

## **Go Green Basketball Camp Minors Protection Policy**

The Go Green Basketball Camp Minors Protection Policy includes three elements:

1. Obligation to report suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, in accordance with State of New Hampshire (NH) law;
2. Requirement of all Dartmouth-sponsored Youth Skills Programs/Camps to adhere to State of NH laws and regulations regarding the need for criminal background checks;
3. Requirement of all third-party Youth Skills Programs/Camps to document their adherence to State of NH laws and regulations regarding the need for criminal background checks.

### **Definitions:**

- **Authorized Adult:** Any adult faculty member, college student, staff member, or volunteer who is working directly with minors and who has undergone a criminal background check within the current calendar year and with results acceptable under New Hampshire law and Dartmouth College standards.
- **Child Abuse or Neglect:** For purposes of this policy, the definitions of child abuse or neglect shall be those contained in [NH RSA 169-C:3](#).
- **Criminal Background Check:** A review of criminal records from every state of residence within the last seven years and a search of the National Sex and Violent Offender Registries.
- **Minor:** A person under the age of 18 years old.
- **Youth Skills Program/Camp:** Consistent with NH state law, a Youth Skills Program/Camp is defined as a program that runs for three or more consecutive days for the purpose of teaching skills such as sports, the arts, and scientific inquiry to minors. Youth Skills Programs/Camps include unpaid internships and mentoring arrangements.
  - **Exclusion:** Students, including high school students, who are minors and who have been accepted for enrollment or who are enrolled for academic credit in Dartmouth classes and **not** participating in a Youth Skills Program/Camp.

### **1. Obligation to Report Possible Abuse or Neglect of a Minor:**

- Every person in New Hampshire has an obligation to report suspected child abuse.
- Under [NH State RSA 169-C:29-31](#) anyone, including all Dartmouth employees, students and volunteers, who has reason to suspect a child under the age of 18 has been abused, including sexual abuse<sup>1</sup>, or neglect, must report that suspicion to the [NH Child Protection Services](#)<sup>2</sup> at 800-894-5533 (when calling from in state) or 603-271-6562 (when calling from out of state). For immediate emergencies call 911.
- Procedure for Reporting (applies to Dartmouth employees, students, volunteers and third parties who work with youth programs at Go Green Basketball Camp):

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<sup>1</sup> "Child sexual abuse" as defined by the New Hampshire Statute [NH RSA 169-C:3](#).

<sup>2</sup> Depending on the direction provided by New Hampshire authorities, you may be advised to inform child Protective Services in other states.

- Step 1: Notify NH Child Protection Services, 800-894-5533 (when calling from in state) or 603-271-6565 (when calling from out of state).
- Step 2: Notify your Program Manager that a report has been made.
- Step 3: You or your Program Manager should notify Dartmouth Safety & Security (S&S) (603-646-4000) that a report has been made, after which S&S will follow its communication protocol.
- Individuals making reports in good faith are protected from legal liability.

## **2. Adherence to NH Regulations for Go Green Basketball Youth Skills Programs/Camps**

- Dartmouth faculty/staff who sponsor Youth Skills Programs/Camps for minors acknowledge that in accordance with NH state law ([NH Rev Stat § 485-A:24-1 \[2013\]](#)), only Authorized Adults may be left alone with attendee(s) who are under the age of 18.
- Dartmouth faculty/staff who sponsor Youth Skills Programs/Camps for minors agree to comply with the requirements of NH state law (NH Rev Stat § 485-A:24-II(a)) for obtaining criminal background checks for those required under the statute.

### Procedure and Process

- The process for obtaining a criminal background check can be found [here](#). It requires that each faculty sponsor/program director fill out a [Request for Criminal Background Check Form](#) for each adult who might be alone with Program/Camp minors. Once this form is submitted to Human Resources, it takes approximately 10-14 business days to complete the criminal background check.
- Each faculty sponsor/Program director is responsible for submitting a [NH Certification of Background Checks Form](#) to the State of NH, along with a \$25 check, in advance of the Program/Camp. A copy of this completed form must be shared with the Office of the General Counsel, Attn: Amy T. Baker.

## **3. Adherence to NH Regulations for Youth Skills Programs/Camps – Non- Dartmouth Programs**

- All third-parties that offer Youth Skills Programs/Camps on Dartmouth College premises are required to adhere to the NH legislation regarding the criminal background checks for Youth Skills Camps. Such programs include: sports camps, debate camps or any other youth programs that are run as independent businesses or endeavors.

### Procedure and Process

- Prior to obtaining access to Dartmouth facilities through the Office of Conferences and Events or through the Athletics Department, all third-party programs must prove that they have complied with the legislation by producing a copy of their [NH Certification of Background Checks Form](#) or documentation of their program on the [State of NH website](#), which lists the Youth Skills Camps in operation.