

CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM



OBJECTIVES

- Emphasize the importance of the Little League Child Protection Program
- Review the Background Check Process
- Introduce the new JDP/Sports Connect Integration
- Understand the SafeSport Federal Law
- Review the USA Baseball Pure Baseball Initiative/Training

CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

- Created in 1998 to educate local league volunteers on the best practices to keep players safe while participating in the Little League program
- Regulation I (c) 9 requires completion of the Little League Official Volunteer Application and an annual background check for all persons having repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams
- Little League aligned our program with the guidelines of USA Baseball Pure Baseball in the direction of SafeSport in 2018.
- Beginning in 2020, leagues must report to Little League Security Manager (Samantha Mahaffey) any individual who has been banned from their program. In addition, local leagues must report a volunteer who is listed on the National Sex Offender Registry.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

- JDP is the preferred background check vendor of Little League Baseball and Softball
- JDP Background Criminal Database contains over 450 million records and includes the National Sex Offender Registry
- Each league/district receives 125 free background checks through JDP per year
 - Background Checks follow the program year
 - Background completed in Oct 2020 is good until September 30, 2021
 - Background checks reset on October 1
- New JDP/Sports Connect Integration launches February 2020

REVIEWING BACKGROUND CHECKS

- A league should appoint a board member to review background checks
- NO league shall permit any person to participate in any manner whose background check reveals
 - Any conviction, guilty plea, no contest pleas, or admission to any crime involving or against a minor or minors
- If any potential volunteer appears on the National Sex Offender Register during the background check process, the league must contact the Security Manager for clarification in participation.
- Leagues has discretion on what criminal records make someone unfit to participate in that league position
 - i.e. Embezzlement/Forgery charges should not be placed in the Treasurer, Fundraising, Concession position

IMPORTANT REMINDERS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS

- League officials must:
 - Verify that all volunteers have completed a background check
 - Any individual that has repetitive access must complete a background check
 - Review a valid government issued ID of the potential volunteers
 - Ensure that potential volunteers complete their JDP QuickApp
 - Verify that there are no additional State Laws on background checks
 - Includes AL, CA, FL, MA, MI, NH, NV, OK, OR, and PA
- If a league wishes to use an outside provider, they must meet or exceed the standards of JDP
 - State and County Courthouse checks do not meet the Little League standard

JDP/SPORTS CONNECT INTEGRATION

Background Checks in 5 Simple Steps

- ✓ Setup & Confirm JDP Account
- ✓ Register Volunteer Online
- ✓ Request a Background Check to JDP with One Click
- ✓ Check Status Online in Real Time
- ✓ Verify Volunteer with Picture ID

SAFESPORT ACT

- “Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017” became federal law in 2018
- The goal of SafeSport is to protect children from abusive situations by engaging more people in the reporting and education processes
- A volunteer now can be held legally responsible if they have firsthand knowledge and fail to report any type of Child Abuse to the correct parties
- SafeSport covers all types of Child Abuse both physical and psychological
- SafeSport prompted USA Baseball to create Pure Baseball

USA BASEBALL PURE BASEBALL INITIATIVE

Little League International and all local little league programs must adhere to the following requirements from the SafeSport Act:

- Reporting of Abuse involving a minor to the proper authorities
 - All volunteers of a local league are now mandated reporters and could face criminal charges if the league chooses to ignore, or not report to the proper authorities, any witnessed act of child abuse, including sexual abuse, within 24 hours.
 - Local leagues must be aware of the proper procedures to report any type of abuse in their state. Please reference [LittleLeague.org/ChildAbuse](https://www.littleleague.org/ChildAbuse)
- Leagues must adopt a policy that prohibits retaliation for “good faith” reports of child abuse.
- Leagues must adopt a policy that limits one-on-one contact with minors.
- Leagues are highly encouraged to complete the Abuse Awareness training provided by USA Baseball and/or SafeSport.

PURE BASEBALL ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING

The screenshot shows the Little League Player Safety website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Other LL Sites', 'Resources For: Parents', 'Play Little League', 'League Finder', 'Playing Rules', 'Player Safety', 'Shop', and 'MENU'. The 'Player Safety' link is circled in red. Below this, a secondary navigation bar features 'Child Protection Program' (circled in red), 'Background Check Info', 'JDP', 'SafeSport' (circled in red), 'Child Abuse Info', 'State Laws', 'More', and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Pure Baseball Abuse Awareness Trainings' and contains two training cards. The first card, 'ABUSE AWARENESS FOR MINORS', features an image of a baseball team huddle and describes a course hosted by David Ross. The second card, 'ABUSE AWARENESS FOR ADULTS', features an image of a coach talking to a player and describes a course also hosted by David Ross.

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Child Protection Program

Background Check Info JDP **SafeSport** Child Abuse Info State Laws More Search this section

Pure Baseball Abuse Awareness Trainings



ABUSE AWARENESS FOR MINORS

Hosted by former Major Leaguer, David Ross, the Abuse Awareness for Minors course provides resources to identify what abuse is and what to do if someone is being



ABUSE AWARENESS FOR ADULTS

Hosted by former Major Leaguer, David Ross, the Abuse Awareness for Adults course provides resources to create a positive and safe environment for all athletes, coaches,

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Creating a Safe and Abuse Free Environment for Athletes

Hosted by former Major Leaguer and current Chicago Cubs Manager, David Ross, the Abuse Awareness for Adults course provides resources to create a positive and safe environment for all athletes, coaches, parents, umpires, and spectators by understanding how to recognize misconduct and abuse of all types. Topics covered include how to identify and report incidents and what abuse awareness policies should be in place.

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