



What is base?

In 2017 the Senate passed bill 534 which protects athletes from predators within their sport. As a result, there are new policies youth organizations must follow to ensure minor athlete well-being is at the forefront of every sport. These policies include a standard background check along with education and training. As a result of this movement, USA Baseball launched **BASE (Baseball Athlete Safety Education)** as its zero-tolerance campaign for any type of abuse within the sport of baseball. Organizations can utilize USA Baseball's services to provide training to their coaches and protect their athletes by becoming part of the BASE Organizational Compliance program and being compliant with the law.

There are two main components of BASE Organizational Compliance:

Standard Background Check

- Cost \$10.00 per check and expires annually.
- Searches six databases and governmental lists
- Organizations can cover the cost of their staff's background checks with a promo code

Abuse Awareness for Adults course

- 30-minute online course with a completion certificate that expires annually.
- Provides resources to create a positive and safe environment for all athletes, coaches, parents, umpires, and spectators.
- Topics covered include how to identify misconduct, report incidents and what abuse awareness policies should be in place.

Organizations can track their coach's compliance status and export the results. BASE Compliance marketing materials and graphics will be provided to share via websites and social channels, to celebrate the organization's accomplishment in protecting their athletes.

In addition to BASE compliance, USA Baseball Develops offers FREE resources for your coaches to utilize. The USA Baseball Develops website (USABDevelops.com) and Mobile App (**Apple** and **Android**) feature the following:

- Athlete Safety
- Education
- Mobile Coach practice planning tool
- Blog
- Coaching clinics
- American Development Model
- Fun at Bat
- And more!

For information about the program, complete the **BASE Organization Compliance Application** on USABDevelops.com or contact Develops@USABaseball.com