

INFORMATION REGARDING PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Pennsylvania General Assembly has adopted legislation which requires all independent contractors of public schools to complete three background checks. PIAA and the Pennsylvania Department of Education have determined that sport officials are independent contractors and that they do not meet the criteria which would permit waiver of the requirement. Consequently, the PIAA By-Laws require all persons desiring to register as a PIAA sports official to complete the mandatory three background checks before they will be registered.

PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS:

PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS – PERMANENT BAN ON REGISTRATION: Pursuant to state law, no school may enter into an independent contractor relationship with any person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, certain specified felonies, regardless of when or in what jurisdiction the conviction occurred. Therefore, if you have a felony conviction for one or more of the following offenses, you should **NOT** submit an application for registration, as it will be rejected:

- criminal homicide
- aggravated assault
- stalking
- kidnapping
- unlawful restraint
- rape
- sexual assault
- indecent exposure
- indecent assault
- incest
- corruption of minors
- sexual abuse of children
- sexual exploitation of children
- an offense under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act
- obscene and other sexual materials and performances
- involuntary deviate sexual intercourse
- prostitution and related offenses
- offenses dealing with infant children
- luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure
- endangering the welfare of children
- statutory sexual assault
- institutional sexual assault
- concealing the death of a child
- aggravated indecent assault
- sexual intercourse with an animal
- unlawful contact with a minor
- solicitation of minors to traffic drugs

PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS – TEMPORARY BAN ON REGISTRATION: Pursuant to state law, no school may enter into an independent contractor relationship with any person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, any other felony unless ten years have passed since the completion of the sentence for the offense. Therefore, if you have a felony conviction for an offense other than those listed above, you should not submit an application for registration until at least **ten years** have passed since completion of your sentence for such conviction.

PRIOR FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS: Pursuant to state law, no school may enter into an independent contractor relationship with any person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, a first degree misdemeanor unless five years have passed since the completion of the sentence for the offense. Therefore, if you have a first degree misdemeanor conviction, you should not submit an application for registration until at least **five years** have passed since completion of your sentence for such conviction.

PRIOR MULTIPLE CONVICTIONS FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE: Pursuant to state law, no school may enter into an independent contractor relationship with any person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, more than one offense for driving under the influence unless three years have passed since the completion of the sentence for the most recent offense. Therefore, if you have such a conviction, you should not submit an application for registration until at least **three years** have passed since completion of your sentence for the most recent such conviction.

OTHER PRIOR CONVICTIONS: Because of the critical importance of honesty and integrity in the reputation of PIAA-registered sport officials, the PIAA By-Laws authorize the Executive Director to reject the application of any applicant who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the honesty or veracity of the official. If you have such a conviction, and you have completed the sentence for such offense more than ten years ago (for a felony) or five years ago (for a first degree misdemeanor), you should submit an explanation of such offense and explain why you do not believe that the offense should disqualify you from serving in a position where your honesty and integrity are critical.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS: Applicants are to provide their Social Security number solely for PIAA use. The numbers are used internally for identification purposes and will **NOT** be released to third parties.