



# 2025-2026 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

To be approved as a Head Coach or Assistant Coach with the Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA), individuals must complete all required qualifications prior to registering 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
  - Comply with further steps under the OVA Screening Policy as necessary
- Complete the following training
  - [Making Head Way](#) (Free)
  - Coaches Association of Canada [Safe Sports Training](#) (Free)
  - NCCP [Anti-Racism in Coaching](#) e-learning module (Free)
  - [Foundations of Volleyball](#) (\$99)
  - [Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation](#) (\$85 or free if course was completed)

Registrants who do not meet all requirements will have their membership marked as pending and will not be eligible to participate in OVA club activities involving youth athletes. 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 do not have an approved coach role in MRS 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