



PA ACT 153 REQUIREMENTS

The PA Act 153 Clearance is the latest background check mandated by the State Legislature for Pennsylvania organizations. The State of Pennsylvania passed the PA Act 153 in 2014 to help ensure that any adults who come in contact with children, whether paid employees or unpaid volunteers, complete a comprehensive and regularly updated criminal and child abuse background check.

If you currently have a valid copy of any of the documents required by PA ACT 153, please present hardcopies to the BAA Board for verification. **For more information, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions at the PA Keep Kids Safe website:** http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c_135249.pdf

For the safety of the children, NOONE will be permitted to aid with their child's team unless ALL background clearances required by ACT 153 are on file with the BAA. Managers will monitor access to playing fields throughout the season once the BAA Board of Directors supplies an approved list of Parents/Guardians.

PA CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK (ACT 34)

Any Parent/Guardian requesting to Manage, Coach, or Assist on the field during practices or games is required to obtain a **Criminal Record Check** (otherwise known as an Act 34 Clearance) through the PA State Police (PATCH) System and submit a copy to the BAA. *This is the standard criminal background check that we've done for years.*

Effective July 1, 2015, there is no charge for volunteers and the link where the clearance can be initiated follows: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/TandCVolunteerAction.do> .

PA CHILD ABUSE HISTORY CLEARANCE

Any parent/guardian requesting to Manage, Coach, or Assist on the field during practices or games is required to obtain a **PA Child Abuse Clearance** through the Department of Public Welfare on the State of Pennsylvania's website and submit a copy to the BAA. *This is a new clearance requirement for people in contact with minors that became effective in Pennsylvania as of July 1, 2015.*

There is no charge for volunteers and the link where the clearance can be initiated follows:
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home> .

FEDERAL CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORT AND FINGER PRINTING

Any parent/guardian requesting to Manage, Coach, or Assist on the field during practices or games is required to obtain a **Federal Criminal History Report** (w./ Finger Printing) through the Child Welfare Portal on the State of Pennsylvania's website and submit a copy to the BAA. *This is a new clearance requirement for people in contact with minors that became effective in Pennsylvania as of July 1, 2015.*

Volunteers who have been living full-time in Pennsylvania for the previous 10 years or more may submit a "Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers" (otherwise known as a waiver).

If you are **not** exempt, you will have to register online at https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm and have your fingerprints taken at a certified finger printing station.