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Dear Region Leadership:

With the new season almost upon us, we have been working feverishly with the USOPC regarding the new background screen requirements to be adopted at the USOPC Assembly on September 12th. As you know, this would have been very difficult for us to implement as our season begins September 1st and prior to the formal adoption of new requirements. After weeks of negotiations, we are pleased to report that we have been able to secure a “grandfather exemption” for those participants who take a background screen under the “old” system.”

So, what does this mean for you? On September 1st, it will be business as usual. All background screens will remain under the same requirements and under the same pricing structure, which is currently \$18.50/screen for the 2019/2020 season. Any screens will be good for two years (expiring 8/31/2021) with no annual rescreen requirement and no additional costs.

Going forward, we are anticipating that the USOPC will pass the new background screen requirements on September 12th. We have been advised that all NGB's will need to comply with the new requirements (annual rescreen, federal search, increased price, etc.) no later than 12/31/19. This would mean that any screens performed between the start of the season and 12/31/19 would be grandfathered under the old requirements. Any screens performed after 12/31/19 will be subject to annual rescreens and an increased price of \$30/initial screen.

We are hopeful this represents good news to you and your members.

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