

M e m o r a n d u m

TO: ASA Local Associations

FROM: Ron Radigonda, Executive Director

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RE: ASA's Minimum Criteria for Known Offenses

All background check results should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. An ASA committee has evaluated certain background check issues and advised ASA's Board of Directors' of the committee's conclusions. Recently, 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 on the attached sheet warrants exclusion from any ASA youth program activities. This would include any participation as a coach, manager, official, umpire or participation in any other capacity with respect to J.O. league or other youth program activities.

The attached sheet lists various offenses. Different states adopt different laws and categorize different offenses. The attached list of offenses is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Your organization should exclude any person from ASA youth program activities for any other offense you deem appropriately relates to these issues.

All persons involved with any J.O. programs should remain diligent in safeguarding the welfare of the participants. Merely conducting background screenings is not a guarantee that your 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.

Attachment to Memorandum

Mandatory Rejection should include 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- 3 or more in less than 7 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

A conviction of any of the above offenses mandates exclusion from participation in any ASA Junior Olympic activity and/or program.