



Cooper City Optimist Youth Sports Volunteer Screening Program

VOLUNTEER IN YOUTH SPORTS
Background Consent/Release Form

Applicant's Legal Name (printed)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Applicant's Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Sport _____ Volunteer Position _____

I, _____, authorize and give consent for the above named organization to obtain information regarding myself. This includes the following:

- Criminal background records/information
- Sex Offender Registry Checks
- Addresses
- Social Security Verification

I the undersigned, authorize this information to be obtained either in writing or via telephone in connection with my application. Any person, firm or organization providing information or records in accordance with this authorization is released from any and all claims of liability for compliance. Such information will be held in confidence in accordance with the organization's guidelines.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION

Criminal background checks will be done for all volunteers who act in the following capacities which require Club approval:

1. Manager/Head Coaches
2. "Official" Assistant Coaches*
3. Board Members
4. Commissioners/Assistant Commissioners

*An "Official" Assistant Coach is any coach designated by the Head Coach as an Assistant who has consistent contact with the youth participants.

"Team Mothers" volunteer parents and other volunteers whom have incidental contact with league participants or do not otherwise come before the Club for approval, do not fall within these guidelines and will not be required to undergo the background check.

A person will be disqualified and prohibited from serving as a volunteer if the person has been found guilty of the following crimes:

Guilty means that a person was found guilty following a trial, entered a guilty plea, entered a no contest plea accompanied by a court finding of guilty, regardless of whether there was an adjudication of guilt (conviction) or a withholding of guilt. This recommendation does not apply if criminal charges resulted in acquittal, Nolle Prose, or dismissal.

SEX OFFENSES

- **All Sex Offenses** – *Regardless of the amount of time since offense.*

Examples include: child molestation, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sodomy, prostitution, solicitation, indecent exposure, etc.

FELONIES

- **All Felony Violence** – *Regardless of the amount of time since offense.*

Examples include: murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated Burglary, etc.

- **All Felony offenses** other than **violence** or **sex** within the past 10 years.

Examples include: drug offenses, theft, embezzlement, fraud, child endangerment, etc.

MISDEMEANORS

- **All misdemeanor violence** offenses within the past 7 years

Examples include: simple assault, battery, domestic violence, hit & run, etc.

- **All misdemeanor drug & alcohol offenses** within the past 5 years or multiple offenses in the past 10 years.

Examples include: driving under the influence, simple drug possession, drunk and disorderly, public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia, etc.

- **Any other misdemeanor** within the past 5 years that would be considered a potential danger to children or is directly related to the functions of that volunteer.

Example include: contributing to the delinquency of a minor, providing alcohol to a minor, theft – if person is handling monies, etc.

PENDING CASES

Anyone who has been charged for any of the disqualifying offenses or for cases pending in court will not be permitted to volunteer until the official adjudication of the case.