

Safe Sport & Mandatory RAMP Registration for All RNS Volunteers

Ensuring a safe sport environment for our athletes is Ringette Nova Scotia's highest priority. All adult participants in our sport are required to complete safe sport training and screening in accordance with RNS policy. To monitor compliance, RNS is introducing mandatory coach, volunteer and staff registration to RAMP. Through RAMP, all adult participants in our sport will confirm they have completed Ringette Canada's safe sport training and have current criminal record and child abuse registry checks. This includes all head coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, officials, board members, employees and all other volunteers.

For more details on the RNS Safe Sport policy, see the following link:

[RNS Statement on Safe Sport](#)

For more details on the RNS Volunteer Screening Policy, see 5.18 in the Operating Manual:

[RNS Operating Manual](#)

To be clear, if you intend to volunteer in any manner in the delivery of RNS programs this season (including minor officiating), you are required to complete the safe sport training and the criminal record and child abuse registry checks.

How do I register in RAMP?

Those who have used RAMP in the past to register themselves or their athlete for other sports will be able to access the Ringette NS registration platform by simply logging in with your existing credentials. For those who are new to RAMP, you will need to create a new account to complete your 2024-2025 registration.

Our registration link can be found here: **[RNS RAMP registrations](#)**.

Please do not create a new RAMP account for Ringette, and do not create separate accounts to register as team staff and to register a player(s). The same account can be used for everything!

Don't Have a RAMP Account?

Click on the "Don't have an account? Create one Here" button. You will be asked to enter your email address, a password and select which language you prefer. Once you create your account, you may use it to register yourself as team staff and also to register your player(s) if applicable.

Registration as a Participant

Once in RAMP, click on the applicable registration category, i.e. "Coach/Staff Registration", "Executive/Volunteer" registration, etc. A few things to keep in mind:

- ensure the current season is listed and chosen.

- ensure you choose your name from the drop-down list of family members to ensure you are registering yourself as a coach or volunteer and not your child. If you are not on the pull-down list, please choose "add a new family member" to add your information.
- follow the prompts through to the end where you should be able to submit the registration.
- staff who are volunteering with multiple teams, or in multiple roles, only need to register once. Once registered, staff can be rostered onto multiple teams and roles regardless of the division or role they entered in RAMP when they registered.

More Info on Safe Sport Screening and Training

The RNS Safe Sport policy applies to athletes, parents, coaches, volunteers, and officials. There are two components: **Screening** and **Training**.

Screening refers to a background check of police records. There are two levels of screening that must be uploaded to RAMP:

- Criminal Record Check (CRC) – this is the general criminal record check
OR
- Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) – this is an enhanced background check; it includes the CRC but delves deeper; if you have done a VSS you do not also need to do a CRC.
AND
- Child Abuse Registry Check (CAR)

All team staff (including coaches and managers), board members, staff, and any others who may work directly with the players **MUST** have a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check – both of which are valid within 2 years.

Training refers to a Safe Sport **training** module as outlined under [Ringette NS Statement on Safe Sport, here](#). There are different screening requirements depending on the categorization of the participant's role.

Participants are responsible for completing their own Safe Sport Training and Screening and completing the appropriate forms in RAMP.

Screening

Criminal Records and Child Abuse Registry Checks

Criminal Record checks and/or Vulnerable Sector Screenings must be completed and valid within 2 years. Child Abuse Registry Checks must also be completed and are valid for 2 years. During the registration process, you will be given the option to upload your Criminal Record Check or, if you do not have a current CRC, to apply for one. If you don't choose to upload your CRC at that time, click "Continue" to continue to the next step. You can login and upload your documentation in RAMP once it is received. You can apply for a Child Abuse Registry Check here: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-child-abuse-register-search>

Fees associated with these checks are your responsibility. Note that if you have had this check completed for another organization, such as your child's school, you can simply share those results with RNS via your RAMP account.

Training

If you have not completed Safe Sport Training, you will need to create an account at The Locker. When you create an account here you will be provided with an NCCP number. You will need to add this number to your RAMP registration.

To access the training in The Locker:

- Create an account or log in [here](#):
- Click EARNING from the menu across the top.
- Select Multi Sport from the left menu and then scroll down to Safe Sport Training.
- Select SPORT, then Ringette, and then indicate the role(s) you play in the sport.
- Click CONTINUE

Once you have completed the training it will show up as Completed in your The Locker account.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in our efforts to create a safe and inclusive environment for athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and all other Ringette participants in Nova Scotia.

Please contact Stacey at execdiretor@ringette.ns.ca with questions, or for additional information and assistance.