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USATF is pleased to announce that effective July 01, 2016, USATF has partnered with the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) to provide the organization's mandatory background screening services. All constituents required to complete a background screen in their role with USATF, including USATF National Staff, Board Members, Youth Committee members, registered agents, coaches on the Coaches Registry, youth club coaches and youth club administrators, will now be processed by NCSI. NCSI is recognized as a standard of professionalism and efficiency in the background screening industry. USATF is pleased with the partnership as we endeavor to protect the integrity of the organization.

Outlined herein are answers to some of the FAQ's regarding any significant changes from the previous background screening vendor:

- The NCSI background screening process will continue to be accessed through the USATF website (www.usatf.org)
- The cost of the NCSI background screening process will remain at \$16.00 for two (2) years.
- A currently approved TC LogiQ background screen result will remain effective until December 31, 2016
- The NCSI background screening process will be the same for all members
- Criteria for each background screen can be found in Section 4 of the [USATF SafeSport Handbook](#)

If further information regarding the NCSI Background Screening process is required please contact NCSI at [\(866\) 833-7100](tel:866-833-7100) or by email at ClientServices@ncsisafe.com.

Below are some specific notes on what this means for your Association.

- One key change is that all screens will be two-year screens that expire 2 years from the date they were passed. Screens will no longer expire on December 31st of the membership year.
- A second key change is that all members taking a screen will be required to upload a photo/scan of their government issued identification.
- The final key change is the additional steps that will go into effect for members residing or working in Pennsylvania. Applicants who reside or work in Pennsylvania, as determined during their background screen, will be directed to upload the required documents, per the Pennsylvania Act 153, using the Pennsylvania Document Repository Services (PA DRS) through NCSI. The applicant will be required to pay the associated fee for this service which is \$11.25. NCSI will maintain these records until their expiration. Completed background screen results will be reported to USATF as soon as applicants have completed the PA DRS requirements, if applicable.
- Criteria on the screens and who is required to take screens has not changed.
- Processing for club approvals has not changed. All club coaches and volunteers will need to have a cleared background screen and completed USOC SafeSport course in order for their club to be active in the system. If any person does not have both of those criteria met, their club will be inactive.
- NCSI has a team of individuals at the ready to assist in any technical assistance with the program. They can be contacted at [\(866\) 833-7100](tel:866-833-7100) or by email at ClientServices@ncsisafe.com.

We will continue to communicate with you and constituents throughout the year to ensure this transition is seamless. If you have any questions, please let me know and I will be happy to address immediately.

Thank you!
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