



Dear Parkland Area Soccer Club Coach/Volunteer,

In 2014 the Pennsylvania state legislature passed a bill to amend the commonwealth's Child Protective Services Law. Known as Act 153 of 2014, the law will now require statewide standards in child safety. Parkland Area Soccer Club fully supports this initiative on behalf of all our participating children.

Beginning July 1, 2015, all adults, 18 years and older, applying for a volunteer position must submit the appropriate background checks/clearances prior to the commencement of service. Volunteers requiring clearances are those "acting in lieu of a parent" or having direct contact where they provide care, supervision, guidance or control of children or have routine interaction with children.

To meet this requirement, all PASC Coaches/Volunteers must obtain and provide proof of the following clearances before you will be allowed to serve as a volunteer:

- **PA Child Abuse History clearance** (\$10) – fee waived for volunteers
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>
- **PA State Police Criminal Records Check** (\$10) – fee waived for volunteers
<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>
- **FBI Criminal Background Check**, if you have not been a continuous resident of Pennsylvania for 10 years (\$27.50)
https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm

NOTE: Volunteers not requiring an FBI check, and that have been a continuous resident of PA for the last ten years, must submit an **Affidavit of Compliance** (affirm in writing) that they have no other convictions that would disqualify them.

Effective July 25, 2015 the cost of the first two clearances for volunteers is free. It is recommended that you apply promptly. It can take up to 2 weeks to get back some of the clearances and we anticipate many people will be applying.

Clearances are good for 36 months and are transferrable to other organizations/roles.

Please submit clearances for all volunteers on your team to admin@parklandsoccer.org by August 25, 2015.

For more information regarding the background check/clearances, please refer to the links below:

[EPYS Memorandum on PA Child Protection Laws and Clearances](#)

[EPYS Guidance Matrix for Volunteers](#)

<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/findaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/index.htm>

www.KeepKidsSafe.PA.gov

If you have any questions, please contact PASC Coordinators:

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Thank you,
Parkland Area Soccer Club