

PA Little League Background Clearance Check (Rev 2 - 8.5.15)

In **addition** to the annual Little League Mandatory background checks (available through 1st advantage) PA Leagues will also be required to comply with the following new PA State Law, effective July 1, 2015.

LL Website referencing PA specific background check requirements

<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/programs/childprotection/state-laws-bg-checks/pennsylvania.htm>

NEW PA VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS:

On October 22, 2014 Governor Corbett signed into law House Bill 435 amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) Statute. On July 1, 2015 the legislation was revised. Along with other changes the most applicable revisions are:

- Waiver of fee for volunteers for the Criminal Record Check and the Child Abuse History Clearance Check. The fee for the FBI background check remains in place, if required.
- The background check renewal period has been increased from 3 to 5 years

This new law defines new clearance requirements for adult volunteers having direct contact with children.

New clearance requirements if the volunteer has been a resident of PA continuously for the past 10 years:

- 1) Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check (FREE)
<https://epatch.state.pa.us/>
- 2) Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance through the Dept. of Human Services (FREE)
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
- 3) Signed disclaimer affirming no charges in other states that would prohibit selection as a volunteer
<http://www.pastatell.org/Background%20Check%20Signature%20Form.pdf>

New clearance requirements if the volunteer has NOT been a resident of PA continuously for the past 10 years:

- 1) Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check (FREE)
<https://epatch.state.pa.us/>
- 2) Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance through the Dept. of Human Services (FREE)
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
- 3) FBI Criminal Background Check (fingerprint check) for federal criminal history records (\$27.50)
https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm

For questions related to the new clearance requirements for volunteers or the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, please contact the ChildLine Verification Unit at 717-783-6211 or 1-877-371-5422.

As a result of Mississippi sex offender registry records data no longer being included, the First Advantage National Criminal Record File no longer meets the Little League minimum requirements of the Little League Regulations. **To meet the requirements, a separate Mississippi State Sex Offender registry search must be conducted.** This can be done by accessing the state website <http://state.sor.dps.ms.gov/>

This document has been developed as a guide for local little leagues to aid them in understanding the process required by law. It should be used in conjunction with other due diligence by the leagues, should not be considered fully accurate nor take the place of appropriate legal counsel.