

Responsible Coaching Movement

Soccer PEI member Clubs have taken the pledge and is now a proud Champion of the [Responsible Coaching Movement](#). By making this pledge, our sport organization is committing to implement supportive policies and processes that adhere to the Responsible Coaching Movement to ensure the safety and protection of our athletes and coaches, and provide our coaches with the tools and training necessary to model ethical behaviour.

The Responsible Coaching Movement (RCM) is a multi-phase system-wide movement, coordinated by the Coaching Association of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport that has the potential to affect all sport organizations and coaches. The first Phase of the RCM focuses on three key areas:

- Rule of Two ([CanadaSoccer_RuleOfTwo_EN\(1\).pdf](#))

The Rule of Two serves to protect minor athletes in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring that more than one adult is present. Vulnerable situations can include closed doors meetings, travel, and training environments.

- Background Screening

The background screening process involves using a number of different tools to ensure coaches meet the necessary security requirements to coach athletes. These tools include comprehensive job postings, criminal record checks, interviews, and reference checks.

- Respect and Ethics Training

Increasing coaches' ethical conduct and behaviour toward athletes requires that coaches be trained to understand what it means to act ethically. This training would include the Make Ethical Decisions module within the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP), as well as training in abuse and harassment prevention, such as Respect in Sport, before and during their coaching career.

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