



2023-2024 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 who sit on the bench at an OVA sanctioned event or who are involved with youth athletes in an OVA club training environment must complete the following requirements **prior to their registration** as an OVA member.

- Abide by the OVA Screening Policy
 - Submit a Level 2 Criminal Record & Judicial Matters Check (CRJMC) or [Enhanced Police Information Check \(E-PIC\)](#) completed within 3 years.
 - Complete the OVA Screening Disclosure Form via MRS registration
- Complete the following training
 - [Making Head Way](#) (Free)
 - Coaches Association of Canada [Safe Sports Training](#) (Free)

All individuals in a Head Coach or Assistant Coach role and **all individuals acting as a Head Coach or Assistant Coach** during an OVA event 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 **highly recommended** that all coaches complete the anti-racism course "[Call It Out](#)" provided free by the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

It is the responsibility of OVA Clubs to verify the eligibility of their coaches prior to having them register 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 listed on an OVA event scoresheet. Ineligible individuals will be fined \$150 per occurrence and match results may be forfeited.

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