



2021-2022 Coach Eligibility Policy

All athletes have the right to a safe, inclusive and responsible volleyball experience. As people in positions of authority, coaches have an important role to play in providing this type of environment. Coaches have the responsibility to:

- Complete the necessary training in order to provide an environment that is physically, mentally, emotionally and socially safe for all athletes and participants
- Complete the necessary training in order to provide a responsible learning environment that incorporates Volleyball Canada's teaching methodologies, technical guidelines and long-term athlete development principles
- Ensure that all of their coach training is current so as to be able to provide a safe and responsible volleyball experience for all

MANDATORY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OVA COACHES

All individuals involved with youth athletes must complete the following requirements prior to their registration as an OVA member in a **Coach or Club Technical Director role**. These requirements apply to **all individuals in those roles**, regardless of certification status, experience or years of involvement:

- Abide by the OVA Screening Policy
 - Submit a Vulnerable Sector Screen or Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) completed within 3 years.
 - Complete the [OVA Screening Disclosure Form or Screening Renewal Form annually](#).
- Complete the following training
 - [Making Head Way](#) (Free)
 - Coaches Association of Canada [Safe Sports Training](#) (Free)

All individuals registering in a Head Coach or Club Technical Director role must also complete the following training prior to their registration as a member of the OVA.

- [Foundations of Volleyball](#) (\$89)
- [Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation](#) (\$85 or free if course was completed)

It is the responsibility of OVA Clubs to verify the eligibility of their coaches prior to registering them as members and listing them on their Club Information Form at the start of the season.

Individuals who have not completed the above requirements are not eligible to be registered as an OVA member in the following roles: Assistant Coach, Head Coach and Club Technical Director.

*Coaches attending Nationals should check [Volleyball Canada's Coach Certification Policy](#) to verify compliance