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### New Jersey American Youth Football and Cheer - Jersey Shore Conference Administrative Policy

As we enter into Week 1 of the 2023 NJAYF Playoffs, the NJAYF Executive Board would like to remind everyone that tensions are incredibly high. Dreams of making it to the 2023 AYF National Championships being held at the beautiful Paradise Coast Sports Complex in Naples, Florida will become reality for some but not all.

Effective immediately, NJAYF is adopting a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for any form of behavior that goes against the rules and regulations of NJAYF.

- ❖ Any and all persons associated with a team who leave their sideline to enter the field of play to take part in any scuffle that may occur will be suspended immediately from any and all NJAYF activities for a minimum period of one (1) week inclusive of one (1) game and their local association may be fined. If as a result of any disciplinary action a team cannot field the minimum required number of players for the following week's game, it will be considered a forfeit.
- ❖ Should a spectator enter the field of play, he/she will be suspended immediately from any and all NJAYF activities for a minimum period of two (2) weeks inclusive of two (2) games and their local association may be fined.
- ❖ Any and all persons associated with a team who physically threaten the welfare and/or well being of any board member, participant, coach, or spectator and/or make illicit physical contact with any board member, participant, coach, or spectator will be suspended immediately from any and all NJAYF activities and their local association may be fined. The duration of said suspension is at the discretion of NJAYF; contingent upon the severity of the incident.
- ❖ The use of offensive or derogatory language meant to intimidate or cause harm is strictly prohibited. Those statements will be reviewed and may be subject to disciplinary action; at the discretion of NJAYF. NJAYF has, and always will, encourage diversity and inclusion in all we do.
- ❖ Together with the game officials; Administrators, Coaches and Volunteers should be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action against associations and their coaches.

Athlete safety is of the utmost importance to NJAYF. We will continue to enforce AYF rules, regulations and codes of conduct to ensure that all athletes have a safe and sportsmanlike experience.