

Freestyle Alberta Screening

Freestyle Albera (FA) understands that screening personnel, coaches, athletes, and volunteers is a vital part of providing a safe sporting environment and has become a common practice among sports organizations that provide programs and services to the community.

Starting July 1st, 2024, the Screening requirements within Freestyle Alberta are changing. The FA Registration System (SnowReg) is being updated so member organizations can confirm with FA that these new requirements have been completed.

To be able to be a full active member of Freestyle Alberta, Individuals will be required to submit the following screening documents and complete the noted courses depending on their level within the Screening Requirement Matrix. Please refer to Freestyle Canada's Screening Policy for full details.

Level 1 Screening Requirements

Coaches, Certain Employees

- Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) or a E-PIC***
- Screening Disclosure Form
- Driver's Abstract
- NCCP SafeSport training module
- NCCP Making Head Way training module

*** VSCs will only be required for Individuals born before March 12, 1994; otherwise, Individuals born after March 12, 1994 will be required to obtain an E-PIC

Vulnerable Sector Check

A VSC only needs to be completed once, thereafter, renewal obligations detailed in section 22 of the Screening Policy must be fulfilled.

Individuals may only obtain a VSC by visiting an RCMP office or police station, submitting two pieces of government-issued identification (one must have a photo), and completing any required paperwork. Fees may also be required. Fingerprinting may be required if there is a positive match with the individual's gender and birth date.

A formal VSC Request Form will be posted to the Freestyle Alberta website in the coming months.

SafeSport Training

The Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport calls for all sporting

environments to be free from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse. The Safe Sport Training module aligns with those values. It equips coaches, administrators, and others to make decisions promoting athletes' physical and mental well-being and empowers sporting organizations to foster a culture contributing to athlete success.

All coaches must complete this training every 2 years. Coaches can find their status in their SnowReg profile if they have completed this training previously. This training module can be completed in the Coach Locker at coach.ca.

Making Head Way

Making Head Way in Sport is the NCCP's online answer to the prevalence and ambiguity of concussions in sport. Coaches benefit from knowing as much as possible about concussions; this online learning tool is designed to help coaches gain the knowledge and skills required to ensure the safety of their athletes.

All coaches must complete this training every 2 years. Coaches can find their status in their SnowReg profile if they have completed this training previously. This training module can be completed in the Coach Locker at coach.ca.

Level 2 Screening Requirements

Athletes (non-minor), Support Personnel, Event Organizing Committee Members, Etc.

- Screening Disclosure Form
- E-PIC/CPIC
- Driver's Abstract (depending on position)
- Coach required training (noted in Level 1 requirements)

Criminal Record Checks

When completing a Criminal Record Check (CRC), coaches can choose to submit to either an Enhanced Police Information Check (EPIC) or a Canadian Police Information Center (CPIC).

CPIC- Coaches may complete a CPIC at the Local Police Station or RCMP. CPIC is the database where RCMP store all Criminal Records for the country. That term is sometimes used to refer to a Standard Criminal Record Check

EPIC consists of two components:

- 1. Criminal Record Check (CRC) a search of adult convictions held within the RCMP National Repository of Criminal Records.
- **2.** Local Police Information (LPI) searches of additional conviction and selected non conviction information which may be relevant within both national and local police data sources.



Individuals can purchase an Enhanced Police Information Check through SterlingBackCheck through our registration system. Alternatively, if Individuals have a current CPIC or EPIC that falls between the membership calendar, they are permitted to submit this directly to Freestyle Alberta by emailing the CRC to hello@freestylealberta.ski. Our office can manually add your CRC to the registration system to complete your requirements.

If a member organization or FA has confirmed the CRC is "Not Clear", it is the responsibility of the club to review and determine the next appropriate steps. Please refer to section 22 of the Screening Policy to see renewal requirements.

Level 3 Screening Requirements

Minors, Certain Employees, Board of Directors, Parents, Volunteers on non-regular basis

- Screening Disclosure Form
- Any training as required by organization