

MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

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BULLETIN MEL 26-12

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To: Fund Commissioners of Member Joint Insurance Funds

From: Underwriting Manager, Conner Strong & Buckelew

Re: Quasi Entities

The bulletin only applies to the members of the Bergen, South Bergen, Morris, Camden, PAIC, PMM, NJSI, Mid Jersey, Central, Suburban Municipal and Suburban Metro member Joint Insurance Funds. It does not apply to the remaining MEL member JIFs.

This will serve as an annual reminder of the coverage offered to “Quasi Entities”.

The JIF covers governmental entities that are a part of the member including boards and committees that are appointed by the member’s governing body. Governmental entity means any organization that is subject to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.). The member may also apply to include (1) independent authorities and/or (2) non-profit “quasi” governmental entities that provide services that otherwise could be provided by the member itself.

Authorities

All authorities subject to the New Jersey Public Contracts Law must be individually underwritten and approved before coverage can be provided.

Quasi Entities

We group the various types of “quasi” entities into the following four classes.

- Class I – Non-profit public safety associations and auxiliaries. Most Fire Departments that are part of a town budget also have one or several non-profit entities for charitable and social activities outside of the town’s budget.
- Class II – Non-profit ambulance corps and fire departments that have their own budgets that are not approved by member local unit’s governing body.
- Class III – All other non-athletic organizations that are incorporated as non-profits and provide services that otherwise could be provided by the member itself.
- Class IV – Non-profit Athletic organizations.

JIF Underwriting Process

1. The JIF’s Coverage Committee (or similar group responsible) will review each applicant’s submission against standards applicable to the activity; and
2. The Executive Board will be the sole decision-maker on admission or rejection.

Submission Process

Follow the below steps to determine how to obtain coverage for your quasi entity.

Step 1

If the quasi entity was covered in the Member Entity's insurance program up until the date the Member Entity joined the JIF, the member entity must pass a Resolution designating the group as one it wishes covered as an additional named insured and submit such to the JIF Executive Director for consideration.

Step 2

If the Quasi does not meet Step 1, please provide the below for consideration.

1. Joint Insurance Fund Quasi Entity General Application, (application attached).
2. A resolution from the governing body of the member entity with its approval of adding the Quasi Entity as an "additional named insured" to its program.
3. For Class IV, Joint Insurance Fund Quasi Entity – Class IV Athletic Group Supplemental Application (application attached).
4. For Class IV, evidence of effective accidental medical insurance program for all athletic participants.

Additional requirements may vary by JIF. The original completed applications, resolution and statement on accidental medical insurance (if applicable), as well as any other required information, should be sent to the JIF Executive Director.

Assessment

If admitted for coverage, there will be an additional minimum assessment.

Risk Control

The JIF's Risk control program extends to the quasias on an as needed or required basis.

Coverage

Class I and II quasi entities are fully included in the Member Entity's insurance program.

Class III and IV quasi entities are subject to the following coverage restrictions:

1. Casualty:
 - \$5,000,000 limit
 - Restricted to general liability and non-owned automobile liability
 - Local JIF's and MEL's non-owned automobile liability will be excess of the vehicle owner's personal insurance.
2. Crime:
 - \$100,000 limit

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your Risk Management Consultant, JIF Executive Director or the Underwriting Manager.

This bulletin is for information purposes only. It is not intended to be all-inclusive but merely an overview. It does not alter, amend or change your coverage. Please refer to specific policies for limits, terms, conditions and exclusions.

cc: Risk Management Consultants
Fund Professionals
Fund Executive Directors



Addendum 1

Joint Insurance Fund

Quasi Entity General
Application

JOINT INSURANCE FUND
QUASI ENTITY
GENERAL APPLICATION

(Please Type or Print Legibly)

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Additional Named Insured: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Federal Tax ID No.: _____ Year Established: _____

Current Insurer: _____ Expiration
Date: _____ Policy #: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Phone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Contact Person for
Loss Control Inspection: _____ Phone No.: _____

Name of Sponsor Member entity: _____

Name of Joint Insurance Fund: _____

Name of Risk Management Consultant: _____

Contact
Person: _____ Phone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Describe the Municipal Service Provided: _____

Additional Named Insured Is: ☐ Corporation ☐ Charitable ☐ Not for Profit ☐ Other
(Explain)

Are Financial Statements available for this entity: Yes ☐ No ☐

Resolution Provided by Governing Body of Sponsor Member entity:

Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, Please Attach a Copy

Total Number of Employees: _____ Volunteers: _____ Participants: _____

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QUASI ENTITY
GENERAL APPLICATION

II. LOSS INFORMATION

GENERAL LIABILITY/NON-OWNED AUTO LIABILITY
DESCRIBE CLAIMS/RESERVES FOR LAST THREE (3) YEARS

YEAR	TYPE OF LOSS	CLAIM AMOUNT	VALUED AS OF	DESCRIPTION

III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What percentage of your activity takes place off municipal premises? _____

Does the entity enter into any hold harmless agreements with third parties: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, Explain: _____

Does entity engage in other activities other than described above? _____

For each of the following, please indicate if there is a procedure in effect for obtaining certificates of insurance, the limits required for each, and whether the certificates list the Additional Named Insured, as will appear on the policy, as an Additional Insured.

	Certificates?	Limits?	Additional Insured?
Food Concessionaires	_____	_____	_____
Vendors	_____	_____	_____
Exhibitors	_____	_____	_____
Independent Contractors	_____	_____	_____
Service Organizations	_____	_____	_____
Fireworks	_____	_____	_____

I UNDERSTAND THIS/(THESE) APPLICATION(S) IS/(ARE) A REQUIREMENT FOR COVERAGE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE COMPLETION OF THIS APPLICATION SHALL NOT BE BINDING EITHER TO THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL NAMED INSURED OR TO THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND UNTIL ACCEPTED BY THE JIF OR IN WRITING.

Date Signature Title



Addendum 2

Joint Insurance Fund
Quasi Entity – Class IV

Athletic Group Supplemental
Application

**JOINT INSURANCE FUND
QUASI ENTITY – CLASS IV
ATHLETIC GROUP SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION**

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Additional Named Insured: _____

Group Activities (Please check appropriate boxes below)

<u>Activity</u>	<u># of Participants</u>	<u># of Teams</u>	<u># of Coaches</u>	<u># of Officials/ Umpires</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Football	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Skiing	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Hockey	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Track	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Softball	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> La Crosse	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleading	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

II. UNDERWRITING INFORMATION

Are all practices, contests, and ancillary events sanctioned and supervised by a recognized association/league?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If No, Explain: _____

Is First Aid available for practices and local contests: Yes ☐ No ☐

Describe: _____

Describe safety precautions taken for the safety of spectators: _____

Are participants ever transported to/from practices or competitions by organization members?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, please describe: _____

Are Waiver/Release, or Consent Forms signed by participants? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please describe procedure and attach copy of form(s): _____

Does the organization provide accidental medical insurance for participants? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, please provide evidence of coverage (This is mandatory in order for the athletic group to be eligible for this insurance).

Are all coaches/trainers certified? Yes ☐ No ☐

(This is mandatory in order for the athletic group to be eligible for this insurance).

Please explain the certification process: _____

Who maintains the certification records? _____

Where are the records kept? _____

Signature

Title

Date