

HAMPDEN YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM:

The Hampden Youth Baseball Association Board of Directors and our community of athletes and parents would like to thank you for your interest in volunteering for our organization. It is because of people such as you that we have a first class organization. In an effort to keep our athletes safe and secure, and according to Little League rules, all volunteers wishing to serve the HYBA must submit to a background check. The background check is at the expense of HYBA and will be conducted only with the consent of the volunteer. Prospective volunteers that do not agree to submit to a background check are immediately disqualified from serving as a volunteer until such time a background check is completed.

When a background check is completed certain offenses will immediately and permanently disqualify a person from volunteering in our organization. Examples are listed in the PA School Code, Section 111(e), which identifies offenses defined in Title 18, Crimes And Offenses, including but not limited to such offenses as criminal homicide, aggravated assault, kidnapping, luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure, rape, sexual assault, indecent exposure, endangering welfare of children, and sexual abuse of children. The amendments in Section 111(e) also clarify that, in addition to the specifically listed offenses, similar offenses under the laws or former laws of the United States, one of its territories or possessions, another state or the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, foreign nations or under a former law of Pennsylvania, will also constitute Section 111(e) offenses.

Additionally, an important mechanism to help ensure our athletes' safety is *current* HYBA volunteers are now required to report to the Board of Directors any arrest or conviction of Section 111(e) offense that may occur during the HYBA season. The reporting of such an arrest or conviction must take place within 72 hours of the event.

The HYBA Board of Directors also requires that if there is *reasonable belief* that a volunteer was convicted of a Section 111(e) offense and the volunteer has not notified the Board of Directors of such conviction, the volunteer will be required to submit to new background checks at HYBA's request and expense.

All volunteers must provide the following:

- Completed Little League Volunteer Form (with Social Security Number)
- Copy of valid photo ID

For HYBA Board members, coaches and team parents, the following is additionally required:

- "Report of Criminal History" from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP);
- "Child Abuse History" certification from the Department of Human Services;
- If a volunteer has NOT been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the entirety of the previous 10 years, a fingerprint based federal criminal history (FBI) submitted through a PA Department of Human Services (DHS) authorized agent is required. The fee will be reimbursed by the HYBA for those selected to serve as Board members, coaches and team parents.

Check ONE Box:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the entirety of the previous 10 years
--------------------------	--

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have NOT been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the entirety of the previous 10 years
--------------------------	--

Signature

Printed Name

Date