



SCREENING POLICY

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PREAMBLE

1. Curling Canada understands that screening personnel and volunteers is a vital part of providing a safe sporting environment and has become a common practice among sport organizations that provide programs and services to the community.

APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

2. This Policy applies to all Organizational Participants whose position with Curling Canada is one of trust or authority which may relate to, at a minimum, finances, supervision, or Vulnerable Individuals.
3. Not all Organizational Participants associated with Curling Canada will be required to obtain a criminal record check or submit screening documents because not all positions pose a risk of harm to Curling Canada or to its participants. Curling Canada will determine which Organizational Participants will be subject to screening using the following guidelines (Curling Canada may vary the guidelines at its discretion):

Level 1 – Low Risk - Organizational Participants involved in low-risk assignments who are not in a supervisory role, not directing others, not involved with finances, and/or do not have unsupervised access to Vulnerable Individuals. Examples:

- a) Parents, youth, or volunteers who are helping out on a non-regular or informal basis

Level 2 – Medium Risk – Organizational Participants involved in medium risk assignments who may be in a supervisory role, may direct others, may be involved with finances, and/or who may have limited access to Vulnerable Individuals. Examples:

- a) Athlete support personnel
- b) Non-coach employees or managers
- c) Directors
- d) Coaches who are typically under the supervision of another coach

Level 3 – High Risk – Organizational Participants involved in high-risk assignments who occupy positions of trust and/or authority, have a supervisory role, direct others, are involved with

finances, and who have frequent or unsupervised access to Vulnerable Individuals. Examples:

- a) Full time coaches
- b) Coaches who travel with athletes
- c) Coaches who could be alone with athletes

SCREENING COMMITTEE

4. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of Curling Canada's Screening Committee which is a committee of either one (1) or three (3) members appointed by Curling Canada. Curling Canada will ensure that the members appointed to the Screening Committee possess the requisite skills, knowledge and abilities to accurately screening documents and render decisions under this Policy.
5. The Screening Committee will carry out its duties, in accordance with the terms of this policy, independent of the Board.
6. The Screening Committee is responsible for reviewing all documents submitted with a screening application and, based on the review, making decisions regarding the related appropriateness of individuals filling positions within Curling Canada. In carrying out its duties, the Screening Committee may consult with independent experts including lawyers, police, risk management consultants, volunteer screening specialists, or any other person.

SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

7. It is Curling Canada's policy that when an individual is first engaged by Curling Canada:
 - a) Level 1 Organizational Participants will:
 - i. Complete an Application Form (**Appendix A**)
 - ii. Complete a Screening Disclosure Form (**Appendix B**)
 - iii. Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as determined by Curling Canada
 - b) Level 2 Organizational Participants will:
 - i. Complete an Application Form
 - ii. Complete a Screening Disclosure Form
 - iii. Complete and provide an E-PIC
 - iv. Provide one letter of reference related to the position
 - v. Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as determined by Curling Canada
 - vi. Provide a driver's abstract, if requested
 - c) Level 3 Organizational Participants will:
 - i. Complete an Application Form
 - ii. Complete a Screening Disclosure Form
 - iii. Complete and provide an E-PIC and a VSC
 - iv. Provide one letter of reference related to the position
 - v. Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as determined by Curling Canada
 - vi. Provide a driver's abstract, if requested

- d) If an Organizational Participant subsequently receives a charge, conviction for, or is found guilty of, an offense they will report this circumstance immediately to Curling Canada. Additionally, the Organizational Participant will inform Curling Canada of any changes in their circumstance that would alter their original responses in their Screening Disclosure Form.
- e) If Curling Canada learns that an individual has provided false, inaccurate, or misleading information, the individual will immediately be removed from their position and may be subject to further discipline in accordance with Curling Canada's *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

MINOR

- 8. Curling Canada defines a minor as someone who is younger than 19 years old (as per the UCCMS). When screening minors, Curling Canada will:
 - a) Not require the minor to obtain a VSC or E-PIC; and
 - b) In lieu of obtaining a VSC or E-PIC, require the young person to submit up to two (2) additional letters of reference.
- 9. Notwithstanding the above, Curling Canada may ask a minor to obtain a VSC or E-PIC if Curling Canada suspects the minor has an adult conviction and therefore has a criminal record. In these circumstances, Curling Canada will be clear in its request that it is not asking for the minor's youth record. Curling Canada understands that it may not request to see a minor's youth record.

RENEWAL

- 10. Unless the Screening Committee determines, on a case-by-case basis, to modify the submission requirements, Organizational Participants who are required to submit an E-PIC, Screening Disclosure Form, VSC, or Screening Renewal Form, are required to submit the documents as follows:
 - a) An E-PIC every three years
 - b) A Screening Disclosure Form every three years
 - c) A Screening Renewal Form (**Appendix C**) every year
 - d) A Vulnerable Sector Check once
- 11. The Screening Committee may request that an Organizational Participant provide any of the above documents at any time. Such requests will be in writing and reasons will be provided for the request.

ORIENTATION, TRAINING, AND MONITORING

- 12. The type and amount of orientation, training, and monitoring will be based on the individual's level of risk, at Curling Canada's discretion.
- 13. Orientation may include, but is not limited to: introductory presentations, facility tours, equipment demonstrations, parent/athlete meetings, meetings with colleagues and supervisors, orientation manuals, orientation sessions, and increased supervision during initial tasks or initial period of engagement.

14. Training may include, but is not limited to: certification courses, online learning, mentoring, workshop sessions, webinars, on-site demonstrations, and peer feedback.
15. At the conclusion of orientation and training, the Organizational Participant will be required to acknowledge, in written form, that they have received and completed the orientation and training.
16. Monitoring may include but is not limited to: written or oral reports, observations, tracking, electronic surveillance (e.g., facility security cameras), and site visits.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN E-PIC OR VSC

17. Curling Canada has joined the Coaching Association of Canada's Responsible Coaching Movement and therefore has access to the E-PIC at a discounted rate. Organizational Participants can obtain an E-PIC via https://www.sterlingtalentsolutions.ca/landing-pages/c/cac_ace/
18. In Ontario, Curling Canada understands that the *Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015* requires the individual to consent in writing before requesting a criminal record check (such as an E-PIC). The Act also requires the individual to consent in writing for any disclosure of the results to the requesting organization.
19. In BC, the process for obtaining a Criminal Record Check is different than in other provinces and territories and sections of this policy relating to obtaining a Criminal Record Check may not apply. In such cases, the Screening Committee will provide individuals with directions pursuant to the following website: <https://www.viasport.ca/free-criminal-records-checks>
20. Individuals may only obtain a VSC by visiting an RCMP office or police station, submitting two pieces of government-issued identification (one of which must have a photo), and completing any required paperwork. Fees may also be required.
21. Fingerprinting may be required if there is a positive match with the Organizational Participant's gender and birth date.
22. Curling Canada understands that it may be required to assist an Organizational Participant with obtaining a VSC. Curling Canada may need to submit a Request for VSC (**Appendix D**) or complete other documentation describing the nature of the organization and the Organizational Participant's role with Vulnerable Individuals.

PROCEDURE

23. Screening documents must be submitted to:
 - Newly engaged employees - will need to submit screening documents to Human Resources
 - All other screening documents are to be submitted by the Individual through their personal Sideline Learning account (<https://curlingcanada.sidelinelearning.com/login>)

24. An Organizational Participant who refuses or fails to provide the necessary screening documents, or makes an incomplete application, will be ineligible for the position sought. The Organizational Participant will be informed by the Screening Committee that their application and/or position will not proceed until such time as the screening documents are submitted.
25. Curling Canada understands that there may be delays in receiving the results of an E-PIC or a VSC. At its discretion, Curling Canada may permit the Organizational Participant to participate in the role during the delay, provided that the Organizational Participant demonstrates that they have initiated the E-PIC or VSC application process. Curling Canada may withdraw this permission at any time and for any reason.
26. Curling Canada recognizes that different information will be available depending on the type of screening document that the Organizational Participant has submitted. For example, an E-PIC may show details of a specific offense, or not, and/or a VSC may be returned with specific information or simply a notification indicating 'cleared' or 'not cleared'. The Screening Committee will use its expertise and discretion when making decisions based on the screening documents that have been submitted.
27. Following the review of the screening documents, the Screening Committee will decide:
- a) The Organizational Participant has passed screening and may participate in the desired position;
 - b) The Organizational Participant has passed screening and may participate in the desired position with conditions;
 - c) The Organizational Participant has not passed screening and may not participate in the desired position; or
 - d) More information is required from the Organizational Participant.
28. In making its decision, and where relevant, the Screening Committee will consider the type of offense, date of offense, and relevance of the offense to the position sought.
29. The Screening Committee must decide that an Organizational Participant has not passed screening if the screening documentation reveals any of the following:
- a) If imposed in the last three years:
 - i. Any offense involving the use of a motor vehicle, including but not limited to speeding tickets for excessive speeding or impaired driving (unless the Organizational Participant's role does not involve driving)
 - ii. Any offense for trafficking and/or possession of drugs and/or narcotics
 - iii. Any offense involving conduct against public morals
 - b) If imposed in the last ten years:
 - i. Any crime of violence including but not limited to, all forms of assault
 - ii. Any offense involving a minor or minors
 - iii. Any offense involving theft or fraud
 - c) If imposed at any time:
 - i. An Organizational Participant's conviction for any of the following *Criminal Code* offenses:

- a. Any offense of physical or psychological violence
- b. Any crime of violence including but not limited to, all forms of assault
- c. Any offense involving trafficking of illegal drugs
- d. Any offense involving the possession, distribution, or sale of any child-related pornography
- e. Any sexual offense

CONDITIONS AND MONITORING

30. Excluding the incidents above which, if revealed, would cause the Organizational Participant to not pass screening, the Screening Committee may determine that incidents revealed on an Organizational Participant's screening documents may allow the Organizational Participant to pass the screening process and participate in a desired position with *conditions* imposed. The Screening Committee may apply and remove conditions at its discretion and will determine the means by which adherence to conditions may be monitored.

RECORDS

31. All records will be maintained in a confidential manner and will not be disclosed to others except as required by law, or for use in legal, quasi-legal, or disciplinary proceedings. This includes protecting all records in accordance with the relevant and applicable privacy legislation.

32. The records kept by Curling Canada as part of the screening process include but are not limited to:

- a) An Organizational Participant's Vulnerable Sector Check
- b) An Organizational Participant's E-PIC (for a period of three years)
- c) An Organizational Participant's Screening Disclosure Form (for a period of three years)
- d) An Organizational Participant's Screening Renewal Form (for a period of one year)
- e) Records of any conditions attached to an Organizational Participant's registration by the Screening Committee
- f) Records of any discipline applied to any Organizational Participant by Curling Canada or by another sport organization

PRIVACY

33. The collection, use and disclosure of any personal information pursuant to this Policy is subject to Curling Canada's Privacy Policy.

34. Curling Canada, or any of their delegates pursuant to this Policy (i.e., Screening Committee), shall comply with Curling Canada's Privacy Policy in the performance of their services under this Policy.

DEFINITIONS

35. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

- a) "*Criminal Record Check (CRC)*" – A search of the RCMP Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) system for adult convictions
- b) "*Local Police Information (LPI)*" – additional conviction and selected non-conviction information in national and local police data sources which may be relevant to the position sought
- c) "*Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC)*" – a Criminal Record Check plus a search of local police information, available from Sterling Backcheck

- d) *“Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)”* – a detailed check that includes a search of the RCMP Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) system, local police information, and the Pardoned Sex Offender database
- e) *“Organizational Participant”* – Refers to all categories of individual members and/or registrants defined in the By-laws of the Organization who are subject to the policies of the Organization, as well as all people employed by, contracted by, or engaged in activities with, the Organization including, but not limited to, employees, contractors, Athletes, coaches, instructors, officials, Athlete Support Personnel, volunteers, managers, administrators, parents or guardians, spectators, committee members, and Directors and Officers.
- f) *“Vulnerable Individuals”* – A person under the age of 18 years old and/or a person who, because of age, disability or other circumstance, is in a position of dependence on others or is otherwise at a greater risk than the general population of being harmed by people in positions of trust or authority

Appendix A – Application Form

Note: Individuals who are applying to volunteer or work within certain positions with Curling Canada must complete this Application Form. Individuals need to complete an Application Form once for the position sought. If the individual is applying for a new position within Curling Canada, a new Application Form must be submitted.

NAME:

First	Middle	Last
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CURRENT PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street	City	Province	Postal
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DATE OF BIRTH: _____
Month/Day/Year

GENDER IDENTITY: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

POSITION SOUGHT: _____

By signing this document below, I agree to adhere to Curling Canada's policies and procedures, including but not limited to the *Code of Conduct and Ethics*, *Conflict of Interest Policy*, *Privacy Policy*, and *Screening Policy*. Curling Canada's policies are located at the following link:

[<https://www.curling.ca/our-organization/policies/>]

I recognize that I must pass certain screening requirements depending on the position sought, as outlined in the *Screening Policy*, and that the Screening Committee will determine my eligibility to volunteer or work in the position.

NAME (print): _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Appendix B – Screening Disclosure Form

NAME:

First Middle Last

OTHER NAMES YOU HAVE USED: _____

CURRENT PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street City Province Postal

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GENDER IDENTITY: _____

Month/Day/Year

CLUB (if applicable): _____ EMAIL: _____

Note: Failure to disclose truthful information below may be considered an intentional omission and the loss of volunteer responsibilities or other privileges

1. Do you have a criminal record? If so, please complete the following information for each conviction. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Name or Type of Offense: _____

Name and Jurisdiction of Court/Tribunal: _____

Year Convicted: _____

Penalty or Punishment Imposed: _____

Further Explanation: _____

2. Have you ever been disciplined or sanctioned by a sport governing body or by an independent body (e.g., private tribunal, government agency, etc.) or dismissed from a coaching or volunteer position? If so, please complete the following information for each disciplinary action or sanction. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Name of disciplining or sanctioning body: _____

Date of discipline, sanction or dismissal: _____

Reasons for discipline, sanction or dismissal: _____

Penalty or Punishment Imposed: _____

Further Explanation: _____

3. Are criminal charges or any other sanctions, including those from a sport body, private tribunal or government agency, currently pending or threatened against you? If so, please complete the following information for each pending charge or sanction. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Name or Type of Offense: _____

Name and Jurisdiction of Court/Tribunal: _____

Name of disciplining or sanctioning body: _____

Further Explanation: _____

PRIVACY STATEMENT

By completing and submitting this Screening Disclosure Form, I consent and authorize Curling Canada to collect, use and disclose my personal information, including all information provided on the Screening Disclosure Form as well as my Enhanced Police Information Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (when permitted by law) for the purposes of screening, implementation of Curling Canada’s *Screening Policy*, administering membership services, and communicating with National Sport Organizations, Provincial Sport Organizations, Sport Clubs, and other organizations involved in the governance of sport. Curling Canada does not distribute personal information for commercial purposes.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained in this Screening Disclosure Form is accurate, correct, truthful and complete.

I further certify that I will immediately inform Curling Canada of any changes in circumstances that would alter my original responses to this Screening Disclosure Form. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of volunteer responsibilities or other privileges and/or disciplinary action.

NAME (print): _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Appendix C – Screening Renewal Form

NAME:

First Middle Last

CURRENT PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street City Province Postal

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **GENDER IDENTITY:** _____
Month/Day/Year

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

By signing this document below, I certify that there have been no changes to my criminal record since I last submitted an Enhanced Police Information Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check and/or Screening Disclosure Form to Curling Canada. I further certify that there are no outstanding charges and warrants, judicial orders, peace bonds, probation or prohibition orders, or applicable non-conviction information, and there have been no absolute and conditional discharges.

I agree that any Enhanced Police Information Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check and/or Screening Disclosure Form that I would obtain or submit on the date indicated below would be no different than the last Enhanced Police Information Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check and/or Screening Disclosure Form that I submitted to Curling Canada. I understand that if there have been any changes, or if I suspect that there have been any changes, it is my responsibility to obtain and submit a new Enhanced Police Information Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check and/or Screening Disclosure Form to Curling Canada's Screening Committee instead of this form.

I recognize that if there have been changes to the results available from the Enhanced Police Information Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check and/or Screening Disclosure Form, and that if I submit this form improperly, then I am subject to disciplinary action and/or the removal of volunteer responsibilities or other privileges at the discretion of the Screening Committee.

NAME (print): _____ **DATE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Appendix D – Request for Vulnerable Sector Check

Note: Curling Canada will be required to modify this letter to adhere to any requirements from the VSC provider.

INTRODUCTION

Curling Canada is requesting a Vulnerable Sector Check for _____ [insert individual's full name] who identifies as a _____ [insert gender identity] and who was born on _____ [insert birthdate].

DESCRIPTION OF CURLING CANADA

Curling Canada is a not-for-profit national organization for the sport of curling located in Ottawa, Ontario.

[Insert additional description]

DESCRIPTION OF ROLE

_____ [insert individual's name] will be acting as a _____ [insert individual's role]. In this role, the individual will have access to vulnerable individuals.

[Insert additional information re: type and number of vulnerable individuals, frequency of access, etc.]

CONTACT INFORMATION

If more information is required from Curling Canada, please contact the [Safe Sport Officer](#).

Signed: _____ Date: _____