

Governor Phil Murphy

Governor Murphy Announces Authorization of Practice and Competition for Professional Sports Teams in New Jersey

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TRENTON – Pursuant to Executive Order No. 148 (<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-148.pdf>), Governor Murphy today noted that professional sports teams which train or play in New Jersey are allowed to practice and engage in games or matches, if their leagues resume competition.

“Our administration has been in constant discussions with our professional sports teams about a modified return to operations,” **said Governor Phil Murphy**. “While leagues make their own decisions about operations, I am confident that teams are equipped to practice and eventually play in a responsible manner, protecting the health and safety of players, coaches, and team personnel.”

The order, issued on Friday, May 22, 2020, explicitly allowed professional athletes which train and/or play in New Jersey to fulfill their job duties. It allows for teams to utilize their New Jersey-based facilities for practice, training, and other purposes where team personnel have to be on location and cannot work remotely.

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