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Mid American District Hockey Background Screening update

As previously noted, we changed screening vendors January 31, 2019. Our new vendor permits us to immediately forward results to the national database at USA Hockey in Colorado Springs so that screening results (pass or fail) will be in an automated file along with Safe Sport compliance. The benefit of this is multi-fold:

- Results are maintained in a permanent database that is accessible to each local association registrar.
- Designed to assist in each local association's participant compliance.
- The registrar for each association can, through their registration portal, "see" which of their personnel is both Safe Sport and Screening compliant.
- While each applicant can go online and download proof of their screening, they no longer need to carry a letter or card with them.

We previously were able to personalize our screening to include BMV results and a review committee of the Board made the determination if a person was appropriate to participate as a coach or volunteer in your program, but not transport children, (other than their own) due to contents of the report. Due to changes in both Pennsylvania records which require approximately 2 weeks to obtain a response, and the use of the national database which requires red light/green light approval, **the ability of an exception is no longer available in all participant searches.**

The change will not affect any screening done through this date but we want to be sure that all associations are aware of the change and that NO further motor vehicle records will be searched/checked.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Day, President, or Kaye Pinkowski, Director who maintains the screening database.

Sincerely,

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President

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