

## YBOA ABUSE/MOLESTATION POLICY

YBOA will not tolerate the abuse/molestation of any participant at a YBOA sanctioned activity. YBOA sanctions athletic events in which it provides rules for play and a tournament structure for teams that register to participate in YBOA sanctioned activities that are overseen by YBOA directors and chosen Tournament Hosts.

We encourage parents (and guardians) who determine the team for a youth team participant, the adult team participants (such as team coaches or team sponsors) of a team, the community organizations who are involved in the organization, creation or management of such teams to thoroughly investigate and screen the background and character of the individuals who coach, manage, volunteer or otherwise come into contact with such teams and their minor participants and to vigilantly supervise any and all activities of any youth team with which they are associated.

Background checks are available, among other places, on-line for a small fee and YBOA encourages those actually responsible for team activities and the parents (guardians) of youth athletic team members to utilize such tools to limit the exposure of youth athletes to those who might pose a danger.

Because YBOA is not an organizer, manager or creator of teams, it does not in any way take responsibility for the organization, creation, management or any other activity of the teams (customers) that register to play in YBOA sanctioned leagues and/or tournaments, except to provide the opportunity to play YBOA sanctioned events under YBOA rules as overseen by a YBOA director.

Teams that participate in YBOA sanctioned events are customers of YBOA and no more. When a team chooses to participate in a YBOA activity, the team, its players, coaches, volunteers, organizers, and its parents and fans must abide by YBOA rules found in the YBOA Rules and Regulations with respect to YBOA activities. Since YBOA has nothing to do with the practice sessions of a team, choosing of team coaches, the picking of which team to play for, where to eat before, after or during a YBOA sanctioned activity, the activities with respect to any other sanctioning body, or any other activities of a team (but simply provides sanctioning for registered participation in YBOA directed activities), YBOA takes no responsibility for any such other non-YBOA sanctioned event activities of any team.

While YBOA is not responsible for checking the background of each of its customers (including the coaches of the teams that play in YBOA sanctioned events), those convicted or charged with a violent felony or a sex offense with a minor are automatically suspended from all YBOA sanctioned activities (until found innocent or the charges are dropped). Thus if you are aware of someone who has been charged with or convicted of a violent felony or a sex crime with a minor and that someone is may be in any way involved in a YBOA sanctioned activity, you should immediately inform the YBOA National Office and upon being provided with proof of such charges or conviction, that individual will be automatically suspended from all YBOA sanctioned activities. Even more important if you are aware of any one who has committed a violent felony or has had sex with a minor that has not been charged, you are obligated to report those crimes to the proper authorities and you should do so immediately.