



# Kiwanis®

## DISTRICT AUSTRIA

## KIWANIS YOUTH CAMP

### \*CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK

Criminal history background checks may be required for all adults working with youth. Over the last several years Kiwanis has expanded its requirements for a “clear” criminal history background check because the checks now apply to several positions at various levels of the organization. In order to reduce confusion and risk at all levels, the KI Board adopted a new motion that requires all districts to follow the screening criteria (**KI Procedure 197** determining if the checks are “clear”).

A criminal history background check is considered “not clear” if it indicates: a felony or misdemeanour involving moral turpitude, a felony or conviction or registration of a violent and/or sexual nature or a felony related to larceny or theft.

KI requires clear background checks conducted by its provider for all adults working with youth at all KI-sponsored events. A district may also require background checks for other adults working with youth as part of district programs or events.

If conducted the background check should conform **to applicable local and state laws and requirements**. In the absence of any other requirement to do so, Kiwanis clubs are required to have a clear background check, by any provider, of **any member or participant older than 18 years on date of 2024, July 21<sup>st</sup>**, serving as camp participant/advisor to any SLP club, program or activity (camps!). KI’s criteria shall be followed to determine if the background check is considered “clear”. Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure confidential background checks for all adults who will work directly with youth outside of the school or who may not have undergone a background check.

In absence of any overall European rule or bylaw in this, KIE will accept as criminal background document each certificate originated by local police or state which will notify that the participant is free of any punishment in relationship of tutoring youngsters under the age of 18, nor other criminal acts which could exclude this person from membership in Kiwanis.

There is no requirement for a background check for youth under the age of 18.

