

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY**

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| TITLE: | Youth Program Background Screening Policy | Number: | 500.06 |
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In an effort to ensure that the City of Pompano Beach provides a safe place for children to learn and enjoy recreation programs, and in an effort to acquire and retain volunteers and instructors who are more likely to safely interact with participants in programs, the Parks and Recreation Department will conduct criminal background screening on all prospective volunteers and instructors, and based upon the recommended guidelines for credentialing set by the National Recreation and Park Association, shall establish and enforce criteria for disqualification of applicants.

- (1) The following shall constitute grounds for disqualification of an applicant:
- (a) The applicant has been found guilty of any of the following crimes listed below:

“Guilty” means that a person was found guilty following a trial, entered a guilty plea or entered a no contest plea, accompanied by a court finding of guilt, regardless of whether there was an adjudication of guilt (conviction) or a withholding of guilt. Acquittal, Nolle Prose, or dismissal of charges shall not be included in said definition:

1. **SEX OFFENSES INVOLVING CHILDREN**

*All Sex Offenses and Offenses involving children or the abuse of children – regardless of the amount of time since offense. Examples include but are not limited to child molestation, rape, sodomy, prostitution, indecent exposure.

2. **FELONIES**

*All Felony Offenses involving violence – regardless of the amount of time since the offense. Examples include but are not limited to: murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery.

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*All Felony Offenses, other than those for violence, sex, or offenses involving children, within the past seven (7) years of the date of the application. Examples include but are not limited to: drug offenses, theft.

3. MISDEMEANORS

*All Misdemeanor offenses involving violence within the past five (5) years of the application date. Examples include but are not limited to: simple battery, assault, domestic violence.

*Any three (3) or more Misdemeanor drug offenses or alcohol offenses, or any combination of same within the past five (5) years of the application date. Examples include, but are not limited to, driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia.

*Any other Misdemeanor offense within the past five (5) years of the application date that would be considered a potential danger to children or that is directly related to the function of that coach. Examples include but are not limited to contributing to the delinquency of a minor, providing alcohol to a minor, petty theft of money.

- (b) Pending prosecution of offenses listed under subsection (a.) above.
- (c) Falsification of any requested information on the application.

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- (d) Any person who at the time of the application is serving a period of Community Control or probation for any offense. No such person shall be eligible until all supervision has terminated and all provisions of the sentence have become final.


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