

Policy changes adopted by the Kiwanis International Board April 16, 2016

AMENDED POLICIES:

B. INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

16. Criminal History Background Checks

b. Districts (4/15)

Current policy wording:

(2) **Chairs for Service Leadership Programs:** Kiwanis International will require criminal history background checks to be conducted and verified by Kiwanis International for all district chairpersons and their assistants for all Service Leadership Programs. Persons without a clear background check may not serve as a district chairperson or assistant for Kiwanis Service Leadership programs. (4/13) (10/15)

Proviso: As of October 1, 2016, paragraph (2) will read as follows. However, this requirement will be delayed until October 1, 2017 for SLP club advisors in Asia-Pacific and Latin America.

Chairs and Committees for Service Leadership Programs: Kiwanis International will require criminal history background checks to be conducted and verified by Kiwanis International for all district chairpersons and committee members for all Service Leadership Programs. Persons without a clear background check may not serve as a district chairperson or committee member for Kiwanis Service Leadership programs. (4/13) (4/16)

Proviso: As of October 1, 2016, section 2 will include a new paragraph (3) that will read as follows, and subsequent numbering will be adjusted:

(3) Risk Manager and Youth Protection Manager: Kiwanis International requires a clear criminal history background check for the district Risk Manager and district Youth Protection Manager. This applies to all districts within North America. These checks must be conducted and verified by Kiwanis International in accordance with Kiwanis International Procedure. Persons without a clear background check may not serve in either position. (4/16)

c. Clubs (4/15)

Current policy wording:

(1) **Club Advisor to SLP:** Kiwanis International requires clubs to have a clear criminal history background check for any club member serving as an advisor to any Service Leadership Program club, program or activity. The check may be conducted by any provider. Persons without a clear background check may not serve as the advisor. Approved background checks shall be valid for no more than ten years. Advisors shall acquire a new background check upon their initial appointment to the position. Service Leadership Program clubs that petition to charter will only be approved with indication on the petition form that the Kiwanis advisor has a clear criminal history background check. (1/07) (4/15)

Proviso: As of October 1, 2016, paragraph (1) will read as follows:

Club Advisor to SLP: Kiwanis International requires clubs to have a clear criminal history background check for any club member serving as an advisor to any Service Leadership Program club. The check must be conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. Persons without a clear background check may not serve as the advisor. Approved background checks shall be valid for no more than two years. Advisors shall acquire a new background check upon their initial appointment to the position. Service Leadership Program clubs that petition to charter will only be approved once the appointed Kiwanis advisory has a clear background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. (1/07) (4/16)