



Southern California Amateur Softball Association

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Re: Background Checks, ASA's Minimum Criteria for Known Offenses

Background check results will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. An ASA committee evaluated certain background check issues and advised the ASA's Board of Directors of the committee's conclusions. Recently, the ASA's Board of Directors adopted a policy that states, at a minimum, any person who is known to have been convicted of any of the offenses described below warrants exclusion from any ASA youth program activities. This includes any participation as a coach, manager, official, umpire or participation in other capacity with respect to J.O. league or other youth program activities.

Different states adopt different laws and categorize different offenses. The list of offenses is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Southern California ASA may exclude any person from ASA youth program activities for any other offense that is deemed appropriately related to these issues.

All persons involved with any J.O. programs must remain diligent in safeguarding the welfare of the participants. Merely conducting background screenings is not a guarantee that our program will be problem-free. For instance, a background screening will not reveal a first time offender. A background screening may also fail to reveal conviction information on an individual using a false name or date of birth to conceal a criminal history.

Any person observing any criminal conduct should immediately report the conduct to the police.

A conviction of any of the below listed offenses mandates exclusion from participation in any ASA J.O. activity and / or program.

Mandatory Rejection includes the following:

1. Registered Sex Offender
2. Murder
3. Manslaughter
4. Robbery
5. Kidnapping
6. Aggravated Assault
7. Burglary
8. Arson
9. Reckless Homicide
10. Aggravated Domestic Violence
11. DUI – three or more in less than seven years
12. Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
13. Child Seduction
14. Criminal Deviate Seduction
15. Sexual Misconduct of Minor
16. Child Molesting
17. Child Solicitation
18. Rape
19. Felony and Class A / B Drug Offences
20. Sexual Assault
21. Embezzlement
22. Felony Theft
23. Injury to a Child
24. Child Pornography

In Southern California, background checks are now mandatory for all coaches, managers, umpires and all others that could possibly have direct contact with Junior Olympic players. Background checks are conducted by Comprehensive Information Services, Inc. (CIS), PO Box 79007, Pittsburg, PA 15216, 800-454-8725 (compliance@cisonline.com) through Virtual Tournament Director (VTD). There are many reputable companies offering background checks, but for uniformity purposes, Southern California ASA presently accepts only background checks submitted through VTD and are conducted by CIS. Your personal information listed in the Background Check Notice and your photo ID, i.e., Driver's License, will be treated and handled with utmost care and will be afforded all possible safeguard precautions. Once the background check is completed, all documents provided by you will be properly destroyed.

Should you have questions regarding the background checks please contact a member of the Southern California ASA Commissioner's Staff, except umpires who should contact a member of the Southern California Umpire-in-Chief Staff.