

**\*\*\*if you had your background check done last season, DO NOT run this season!! They are good for this season. The following rules only apply this season to NEW membership. The following rules will apply to EVERYONE the 2021/2022 season\*\*\***

## **NEW BACKGROUND CHECK SCREENING**

**Background** in order to comply with new requirements from the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USA Hockey implemented a *national level* background screening policy effective April 1, 2020. USA Hockey has procured the services of NCSI – industry leader in youth-centered background screening. Background screens through NCSI under the national program will cost \$30. All new screens submitted through the new NCSI national screening program will be valid for two seasons.

**Screening** The background screen are to be completed **every 2 years**. The new screening policy will cost the individual \$30. But MAY be reimbursed by MAHA.

### **Background Screen procedure for reimbursement and who is reimbursed by MAHA:**

MAHA will reimburse the LOCAL Association for certain individuals in a lump sum check after Jan 1 of the current season to:

- a. Rostered/certified coaches (Including In-house certified coached)
- b. Certified referees
- c. 1 team manger per team

Association Requirements for Reimbursement: **No later than, Nov 1** (or earlier if start of practice is before then):

1. Local Safesport Coordinator (SSC) will deliver to MAHA Safesport Director (SSD) a list of all the above individuals for every team their association will have. This includes inhouse teams AND any tiered tournament teams (Wildcats, Team Montana(s), 14U/16U/18U teams associated with USAH).
2. Association Registrar will forward all official roster links for every team to the SSD for verifications that the coaches from the lists in #1 are approved (SS, CEP, Modules) and the reimbursable Team Manager is listed on the roster.
3. SSD will run a final verification on Jan 1, from the lists and rosters of coaches and team manager for completions. I need both (#1 and #2 to verify non rostered coaches, ie 8U, house, practice coaches – as long as they have their credentials done, they will be reimbursed)
4. SSD will turn into MAHA Treasurer reimbursement numbers for each local association. The Association check will be sent out after Jan 1 of current season to the Local Association. It will be up to the Local Association how you reimburse these coaches and team managers.

**\*\*If SSD does not receive the list & links from Local Associations, there will be NO reimbursements from MAHA. \*\***

**Officials will be checked and reimbursed differently and through coordination with the MAHA Ref-in-Chief after Jan 1.**