



Ensuring Safety: Exploring JDP Background Checks for Youth Sports Coaches and Volunteers

Background checks are a critical aspect of maintaining a safe environment for young athletes in sports programs. JDP recognizes this responsibility by offering two primary screening tools to support the Safeguarding of your youth sports program: National Criminal Database Searches and County Criminal Records Searches. This guide aims to clarify the distinct advantages of each option and why combining them is paramount for the safety and security of your athletes.

JDP National Criminal Database Search: Nationwide Coverage

This search provides a comprehensive view of an individual's criminal history by scanning a vast database exceeding 1 billion records. Drawing from various sources including Criminal Records, all 50 state Sex Offender Registries, OFAC, FBI Terrorist List, Proprietary Offender Data (POD), Department of Public Safety (DPS), Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Department of Corrections (DOC), and Federal/State/Local Wanted Fugitive Lists, it offers:

- **Fast Results:** Typically delivers results within a few hours, facilitating efficient coach and volunteer screening.
- **Nationwide Coverage:** Serves as an initial step by offering an extensive overview of an individual's criminal history across the country. Note that not all records from every state and jurisdiction are included.

JDP County Criminal Records Search: In-depth Examination of Local Records

This search focuses on specific counties where the coach or volunteer currently resides or has resided in the past 5-7 years, aligning with the scope of your program. By retrieving the most recent and detailed information directly from courthouses, it ensures:

- **Enhanced Accuracy:** Verification from the source provides the most up-to-date and accurate details on an individual's local criminal record.
- **Uncovering Details:** Reveals additional information on offenses or ongoing cases that may not be included in national databases.

Why Combining National and County Searches is Essential?

While the National Database Search offers a valuable nationwide perspective, the County Criminal Records Search provides unparalleled accuracy and depth. Here's why leveraging both is imperative:

- **Unparalleled Protection:** Combining searches minimizes risks by providing the most comprehensive understanding of an individual's background.
- **Local Verification:** National databases may contain inaccuracies, whereas county searches confirm details, offering a more reliable depiction.
- **Complete Peace of Mind:** By utilizing both searches, you can be confident that no relevant information is overlooked, ensuring the safety of your young athletes.

JDP and Player's Health: Partners in Safeguarding Young Athletes

Both JDP and Player's Health are committed to prioritizing the safety of young athletes. Through our flexible search packages and collaboration with Player's Health Risk Management Services, you can optimize your safeguarding efforts, ultimately fostering a safe and secure environment for your athletes.