with the youth sports teams.

B. Each youth sports team shall notify the Township Clerk in writing promptly upon any change of the identity of the youth sports team's President.

C. Any youth sports team President serving on the Code of Conduct Committee may designate an active member of such youth sports team to appear and act as his/her designee with full voting powers at any meeting of the Code of Conduct Committee.

D. In the event the same person is the President of more than one youth sports team, said person shall serve on the Code of Conduct Committee as a representative of only one youth sports team and shall designate an active member of such other youth sports teams to appear and act at a Code of Conduct Committee Meeting with full voting powers.

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§ 198-11. Enforcement.

The code of conduct shall be charged with enforcing the provisions of the ordinance establishing a youth sports code of conduct No. 2003-18.

§ 198-12. Meetings.

The Code of Conduct Committee shall meet in January of each year to elect a Chairman, Secretary and such other officers as the Code of Conduct Committee shall deem appropriate, and may meet as often as is necessary to conduct its business and for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the ordinance establishing a youth sports code of conduct No. 2003-18.

§ 198-13. Rules and procedures.

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The Code of Conduct Committee may establish rules and procedures as it deems appropriate for the conduct of its business and in default thereof shall operate pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order to the extent they are not in conflict with the within ordinance or the ordinance establishing a youth sports code of conduct No. 2003.18