

ORGANIZATIONAL CHECKLIST

The following is a list of suggestions and/or questions youth programs/organizations should be asking regarding preventing child abuse

1. What does the organization do to educate, coaches, parents, volunteers and children about child abuse
2. Quality Background checks and how often?
3. Should the organization/program have a “Coordinator” for child abuse?
4. Create or review your written policies on abuse.
5. Should your organization have a policy of one-on-one contact?
6. Policy on overnight parties/sleepovers
 - a. Traveling teams – child should be accompanied by parent/guardian?
7. Distribution of rosters should be limited...”need to know” basis
8. Policy or guideline on what if a coach or parent suspects abuse.
 - a. Who do they contact?
9. What is the program/organization’s policy regarding the suspension or termination of the coach?
 - a. Appeal process
10. Does the program/organization have a National Organization that it belongs to that has required guidelines that are to be implemented at the local level? And are they being followed?

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