



## **ANNUAL MEMBER REQUIREMENT**

Orange County Junior all American, Inc. (OCJAAF) and its affiliates have a great deal of concern about the safety and abuse of children. As a person who is interested in the well being of children, we believe you are entitled to know how our organization is dealing with this critical issue. In addition, as an applicant for a volunteer/staff position with our organization, you need to know the measures we employ to protect children in our care, as well volunteers/staff, from this serious problem.

OCJAAF will not knowingly allow any person convicted of a crime of violence, physical abuse, sale of illegal substances, or has any other convictions that would indicate a pattern of behavior that would have a detrimental effect on children to be placed in a position that would

involve direct contact with children. We will not tolerate the abuse of any child and will make an active effort to prevent any abuse of children in our program. We attempt to screen out anyone who poses an unreasonable risk to children through a background check. We try to structure our activities so that volunteers/staff are not unnecessarily left alone with children. We take any allegations by children and others very seriously. We will refer allegations to the State law enforcement authorities for investigation and will fully cooperate in any investigation.

### **Who Must Participate?**

Any and all individuals requiring an OCJAAF ID badge as a member of a Chapter's Board of Directors, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Other Non-Rostered Staff, C.G.D.P.C.A., etc.



### **What Happens If I Don't Submit My Application?**

You will not be provided an OCJAAF ID Badge, therefore ineligible to participate as a volunteer/staff in this organization and/or its affiliates.

### **When Should I Submit My Application?**

It is recommended that all eligible volunteer/staff members of a chapter board or team submit their individual application as soon as possible to ensure your clearance and no delays in the issue of an OCJAAF required I.D. badge.

### **Do I need to submit an application each year?**

**YES.** The background check is only valid through the end of the current year. OCJAAF members must submit a new application with each New Year/Season.

### **What Information Is Required on This Application?**

Once online, you will select your chapter title/position before viewing a single page application whereby you will enter personal information: *legal name, date of birth, address, phone number, driver's license number, and social security number.* You will then answer four (4) questions (yes/no) and agree to an authorization and liability release. Once completed, you will receive a Registration Confirmation Number which you can print and keep for your record. You can register additional family members on this confirmation page if you so desire.

*Effective 2016: It is the responsibility of each individual OCJAAF Chapter to establish their own account with the services of Protect Youth Sports Company in providing the OCJAAF with the service and administration of the youth sport background checks of its volunteers. All data shall be forwarded to the OCJAAF Attorney for continued review and reporting of eligible and cleared members for participation. Background checks will be closed by October 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.*