

Southeast Idaho Youth Football League Volunteer and Coaching Criminal Background Policy

Southeast Idaho Youth Football League (SIYFL) will require criminal background checks to be conducted by the Bannock County Sheriff's Office or other criminal background authorities as needed. All related information will be communicated to the agency conducting the investigation by the League President. Results of the investigation will not be communicated or shared with anyone other than the SIYFL Board of Directors.

The Volunteer/Coaching Application provides the authorization by the volunteer/coach for the League and or its representatives to conduct the criminal background checks. The Volunteer/Coaching application shall be determined either Favorable, or Unfavorable status for each applicant. This determination shall be based upon the application, background check and any other relevant information.

- 1) A "Favorable" application complies with our Disqualification Criteria nor has a criminal background.
- 2) An "Unfavorable" status application is outlined in our Disqualification Criteria.

Disqualification Criteria:

Individual volunteers guilty of the following crimes will be disqualified as a volunteer as outlined below. Guilty means the applicant was found guilty following a trial, entered a guilty plea, entered a no contest plea, regardless of the form of the judgement or the withheld judgement. This policy does not apply if criminal charges resulted in acquittal or dismissal. As a chapter of the National Youth Sport Coaches Association (NYSCA) and partnership with the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS), we have integrated strategic components of their recommended guidelines for Disqualification Criteria.

- 1) Ever found or plead to be Guilty of:
 - a. Any sex offenses including, but not limited to, child molestation, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sodomy, prostitution, solicitation, indecent exposure, lewd conduct, battery with intent to commit a sex crime or any substantially conforming finding of guilt from another jurisdiction.
 - b. All felony crimes of violence including, but not limited to, murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated burglary, etc.
- 2) Found to be Guilty Within the Past 10 Years of:
 - a. Any other felony offenses, not addressed in Section 1.
- 3) Found to be Guilty Within the Past 7 Years of:
 - a. Any misdemeanor violent offenses including, but not limited to, assault, battery, domestic violence, hit & run, animal cruelty, or any substantially conforming finding of guilt from another jurisdiction.
- 4) Found to be Guilty of three (3) or more misdemeanors in the past five (5) years.

- 5) Any other misdemeanor within the past 5 years that could be considered a potential danger to children or is directly related to the functions of the volunteer including, but not limited to, any misdemeanor violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, providing alcohol to a minor, theft or substantially conforming findings of guilt from another jurisdiction.

Should any pending charges described in sections 1 thru 5 above, be discovered, or should any of the above charges be brought against an applicant during the season, the applicant shall be suspended from coaching or volunteering until such time as the charges have been dismissed or the defendant is acquitted, and the League has approved reinstatement.

Any coach or volunteer application that is deemed to be of an “Unfavorable” status, as outlined in the Volunteer and Coaching Criminal Background Policy, will be removed from coaching or volunteer duties immediately. The coach or volunteer can review their application status with the appropriate authority that conducted the background search for any misrepresentations or inaccurate information. In the event there is inaccurate information the Board may review the application. The appropriate authority will provide the League with their final determination of the volunteer’s application based on SIYFL’s Volunteer and Coaching Criminal Background Policy.