

Frequently Asked Questions: US Lacrosse Background Screening Through the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI)

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Who may participate?

Any US Lacrosse registered customer or member age 18 or older.

Is it required?

This specific screening is required for certain US Lacrosse participation opportunities such as chaperoning at a US Lacrosse event, or as part of the coaching education program certification process. It is not a requirement of US Lacrosse membership at this time.

What does the screening check for?

The criteria for this criminal background check are based on the National Council for Youth Sports Guidelines, the FBI PROTECT Act and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Convictions, disclosures of convictions, and pending dispositions for any of the following crimes will prompt a determination that you do not meet the background screening criteria and a red light determination will be issued by NCSI to US Lacrosse:

R1: Any felony (any crime punishable by confinement greater than one year)

- a. Defined on the basis of exposure for the offense for which the defendant was convicted, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere. If pled down, then the crime to which the defendant ultimately pled.
- b. Defined as all crimes punishable by greater than one year in jail or prior, regardless of how characterized by jurisdiction. If range, alternate sentencing, or indeterminate sentencing, outer range > one year.

R2: Any lesser crime involving force or threat of force against a person

R3: Any lesser crime in which sexual relations is an element, including "victimless" crimes of a sexual nature (including pornography)

R4: Any lesser crime involving controlled substances (not paraphernalia or alcohol)

R5: Any lesser crime involving cruelty to animals

R6: Any sex offender registrant

R7: Any lesser crime involving harm to minors

What happens if I have a clean record and pass the screening?

You will be issued a Green Light determination by NCSI to US Lacrosse, and you will be able to find your status in your US Lacrosse My Profile. You will also have this determination credited to you toward coaching certification requirement fulfillment.

Is my personal information secure?

The personal data necessary to run the screening is entered through the NCSI website, and no information is provided to US Lacrosse. Please contact NCSI at www.ncsisafe.com to learn about the high level of security measures they take to protect your personal information.

How long is my Green Light good for?

US Lacrosse-issued Green Lights are good for two years. You may renew your screening 90 days or fewer before your green light expires by returning to the US Lacrosse website and purchasing another screening.

What happens if I have a disqualifying criterion?

You will be issued a Red Light by NCSI to US Lacrosse. Your membership will be suspended immediately and coaching certification (if applicable) will not be granted. If you do not meet the criteria, you will receive information about the appeals process through NCSI and US Lacrosse. Through NCSI you are given the opportunity to dispute erroneous findings prior to the time of the issuance of the red light. Through US Lacrosse you may submit an appeal per the instructions furnished to you in the correspondence from NCSI. Based on the outcome of the appeal, your membership could be reinstated and certification granted, or your membership could be revoked permanently. Each red light determination is handled on a case-by-case basis.