

Child Protective Services Law

TYA Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- 1. Who must submit background check clearances to TYA?**
 - a. All adults who may have care, supervision, guidance or control of children, or routine interaction with children must have proper clearances.
- 2. How long are clearances valid?**
 - a. PSP Criminal History and DHS Child Abuse clearances are valid for 60 months. FBI fingerprints are required only once.
- 3. Do I need to submit original documents of the clearances?**
 - a. No - Organizations are permitted to accept non-original copies of the required documents from volunteers.
- 4. Do drivers need clearances?**
 - a. If a parent asks another parent (parent to parent) to drive their son or daughter to an event (game, practice) then clearances are not required.
 - b. If however a carpool is organized or drivers are recruited by the team's coaches, then clearances are required.
- 5. Do parents helping with fundraisers (store front sales, etc.) need clearances?**
 - a. If the parent will be or could be responsible for a child other than their own son or daughter then clearances are required.
- 6. Do adults who stay occasionally at an event (game, practice, etc.) to help out need clearances?**
 - a. Clearances are not required unless their participation becomes a regular occurrence.
- 7. How does our coach know who has completed the clearances?**
 - a. A master list of who has complied / completed their clearances will be maintained by TYA, and will be made available to the Sport Directors and shared with Team Coaches as needed. It will be an Excel workbook of listing volunteer name, dates of each form, and expiration date of background checks. This will need to be compared with the team roster of adult volunteers each sport season.
- 8. Do I need to submit clearances for each sport / volunteer position in which I participate?**
 - a. No – not as long as current background check clearances are on file with TYA.
- 9. Should our team collect and maintain copies of the clearances?**
 - a. No. TYA has a central database that will maintain these copies.
- 10. What offenses can make a volunteer ineligible?**
 - a. PA Law – a complete list of offenses is available in the Volunteer Disclosure Statement.
- 11. Who should keep the original clearances?**
 - a. Each volunteer should keep his or her own original clearances as they can be used for other volunteer organizations. TYA will maintain digital copies provided by its volunteers.
- 12. Are my clearances good for more than just TYA?**
 - a. Yes. They can be used for any volunteer organization in Pennsylvania.