



Little League Background Checks

By LexisNexis



National Criminal File Database

The LexisNexis Supplemental National Criminal File database contains more than 270 million records including criminal and sex offender registry records covering 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the District of Columbia. *(Several states only provide access to historical sex offender registry record data)*. As a result of these states only having historical data available, the LexisNexis Supplemental **National Criminal File database** no longer meets the minimum requirements of the Little League regulations.

Little League strongly encourages all leagues to also utilize the Supplemental national criminal records search available through the Little League website.

Little League 2011 Search Activity

January 1, 2011 through October 18, 2011

- Total number of orders: 297,446
- Total number of volunteers with criminal records: 42,743 = 13.3%
- Total number of criminal records found: 143,618
- Average number of criminal records per case: 3.36

110 leagues ordered 1-4 searches

105 leagues ordered 5-9 searches

2,558 leagues ordered 10 or more searches

997 leagues ordered 100 or more searches



2,049 leagues did not run a background screening through LexisNexis in 2011.

Sample Criminal Offenses Found in 2011

Some Crimes That Exclude a Volunteer From Participating with Little League

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE

CHILD ABUSE CHILD ABUSE 2ND DEGREE

FELONY CHILD ABUSE-SERIOUS INJURY

FIRST DEGREE CHILD MOLESTATION

RISK OF INJURY TO CHILD

SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH A CHILD

SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH MINOR

SHOWING OBSCENE MATERIAL TO A MINOR



Sample Criminal Offenses Found in 2011

ABDUCTION	FIRST DEGREE MURDER/HOMICIDE/MANSAULTER
AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT/THREAT	FIRST DEGREE RAPE
AGGRAVATED KIDNAPING/ARMED	FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL OFFENSE
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY-DEADLY WEAPON	FLEEING OR ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE
AGGRAVATED VEHICLE HIJACKING/WEAPON	FORGERY & COUNTERFEITING
AGRAVATED ASSAULT	HIT AND RUN
ANIMAL CRUELTY CRUEL NEGLECT	LEWD ACT
ARMED ROBBERY DANGER/REPETIT/ENHANCE	MANSLAUGHTER,VEHICLE
AUTO THEFT	MURDER SECOND DEGREE-ATTEMPTED
BATTERY (DOMESTIC)	MURDER/INTENT TO KILL/INJURE
CANNABIS TRAFFICKING	NARCOTIC POSSESS-TRANSPORT
CHECK- NO ACCOUNT	PETTY THEFT
DESECRATE GRAVE	POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE W/INTENT TO SELL
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 3RD OR MORE	ROBBERY / WEAPON
FELONY ASSAULT	SELL COCAINE
FELONY BATTERY (SIMPLE)	SHOOTING AT WITHIN OR INTO A VEHICLE
	TAKING IDENTITY OF ANOTHER
	THROW MISSILE AT VEHICLE

Little League International recommends that leagues consider offenses like these before allowing a volunteer to participate in their program.

Food for Thought

Little League has 155,310 teams in the U.S.

Averaging 6 volunteers per team, Little League expects to screen 931,860 volunteers this year. LexisNexis has conducted 297,446 or 31.91% of the Little League background checks YTD.

What method is being used to screen the other 634,414 volunteers?

Are you doing all of the background checks that are required?

- Coaches
- Practice Coaches
- Board Members
- Umpires
- Misc. positions
 - Equipment manager
 - Field maintenance
 - Scorekeeper
 - Announcer
 - General volunteer
 - Concession worker
 - Team Parent



Each league should check an average of 5-6 people.

Criminal Record Sources

- Approximately 739,853 individuals are in state sex offender registries.¹
- Approximately 101 million people and 270 million records are contained in the LexisNexis National Criminal File.
- In 2011, the LexisNexis National Criminal File contained approximately 11.5 million sex related crimes.
- A check conducted through local or state law enforcement does not meet the Little League minimum requirement as it checks only local and state records and is not a National Check.
- The local league determines if the Social Security Number is mandatory. It is mandatory to have the SSN to use LexisNexis. Using a SSN will increase the accuracy of the information reported.

¹The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, "Registered Sex Offenders in the United States Per 100,000 Population," The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/documents/sex-offender-map.pdf, Accessed 27, July 2011.

Criminal Record Sources

Individuals with drug, assault, robbery, murder, theft, driving violations do not appear on a sex offender registry check.

- It is important to know about these crimes before they are possibly assigned to work with children or drive them to and from games/practices.

Be comfortable with your screening choices.

You may have to defend what background check tool you used and who has been checked.



Sample Letter

Dear Little League Applicant:

You are receiving this letter because you have applied to be a volunteer or employee of Little League. LexisNexis has been selected to verify the information you provided on your application.

As part of the verification process, we provide information from various government agencies and sex offender registries. In most states, we alert Little League only when a criminal record matches at least two of a person's personal identifiers, such as name and date of birth, or name and Social Security number.

However, sex offender registries from several states list offenders by name and do not provide sufficient personal identifiers to help differentiate between two people with the same name. Little League is aware of the fact that these states do not provide any other personal identifiers and still requires LexisNexis to report any match of an applicant's name if it is associated with a criminal record, even when no other information is made available by government officials. According to the records, you share the same name with a known criminal. Further information is attached for your review.

Little League is aware this record may not be yours, and they are committed to investigating the situation before approving or denying your application or concluding that the record belongs to you. Please be assured this information is confidential and will not be provided to anyone other than Little League.

Little League and LexisNexis understand that the government's reporting of criminal records by names alone creates a burden on everyone involved. However, we believe that a thorough review process to ensure that convicted sex offenders do not participate with Little League, while inconvenient, is a better alternative than the potential harm to a child.

If you have any questions regarding the information attached to this letter, please contact LexisNexis's Consumer Center at (800) 845-6004. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time.

If you have any questions about the status of your application, please contact your local Little League office.

Thank you for your patience with this process.

Sincerely,

LexisNexis

Does Your League Have an Account with LexisNexis?

- Access the LexisNexis website for Little League through the **Child Protection Program** or go to the site directly <http://littleleague.lexisnexis.com/>

- Enter your league ID to see if your league is registered with LexisNexis.

Home | Announcements | Registration | FAQ | Search | Review Account | Contact Us | Privacy Policy | Data Matrix | Login

[New Users click here](#) [Account Setup and Login Flash Tutorial](#) [Little League User's Manual](#) [Registered Users click here](#)

FIND OUT IF YOUR LEAGUE ALREADY HAS AN ACCOUNT BY ENTERING YOUR LEAGUE ID HERE:

League ID:

[What do I need to apply for service?](#)
[What should I expect once my application is submitted?](#)
[Can I apply if I am a non-chartered league or do not know my league ID?](#)
[It has been more than 5 days and I have not received my welcome email. What should I do?](#)
[How do I reset/update my password?](#)
[I am a new League President, so how do I establish an account?](#)
[I am a new League President with an existing account, how do I change the contact information?](#)

[Home Safe in 2010](#)

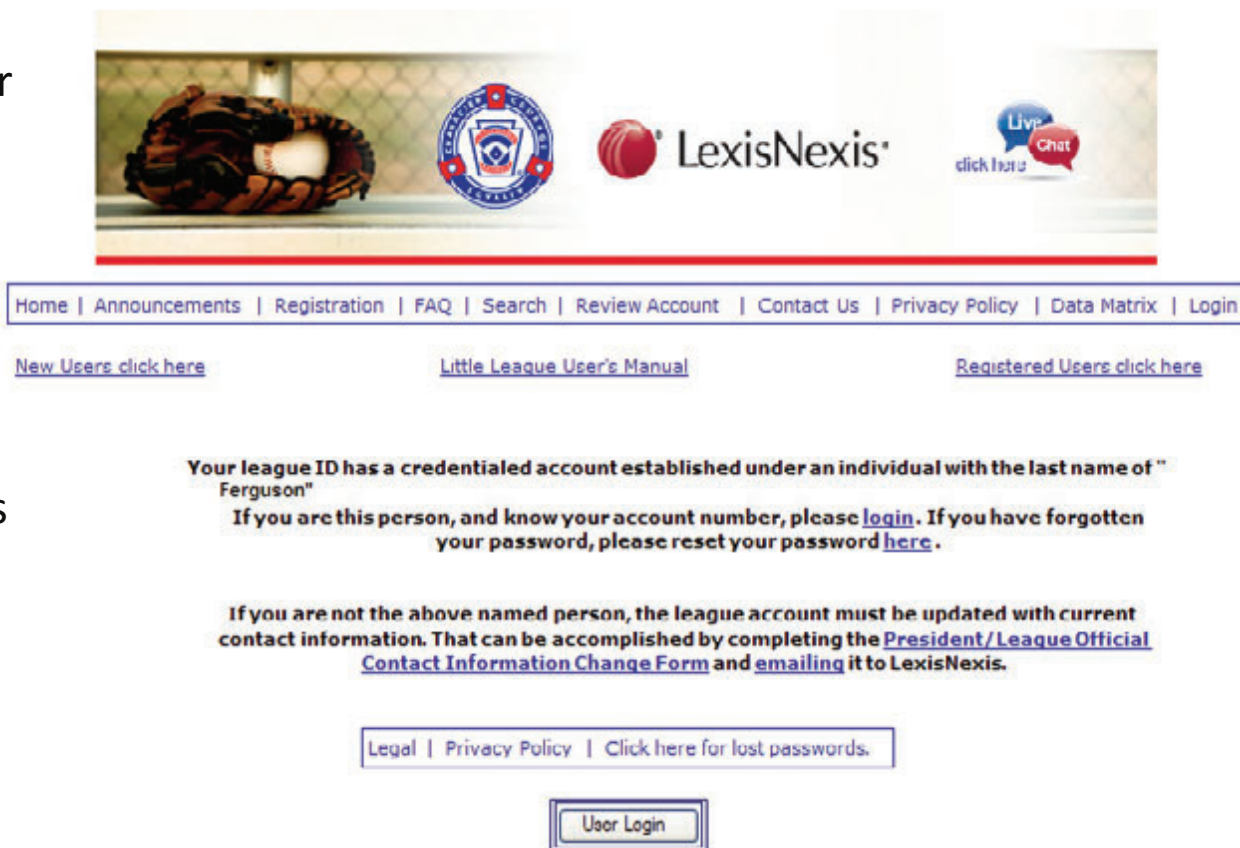
Important Notice on Background Checks for Little Leagues

If your league is registered with LexisNexis...

- The system will name the current League President/Officer on the account.

- If you are not the person named, access the **President/League Official Contact Information Change Form** and follow the instructions for updating your information with LexisNexis.

- If you are the person named, follow the instructions for logging in or resetting your password, if needed.



The screenshot shows the LexisNexis website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home | Announcements | Registration | FAQ | Search | Review Account | Contact Us | Privacy Policy | Data Matrix | Login. Below this, there are three links: [New Users click here](#), [Little League User's Manual](#), and [Registered Users click here](#). The main content area displays a message: "Your league ID has a credentialed account established under an individual with the last name of 'Ferguson'". Below this, it says: "If you are this person, and know your account number, please [login](#). If you have forgotten your password, please reset your password [here](#)." Further down, it states: "If you are not the above named person, the league account must be updated with current contact information. That can be accomplished by completing the [President/League Official Contact Information Change Form](#) and [emailing](#) it to LexisNexis." At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links: [Legal](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Click here for lost passwords.](#) and a "User Login" button.

If your league is NOT registered with LexisNexis...

- Confirm the ID entered is correct and resubmit if necessary.
- If the league ID is confirmed, select the **New Users click here** link to access the LexisNexis Subscriber Application.
- Complete and submit the online sign-up form.
- LexisNexis will contact you to verify your request.



The screenshot shows the LexisNexis website header with a baseball glove, the Little League logo, the LexisNexis logo, and a Live Chat button. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home | Announcements | Registration | FAQ | Search | Review Account | Contact Us | Privacy Policy | Data Matrix | Login. Underneath the navigation bar are three links: [New Users click here](#), [Little League User's Manual](#), and [Registered Users click here](#). A red arrow points to the 'New Users click here' link. Below these links is a message: "Your league ID has a credentialed account established under an individual with the last name of 'Ferguson'. If you are this person, and know your account number, please [login](#). If you have forgotten your password, please reset your password [here](#)." Below this message is another message: "If you are not the above named person, the league account must be updated with current contact information. That can be accomplished by completing the [President/League Official Contact Information Change Form](#) and [emailing](#) it to LexisNexis." At the bottom of the screenshot is a navigation bar with links: Legal | Privacy Policy | [Click here for lost passwords.](#) and a 'User Login' button.

E-Signature Agreement

- After completing the LexisNexis Subscriber Application, acknowledge the agreement.
- The e-signature allows online submission of the agreement eliminating the need to fax the Permissible Purpose document to LexisNexis.

Little League Criminal Records Searches

I understand that typing my name in the Type Name section below and clicking on the Submit link below, constitutes my electronic signature, dated as of when I click on the link, and that by doing so:

- I am agreeing to comply with the provisions of the Fair Credit Reporting Act cited in Section 3 in the Service Agreement incorporated herein, and
- I am authorizing ChoicePoint to conduct the background check(s) described above for employment purposes only, which includes hiring, promotion, reassignment and retention decisions, and
- The information obtained will not be ordered or used in violation of any Federal or state law or regulation, and
- I am consenting to use electronic means to (i) sign this form, and (ii) receive the Disclosure Statement appearing above.

[Note: If I want a paper copy of this transaction, I will use the print function available to me.]

I hereby certify that I have direct knowledge of the facts stated above and that I am authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the company listed above.

Type your First and Last Name:

Process my Application Clear Fields

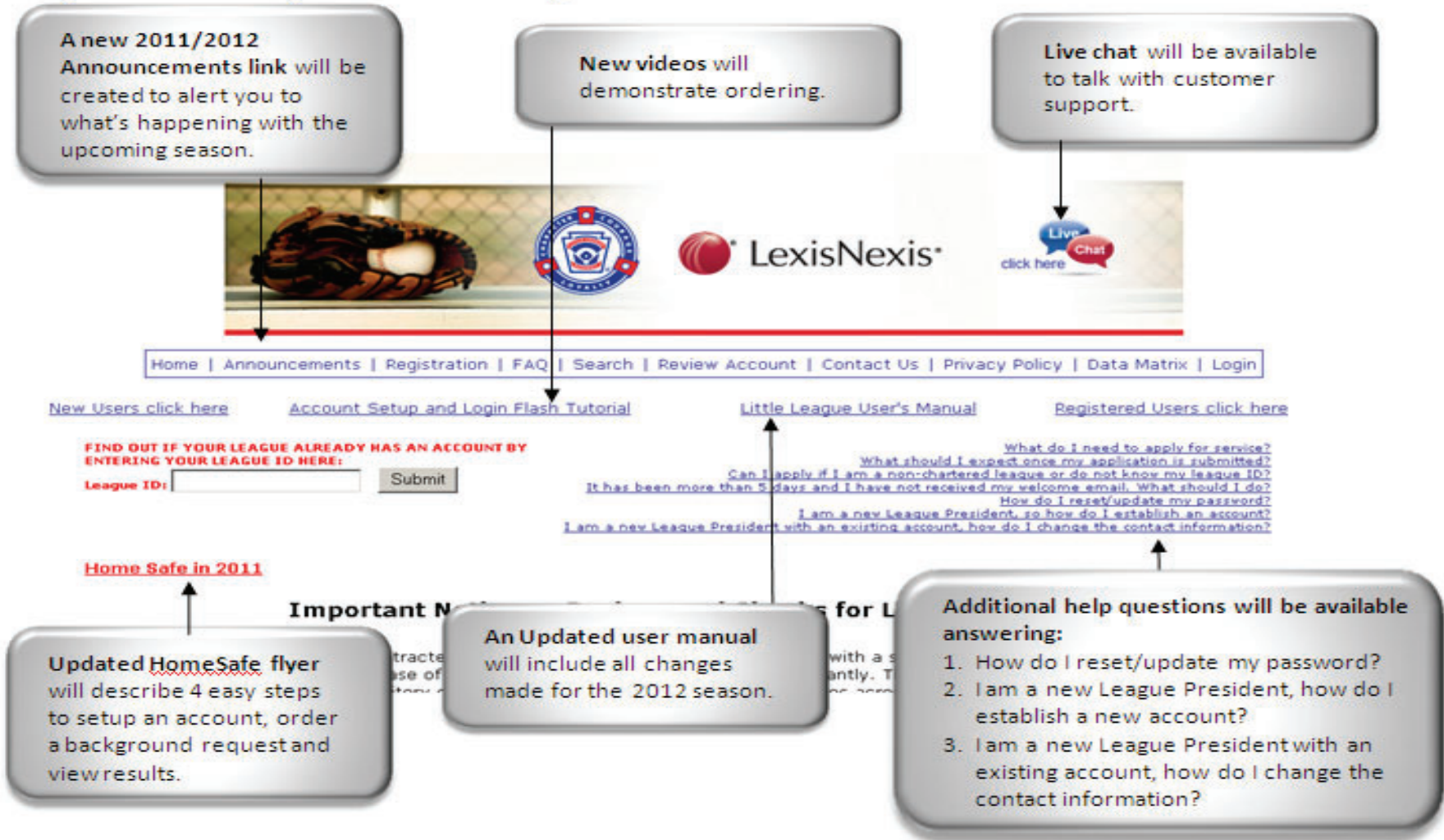
Print your Application and Agreement for Service

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE

Little League Background Checks is owned and operated by ChoicePoint WorkPlace Solutions Inc. ("ChoicePoint") at the request of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and for purposes of this agreement, shall be known as "The Site.". The Site provides special access to the ChoicePoint database of criminal and sex offender records (hereafter "The Site's Database") on a fee basis as outlined below. The Site's Database is owned by ChoicePoint WorkPlace Solutions Inc. or its affiliate. In order to access

FAQ, Training Videos and Information Links

Updates you will see when you visit the Little League LexisNexis site:



Little League Customer Support

**Little League
Customer Support
Toll Free: (866) 399-6647**

Customer Support Hours of Operation

Call Center : 866.399.6647

- **Monday to Friday 8:00am to 8:30pm EST**
- **Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm EST**

**** Please Note: Afterhours remote support voicemail box is available any time outside of the time frames above****

Live Chat

- **Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm EST**

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Available at <http://littleleague.lexisnexis.com>**