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Certification & Screening Requirements for Youth Sports Coaches

The Township of Greenwich has adopted specific requirements for safety training, background investigation and sportsmanlike behavior for volunteers and officials working with children in youth sports activities within the Township. Those requirements have been established by Township Ordinance and are codified in the Municipal Code in Chapter 3-7. Additionally, the Greenwich Township Recreation Commission (hereinafter “Commission”) has adopted the “Athletic Field, Pavilion & Court Scheduling Guide” consistent with the Ordinance for the reservation of the Township’s athletic facilities.

A. Requirements for Coach’s Training, Background Screening and Concussion Training

The following requirements pertain to any organized youth sports or recreational program, event, or camp conducted within the Township of Greenwich. These requirements include facilities of the Township of Greenwich, facilities of the Greenwich Board of Education, and privately owned or operated facilities.

1. Any individual acting as a coach, an assistant coach, and/or a trainer or instructor at a youth sports program, event, or camp must possess a valid coach’s card issued by the Rutgers Youth Sports Research Council for completion of the Rutgers “Sports Awareness for Educating Today’s Youth” (S.A.F.E.T.Y.) course, or possess a similar card for an equivalent coach’s training that meets the state’s Minimum Standards for Volunteer Coaches Safety Orientation and Training Skills Program (N.J.A.C. 5:52), as approved by the Commission.
2. Any individual acting as a coach, an assistant coach, and/or a trainer or instructor at a youth sports program, event, or camp must successfully pass a background investigation by the New Jersey State Police. Applications for conducting a criminal history background investigation are available at the Greenwich Township Municipal Clerk’s Office.

B. Program Behavior Requirements

The Township of Greenwich is committed to ensuring that recreational sports activities are conducted with proper civility, sportsmanship, and behavior on the part of players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators. The Township, the schools, and their organizational partners in the delivery of recreational sports are empowered to act swiftly in response to prohibited behaviors and cooperate the Greenwich Township Police Department with any investigation and/or prosecution in connection with this section.

Individuals, whether voluntary or paid, are prohibited from engaging in any acts of violence, unruly behavior, criminal activity, or any conduct in violation of Article II § 500-9 of the Greenwich Township Municipal Code while attending or participating in any organized youth sports or recreational program, event, or camp conducted within the township of Greenwich. Unruly behavior includes, but not limited to, fighting, assault, and threatening or intimidating physical or verbal behavior towards any participant,

official, or individual attending or participating in an event. Individuals engaging in conduct prohibited by this section shall be barred from continuing to participate as a coach, assistant coach, or support effort in the sporting program, event, or camp in which such violation occurred for the remainder of the day.

Sports Game Officials, either paid or volunteer, League Officers, Team Coaches, School Officials and/or the President and Vice President of the Greenwich Township Recreation Commission are empowered to direct individuals in violation of this section to vacate the Township's facilities. The Commission reserves the right to revoke the Facility Use Permit of a team or organization that allows continued participation or attendance of an individual who has otherwise been directed to vacate the Township of Greenwich facilities pursuant to this section.

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