

Screening Policy

Preamble

1. Broomball Canada understands that screening personnel and volunteers is a vital part of providing a safe sporting environment and has become a common practice among sport organizations that provide programs and services to the sport community.

Application of this Policy

2. This policy applies to all individuals whose position with Broomball Canada is one of trust or authority which may relate to, at a minimum, finances, supervision, or Vulnerable Organizational Participants.
3. Not all individuals associated with Broomball Canada will be required to obtain a criminal record check or submit screening documents because not all positions pose a risk of harm to Broomball Canada or Organizational Participants. Broomball Canada will determine which individuals will be subject to screening using the following guidelines (Broomball Canada may vary the guidelines at their discretion):

High Risk – Organizational Participants involved in high-risk assignments who occupy positions of trust and/or authority, have a supervisory role, direct others, are involved with finances, and who have frequent or unsupervised access to Vulnerable Organizational Participants. Examples include:

- a) Athlete Support Personnel;
- b) full-time coaches;
- c) Athlete Support Personnel who travel with Athletes; and
- d) Athlete Support Personnel who could be alone with Athletes.
- e) Officials;

Screening Committee

4. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Screening Committee which is a committee composed of either one (1) or three (3) members. Broomball Canada will ensure that the members appointed to the Screening Committee possess the requisite skills, knowledge, and abilities to accurately screen documents and render decisions under this policy.
5. The Screening Committee is responsible for reviewing all documents submitted and based on the review, making decisions regarding the appropriateness of individuals filling positions within Broomball Canada. In carrying out its duties, the Screening Committee may consult with independent experts including lawyers, police, risk management consultants, volunteer screening specialists, or any other person.
6. Nothing in this policy restricts or limits the Screening Committee from requesting that the individual attend an interview with the Screening Committee if the Screening Committee considers that an interview is appropriate and necessary to screen the individual's application.
7. Nothing in this policy restricts or limits the Screening Committee from requesting the individual's authorization to contact any professional, sporting, or other organization in order to assess the individual's suitability for the position that they are seeking.
8. Nothing in this policy restricts or limits the Screening Committee from requesting further information from the individual on more than one occasion, subject to the individual's right to insist that the Screening Committee decide based on the information before it.
9. The Screening Committee may, where appropriate, draw an adverse inference from an individual's failure to provide information or answer queries.
10. When assessing an individual's screening application, the Screening Committee shall determine whether there is reason to believe that the individual may pose a risk to Broomball Canada or to another individual.
11. An individual having been previously penalized for a prior offence shall not prevent the Screening Committee from considering that offence as part of the individual's screening application.

12. If the Screening Committee determines based on the individual's screening application, in addition to any further material received by it, that the individual does not pose a risk to the members of Broomball Canada, the Screening Committee shall approve the individual's application, subject to the Screening Committee's right to impose conditions.
13. In the case of a decision denying an application or approving an application with conditions, a copy of the decision shall be provided to the applicant and to the Board of Directors of Broomball Canada, which may disseminate the decision as they see fit to best fulfil the mandate of Broomball Canada.
14. An Organizational Participant whose screening application has been denied or revoked may not re-apply to participate in the programs or activities of Broomball Canada for two (2) years from the date the rejected application was made.

Screening Requirements

15. A Screening Requirements Matrix is provided as **Appendix A**.
16. It is the policy of Broomball Canada that when an individual is first engaged by the Organization and is in the High Risk category:
 - a) Individuals will:
 - i. complete an Application Form (**Appendix B**);
 - ii. complete a Screening Disclosure Form (**Appendix C**);
 - iii. complete and provide an E-PIC and a VSC;
 - iv. provide one letter of reference related to the position; and
 - v. participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as described in the Screening Requirements Matrix (**Appendix A**).
 - b) Provide a driver's abstract, if requested. If an individual subsequently receives a charge, conviction for, or is found guilty of, an offense they will report this circumstance immediately to Broomball Canada. Additionally, the individual will inform Broomball Canada of any changes in their

circumstance that would alter their original responses in their Screening Disclosure Form.

- c) If Broomball Canada learns that an individual has provided false, inaccurate, or misleading information, the individual will immediately be removed from their position and may be subject to further discipline in accordance with the *Harassment, Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

Minor

- 17. For the purposes of this policy, Broomball Canada defines a Minor as someone who is younger than 18 years old. When screening Minor, Broomball Canada will:
 - a) not require the Minor to obtain a VSC or E-PIC; and
 - b) in lieu of obtaining a VSC or E-PIC, require the Minor to submit up to two (2) additional letters of reference.
- 18. Notwithstanding the above, Broomball Canada may ask a Minor to obtain a VSC or E-PIC if Broomball Canada suspects the Minor has an adult conviction and therefore has a criminal record. In these circumstances, Broomball Canada will be clear in its request that it is not asking for the Minor's *youth record*. Broomball Canada understands that they may not request to see a Minor's youth record.

Renewal

- 19. Unless the Screening Committee determines, on a case-by-case basis, to modify the submission requirements, individuals who are required to submit an E-PIC, Screening Disclosure Form, or Screening Renewal Form, are required to submit the documents as follows:
 - a) an E-PIC every three years;
 - b) a Screening Disclosure Form every three years;
 - c) a Screening Renewal Form (**Appendix D**) every year; and
 - d) a Vulnerable Sector Check once.

20. At any time, including after either the submission of an individual's application or its approval (with or without conditions), the Screening Committee may re-open an individual's file for additional screening if it is advised of new information that, in the discretion of Broomball Canada, could affect the assessment of the individual's suitability for participation in the programs or activities of Broomball Canada, or the individual's interactions with other individuals involved with Broomball Canada.

Orientation, Training, and Monitoring

21. The type and amount of orientation, training, and monitoring will be based on the individual's level of risk, at the discretion of Broomball Canada.
22. Orientation may include, but is not limited to, introductory presentations, facility tours, equipment demonstrations, parent/Athlete meetings, meetings with colleagues and supervisors, orientation manuals, orientation sessions, and increased supervision during initial tasks or initial period of engagement.
23. Training may include, but is not limited to, certification courses, online learning, mentoring, workshop sessions, webinars, on-site demonstrations, and peer feedback.
24. At the conclusion of orientation and training, the individual may be required to acknowledge, in written form, that they have received and completed the orientation and training (**Appendix E**).
25. Monitoring may include, but is not limited to, written or oral reports, observations, tracking, electronic surveillance (e.g., facility security cameras), and site visits.

How to Obtain an E-PIC or VSC

26. An E-PIC may be obtained online via <http://www.backcheck.net/e-pic.htm>.
27. Organizational Participants may only obtain a VSC by visiting an RCMP office or police station, submitting two pieces of government-issued identification (one of which must have a photo), and completing any required paperwork. Fees may also be required.

28. Fingerprinting may be required if there is a positive match with the individual's gender and birth date.
29. Broomball Canada understands that it may be required to assist an individual with obtaining a VSC. A Request for VSC (**Appendix F**) may need to be submitted or other documentation may need to be completed that describes the nature of the Organization and the individual's role with Vulnerable Organizational Participants.

Procedure

30. Screening documents must be submitted to the Screening Committee.
31. An individual who refuses or fails to provide the necessary screening documents will be ineligible to volunteer or apply for the position sought. The individual will be informed that their application and/or position will not proceed until such time as the screening documents are submitted.
32. Broomball Canada understands that there may be delays in receiving the results of an E-PIC or a VSC. At the discretion of Broomball Canada, an individual may be permitted to participate in the role during the delay. This permission may be withdrawn at any time and for any reason.
33. Broomball Canada recognize that different information will be available depending on the type of screening document that the individual has submitted. For example, an E-PIC may show details of a specific offense, or not, and/or a VSC may be returned with specific information or simply a notification indicating 'cleared' or 'not cleared'. The Screening Committee will use its expertise and discretion when making decisions based on the screening documents that have been submitted.
34. Following the review of the screening documents, the Screening Committee will decide:
 - a) the individual has passed screening and may participate in the desired position;
 - b) the individual has passed screening and may participate in the desired position with conditions;

- c) the individual has not passed screening and may not participate in the desired position; or
 - d) more information is required from the individual.
35. In making its decision, the Screening Committee will consider the type of offense, date of offense, and relevance of the offense to the position sought.
36. The Screening Committee may decide that an individual has not passed screening if the screening documentation reveals any of the following:
- a) if imposed in the last three years:
 - i. any offense involving the use of a motor vehicle, including but not limited to impaired driving;
 - ii. any offense of assault, physical or psychological violence;
 - iii. any offense involving trafficking or possession of illegal drugs;
 - iv. any offense involving conduct against public morals; or
 - v. any offense involving theft or fraud.
 - b) if imposed at any time:
 - i. any offense involving a Minor or Minors;
 - ii. any offense involving the possession, distribution, or sale of any child-related pornography; or
 - iii. any sexual offense.

Conditions and Monitoring

37. Excluding the incidents above which, if revealed, would cause the individual to not pass screening, the Screening Committee may determine that incidents revealed on an individual's screening documents may allow the individual to pass the screening process and participate in a desired position with *conditions* imposed. The Screening Committee shall have the sole and unfettered discretion to apply and remove conditions, determine the length

of time for the imposition of conditions, and determine how adherence to conditions may be monitored.

Records

38. All records will be maintained in a confidential manner and will not be disclosed to others except as required by law, for use in legal, quasi-legal, or disciplinary proceedings.
39. The records kept as part of the screening process include but are not limited to:
 - a) an individual's Vulnerable Sector Check;
 - b) an individual's E-PIC (for a period of three years);
 - c) an individual's Screening Disclosure Form (for a period of three years);
 - d) an individual's Screening Renewal Form (for a period of one year);
 - e) records of any conditions attached to an individual's registration by the Screening Committee; and
 - f) records of any discipline applied to any individual by Broomball Canada or by another sport organization.

Appendix A – Screening Requirements Matrix

Risk Level	Roles (Note Minor Exception Below)	Training Recommended/Required	Screening
<p>Level 3 High Risk</p>	<p>a) Full Time Coaches</p> <p>b) Coaches who travel with Athletes</p> <p>c) Coaches who could be alone with Athletes</p> <p>d) officials</p>	<p>Recommended based on role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders • Commit to Kids • Respect in Sport Activity Leaders (National Officials) <p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MED Certified • CAC Safe Sport Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete an Application Form (Appendix B), if requested • Complete a Screening Disclosure Form (Appendix C), if requested • Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as determined by the Organization • Provide one letter of reference related to the position, if requested • Provide a driver’s abstract, if requested • Provide an E-PIC and/or a VSC, at the discretion of the organization • A second letter of reference from a sport organization, if requested

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