



Portugal Cove-St. Philips Minor Soccer Association

Safe Sport Pledge

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Portugal Cove - St. Philips Minor Soccer Association is committed to a safe, respectful, equitable and FUN soccer environment for all of our participants free from all forms of discrimination, maltreatment and harassment.



Our Association has committed to the [Responsible Coaching Movement](#) and pledges to uphold these principles in all of our youth programs.

Rule of Two

All PCSPMSA coaching staff have taken the Coaching Association of Canada's Safe Sport training module. When following the Rule of Two, all interactions and communications with participants are in open, observable, and justifiable settings, and two responsible adults — whether a coach, parent, or staff — are present.

While all coaches are trained in applying the Rule of Two in all settings and keep their players informed of acceptable practices, we encourage parents/guardians to speak to their players about the Rule of Two and how they can safeguard themselves against being put in a vulnerable position. Canada Soccer has produced this [Document](#) that is helpful in understanding the Rule of Two and how it should be used in a soccer setting.



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Background Screening

All PCSPMSA staff/volunteers are required to complete Criminal Background Checks and Vulnerable Sector Checks upon every new season.

Ethics Training

Team Staff are also required to take the Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders and other training. In a continued commitment to the safety of all our participants and volunteers, coaches will continue to be trained and provide safe delivery of soccer to all participants.

Coach Training Requirements

PCSPMSA is committed to be a [Quality Soccer Provider](#) as defined by Canada Soccer. Part of delivering a quality soccer program includes ensuring that appropriately trained and screened adults are leading all our programs. In addition to the certifications listed above, all coaching staff are required to complete the [Canada Soccer Coach Education Pathway](#) that is stage-appropriate for the group they are working with.

Policy Links

All related Safe Sport Policies adopted by the PCSPMSA Board are linked and kept current on our [ByLaws, Policies and Information](#) page on our website.