

**ADDING A PARTY**

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**STEP 1** - Searching for a party prior to adding.

- Before adding a party, a search of the database for the party must be performed. A search may be performed by Social Security Number, Tax Identification Number, Last Name or Business Name.
- Enter the last name or the first few characters of the last name to search. If this is a business filing, enter the first word or significant words of the name to search the database. The entire business name is stored in the **Last/Business name** field. The field size is 80 characters.
- Enter the last name and click [**Search**].

**Search Hints:**

- Enter one field of data for each search.
- Format Social Security Number or Tax ID with hyphens.
- Include punctuation. (O'Brien)
- Try alternate search clues if your first search is not successful.
- Partial names can be entered.
- Wild cards (\*) are not required at the end of search strings.

**STEP 2** - If there are no matches, the system will return a **No Person Found** message.

- If the system finds a match, you can select that name and a “popup” box will give you the rest of the information as it is in the database. Verify that the information is correct before selecting.
- If available information is incorrect or if the party is not in the database, proceed to add the party.
- Click [**Create New Party**].
- Click the [**Next**] button.

**STEP 3** - The PARTY INFORMATION screen displays.

- Complete all applicable fields.
- Select the [**Add**] button.

**STEP 4** - Select the newly added party, which should appear in the selection screen of the event being processed.