Little League Baseball, Incorporated ("LLB") Regulations require that all chartered Little League programs conduct an annual background check on all persons that are required to complete a "Little League Official Volunteer Application". It is required that all of the following persons must annually submit a fully completed "Little League Official Volunteer Application" to the local league president prior to the applicant assuming his/her duties for the then current season: managers, coaches, Board of Directors members and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to or contact with players or teams.

As of December 15, 2015, few state statutes mandate background checks of non-school associated activities for volunteers of youth sports and athletics. Certain municipal ordinances and administrative regulations require background checks.

As of December 15, 2015, states with background check requirements enacted are: Alabama, California, Florida, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

Local leagues are required by LLB Regulations to determine the applicability of, and comply with, all federal, state, local and municipal laws and ordinances, and administrative rules and regulations regarding background checks including, but not limited to, requirements regarding sex offender registry checks, criminal history records or reports, fingerprinting, certifications, or other requirements associated with volunteers, coaches, participants and/or employees. It is strongly recommended that local leagues consult with legal counsel in their own jurisdictions to determine the applicability, if any, of state and local requirements, if any, to their programs regarding background checks. Failure to comply with all LLB requirements regarding background checks may result in the suspension or revocation of tournament privileges and/or a local league's charter by action of the Charter or Tournament committees.