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MEMORANDUM

TO: Individual & Dojo Members
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USJF Board of Directors & Board of Examiners Delegates
USJF Committee Chairpersons & Executive Committee

FROM: USJF National Office

RE: Background Screening Update

DATE: November 15, 2020

Years ago, USJF adopted the US Center for SafeSport's programs and standards for education and training to protect athletes and participants from abuse. SafeSport has begun to require more rigorous background screens. Thus, our background screening has been updated to meet these new standards. Our screening vendor continues to be National Center for Security Initiatives (NCSI). NCSI is now wholly owned by SportsEngine. SportsEngine is a National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Sports Group Company.



The major changes are that background screening is now **required to be completed annually** and there are more data sources available to conduct a wider, more thorough background screening. **The screening fee has been increased to \$35.00.** The new screening program is compliant with the newer, stricter SafeSport standards and includes two (2) annual background screens/checks.

1. Under the new screening standard:
 - a. You are paying for two (2) background screens over two (2) years.
 - i. 1st background screen – upon application for the 1st year.
 - ii. 2nd background screen – upon anniversary for the 2nd year.
 - b. 2nd background screen is done **AUTOMATICALLY** at end of 1st year (**NO ACTION BY APPLICANT NECESSARY.**)
2. Please download the USJF Background Screening/Check Consent & Release Form.
3. Please complete the form by typing into the PDF document. **Please NO HANDWRITTEN applications.**
4. Please print, and **SIGN** the application.
5. Please mail completed, signed form, along with your \$35.00 check (made out to "USJF") to the USJF National Office.
 - a. Results of both the 1st and 2nd screenings are automatically provided to USJF.
 - b. **AFTER the 2nd year screen EXPIRES**, the applicant must **REAPPLY** for a new screen.
 - c. The cost for this new screening is \$35.00. This cost covers both screenings for the 1st and 2nd year.

These statements are based on the assumption that your background screens return clear and free of any disqualifiers.

There is a new background check/screening application form that will be available on our website. It is also **included as the last page of this memo.** The application form is a fillable PDF document. Please use this form to apply for your screening.

If you have recently completed a clear background screen, it will be grandfathered and will be valid for a maximum of one (1) year. Once the grandfathered background expires, you will need to obtain a new screening through the new system.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Thank you very much for your continued service to judo and USJF



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Please complete this form by using Acrobat Reader or by typing. Handwritten applications will NOT be accepted.

Applicant Name: (Please Type) _____
First Middle Last

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____
House Number & Street

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

I, _____, authorize and give consent for United States Judo Federation,
Name of Applicant

Inc. (USJF), through participating agencies, to obtain information regarding myself. This includes felony convictions within the last 10 years for any of the following:

- 1. Crimes against children: sex abuse, rape, or assault
- 2. Crimes of violence
- 3. Drug and alcohol crimes

Additionally, if charges have been brought against the Applicant without a felony conviction of a pedophilia type nature, the same sanctions shall apply.

I, the undersigned, authorize this information to be obtained either in writing, electronically, and/or via telephone in connection with my volunteer application. Any person, firm or organization providing information or records in accordance with this authorization is released from any and all claims of liability for compliance to the fullest extent permitted by law. Such information will be held in confidence in accordance with USJF guidelines.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ USJF Membership Number: _____

Would you like a copy of your background screening results mailed to you? Yes _____ No _____

Please mail: (1) Background Screening/Check Consent & Release Form

(2) check for \$35.00 made payable to "USJF"

To: USJF, PO Box 338, Ontario, OR 97914-0338

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Date Received		Check No.	Amount	
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