

**Subject** Civil penalties for interfering or disrupting youth athletic activities

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## Overview

This bill authorizes the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to impose civil penalties on certain individuals who disrupt or physically interfere with a youth athletic event or assault an official, game organizer, player, or coach.

## Summary

Section	Description
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<b>1</b>	<b>Civil penalties.</b>
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Expands the powers of the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to include imposing civil penalties on certain individuals.

<b>2</b>	<b>Disrupting or interfering with a youth athletic activity; civil penalty.</b>
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Authorizes the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to impose civil penalties on individuals who intentionally enter the field of play or cause any object to enter the field of play if the action disrupts a youth athletic event, or who assault or physically interfere with officials, game organizers, players, or coaches. Establishes an exception for individuals participating in the event, those giving medical attention to participants, or those acting based on a reasonable belief that an emergency exists. Requires the Minnesota State High School League and any school board to report when they ban an individual for assaulting a sports official and permits officials, game organizers, coaches, or school principals to report other violations. Establishes the right to hearing on a civil penalty.