

Pinelands Soccer Association



Parent Sportsmanship Pledge

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, training staff, and referees at every game, practice, or other *PSA* event.
- I will instruct my child to treat all players, coaches, fans, and referees with **respect** regardless of their race, sex, creed, or ability, and will support them by doing the same.
- I will provide **positive support** to the coaches and training staff that work with my child, to ensure an enjoyable and fun experience is had by all.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win the game.
- I promise to have my child at as many practices and games as possible.
- I promise to provide proper supervision to all children I bring to practices and games (including all siblings, relatives, and/or friends).
- I promise to be at all games and practices, or I will make arrangements for another adult to do so. I understand that my child cannot participate without a guardian of legal age present.

I have received a copy of this “**PSA Parent Sportsmanship Pledge**”. I have read and fully understand this *Pledge*, and also the **NJ Senate Bill No. 1198**, concerning assaults against coaches, players, and other spectators at youth sporting events.

I recognize that within the parameters of competition, sportsmanship and fair play remain paramount. Therefore, I hereby commit to providing positive support and encouragement for my child by following this “**Pinelands Soccer Association Parent Sportsmanship Pledge**”.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

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(PLEASE NOTE: If a parent is also a coach, that parent will also be required to submit a signed “*PSA Coach Sportsmanship Pledge*”)

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1198

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 16, 2002

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1198.

This bill concerns assaults against coaches, players and other spectators at youth sports events.

The bill in its original form defined a "youth sports event" as a competition, practice or instructional event involving one or more interscholastic sports teams or sports teams organized pursuant to a nonprofit or similar charter or which are member teams in a league organized by or affiliated with a county or municipal recreation department. The bill creates a new subsection f. in N.J.S.2C:12-1 to clarify that any person who commits a simple assault upon another in the presence of a child under 16 years of age at one of these events would be guilty of a crime of a fourth degree. **A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment not to exceed 18 months, a fine of up to \$10,000 or both.** Generally simple assault is a disorderly persons offense.

The new subsection f. being added by the bill is amended to provide for strict liability if a child under 16 years of age is present regardless of the actor's knowledge. The defined term is changed to conform to the phrase used in the bill. Other amendments clarify that the bill addresses youth teams and youth leagues. There is no intent to reach collegiate, semi-pro or professional events. Nor is there any intent to create any liability for a participant or abrogate any available immunities or defenses for participants.