



Screening Policy

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1. GOAL

- 1.1. Cycling Canada (CC) 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 Canadian cycling community.

2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1. CC has an obligation to its Athletes and stakeholders to ensure that individuals who wish to engage in CC activities are appropriately screened, as determined by their roles and responsibilities as set out in this CC Policy.

3. FIELD OF APPLICATION

- 3.1. This CC Policy applies to all individuals who are seeking a position with CC where that position is one of trust or authority which may relate to, at a minimum, finances, supervision, or Vulnerable Participants.
- 3.2. Not all individuals associated with CC will be required to obtain a CRC or submit a Screening Disclosure Form because not all positions pose a risk of harm to CC or its participants. CC will determine which individuals will be subject to screening using the following guidelines, which may be varied at its discretion:
- Level 1 – Low Risk – Individuals 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 Participants.
- Level 2 – Medium Risk – Individuals involved in medium risk assignments who may be in a supervisory role, may direct others, may be involved with finances, and/or may have limited access to Vulnerable Participants.
- Level 3 – High Risk – Individuals 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 Participants.

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1. **Athletes:** An individual who is an Athlete Participant in CC who is subject to the policies of CC and to the CC Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- 4.2. **Criminal Record Check (CRC):** A search of the RCMP National Repository of Criminal Records to determine whether the individual has a criminal record.
- 4.3. **Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC):** A CRC plus a search of Local Police Information, available from a professional background and identity services firm.
- 4.4. **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.

- 4.5. **Person in Authority (PIA):** includes any person who holds a position of trust or authority over an athlete pursuant to the role assigned to them by CC or a CC decision maker. PIAs include but are not limited to coaches, Staff, third party service providers and volunteers.
- 4.6. **CC Screening Committee:** A committee composed of three (3) individuals including an appointed independent third party and two (2) CC Staff appointed by the CC Chief Development Officer. The CC Screening Committee is tasked with reviewing and assessing all screening documents and to render decisions under this CC Policy.
- 4.7. **Staff:** An individual recognized by CC operating in a full-time, part-time, term, contract, or volunteer capacity.
- 4.8. **CSSP Participants:** An Individual affiliated with CC who is subject to the UCCMS and CSSP under Rule 3 of the CSSP Rules.
- 4.9. **Vulnerable Participant:** As defined by the UCCMS.
- 4.10. **Vulnerable Sector Verification (VSV):** A detailed check that includes a search of the RCMP National Repository of Criminal Records, local police information, and the Pardoned Sex Offender database. Also referred to as a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) or Vulnerable Sector Search (VSS). VSVs 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.

5. POLICY STATEMENT

- 5.1. CC is committed to providing a safe sport environment. All individuals included in section 3.1 of this Policy must comply with this Policy.

6. PROVISIONS

6.1. Screening Committee:

- 6.1.1. The implementation of this CC Policy is the responsibility of the CC Screening Committee.
- 6.1.2. The CC Screening Committee will carry out its duties, in accordance with the terms of this CC Policy, independent of the Board.
- 6.1.3. A CC Staff member of the Screening Committee will review all screening documents submitted and shall have the authority to make decisions pursuant to this CC Policy, except where an individual makes a declaration in their screening documents that requires further analysis before a decision can be made (i.e., a declaration of a past offence that could impact the screening decision), and/or whenever a CRC, E-PIC or VSV returns a finding that could impact the individual's screening. In such circumstances, the file will be transferred to the independent member of the CC Screening Committee for further review and for a final decision. In carrying out its duties, the CC Screening Committee may consult with independent experts including, but not limited to, lawyers, police, risk management consultants, or volunteer screening specialists.

6.2. Screening Requirements

- 6.2.1. CC has created a Screening Requirement Matrix (Appendix A) to identify which level of risk an individual aligns with based on their role and determine which screening protocols are required for submission prior to an individual's participation.
- 6.2.2. CC or the CC Screening Committee, at their sole discretion, may request a higher level of screening from any individual, or have an individual re-screened, including requiring a new CRC or VSV and/or Screening Disclosure Form (Appendix B), at any time. Such request will be in writing and reasons will be provided for the request.

6.3. Obtaining Required Documents

- 6.3.1. CC has joined the Coaching Association of Canada's Responsible Coaching Movement and may have access to the E-PIC at a discounted rate. Individuals can obtain an E-PIC via https://pages.sterlingbackcheck.ca/landing-pages/c/cac_ace/
- 6.3.2. CC understands that in Ontario the *Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015* requires an 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 to any disclosure of results to the requesting organization.
- 6.3.3. 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/freecriminal-records-checks>.
- 6.3.4. Individuals may only obtain a VSC by visiting an RCMP office or police station, submitting two (2) pieces of government-issued identification (one of which must have a photo), and completing any required paperwork. Fees may also be required.
- 6.3.5. CC understands that it may be required to assist an individual with obtaining a VSC. CC may need to submit a Request for VSC or complete other documentation describing the nature of the organization and the individual's role with Vulnerable Participants.

6.4. Document Submission

- 6.4.1. Screening documents must be submitted to the CC Screening Committee identified by CC.
- 6.4.2. An individual who refuses or fails to provide the necessary screening documents will be ineligible to volunteer or apply for the position sought. The individual will be informed that their application and/or position will not proceed until such time as the screening documents are submitted.
- 6.4.3. CC understands that processing of VSV and E-PIC can take up to 120 days. At its discretion, and upon request by the individual, the CC Screening Committee may permit the individual to participate in the role during the delay, providing the individual has submitted their CRC and Screening Disclosure Form. This permission is valid for a maximum of 120 days and may be withdrawn at any time and for any reason.
- 6.4.4. CC recognizes that different information will be available depending on the type of screening document that the individual has submitted. For example, an E-PIC may show details of a specific offense, or not, and/or a VSV may be returned with specific information or simply a notification indicating 'cleared' or 'not cleared'. The CC Screening Committee will use its expertise and discretion when making decisions based on the screening documents that have been submitted.

6.5. CC Screening Committee Review

- 6.5.1. Following the review of the screening documents, the CC Screening Committee will decide:
 - i. The individual has passed screening and may participate in the desired position;
 - ii. The individual has passed screening and may participate in the desired position with conditions;
 - iii. The individual has not passed screening and may not participate in the desired position; or
 - iv. More information is required from the individual.
- 6.5.2. If CC 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 CC's [Complaints & Discipline Policy](#).

- 6.5.3. In making its decision, the CC Screening Committee will consider the type of offense, date of offense, and relevance of the offense to the position sought.
- 6.5.4. The CC Screening Committee must decide that an individual 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 impaired driving
 - ii. Any offense involving trafficking or possession of illegal drugs
 - iii. Any offense involving conduct against public morals
 - iv. Any offense of assault, physical or psychological violence
 - v. Any offense involving theft or fraud
 - b) If imposed at any time:
 - i. Any offense involving a Minor or Minors
 - ii. Any offense involving the possession, distribution, or sale of any child-related pornography
 - iii. Any sexual offense
- 6.5.5. The decision of the CC Screening Committee may be appealed in accordance with CC's Appeal Policy.

6.6. Conditions and Monitoring

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

6.7. Renewal

- 6.7.1. Unless the CC Screening Committee determines, on a case-by-case basis, to modify the submission requirements, individuals who are required to submit an E-PIC, Screening Disclosure Form, VSV are required to submit:
- i. An E-PIC every three years
 - ii. A Screening Disclosure Form (Appendix B) every three years
 - iii. A Screening Renewal Form (Appendix D) every year
 - iv. A VSV once
- 6.7.2. The CC Screening Committee may request that an individual provide any of the above documents at any time. Such request will be in writing and reasons will be provided for the request.
- 6.7.3. If an individual subsequently receives a charge, conviction for, or is found guilty of, an offense they will report this circumstance immediately to CC. Additionally, the individual will inform the organization of any changes to their circumstance that would alter their original responses in their Screening Disclosure Form.

6.8. Records

- 6.8.1. 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.

6.8.2. The records kept by CC as part of the screening process include but are not limited to:

- i. An individual's VSV
- ii. An individual's E-PIC (for a period of three years)
- iii. An individual's Screening Disclosure Form (for a period of three years)
- iv. Records on any conditions attached to an individual's registration by the Screening Committee

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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Appendix A

Cycling Canada Screening Risk Matrix

Risk Level	Roles	Screening Requirements
Level 1 Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents, youth, or volunteers acting in a non-regular or informal basis Volunteers who are not in a position of authority or who do not have access to Vulnerable Participant 	<p>Complete a Screening Disclosure Form (Appendix B) and an Application Form (Appendix C)</p> <p>Participate in role-specific training, orientation, and monitoring as considered necessary by CC</p>
Level 2 Medium Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athlete Support Personnel Non-coach employees or managers Coaches who are typically under the supervision of another coach Officials working in a position of authority Volunteers working in a regular capacity with Vulnerable Participants and who are in a position of authority 	<p>Same as Level 1 plus:</p> <p>Complete and provide an E-PIC</p> <p>Sign and submit a CSSP Participant Consent Form if identified by CC as a CSSP Participant (provided by CC)</p> <p>Provide a driver's abstract, if requested/required by virtue of the position</p>
Level 3 High Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC Staff Full-time coaches Board of Directors Coaches who travel with Athletes Coaches who could be alone with Athletes Any individual who is traveling with the National Team (e.g. coaches, managers, medical staff, national office staff, Directors, personal coaches, mechanics, and other designated positions) 	<p>Same as Level 2 plus:</p> <p>Complete and provide a VSC in addition to E-PIC</p> <p>Provide references related to the position, if requested</p>

Appendix B Form of Screening Disclosure Form

Please provide the below information and submit to safesport@cyclingcanada.ca upon completion.

NAME:

First	Middle	Last
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OTHER NAMES YOU HAVE USED: _____

CURRENT PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street	City	Province	Postal
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DATE OF BIRTH: _____ Month/Day/Year	GENDER IDENTITY: _____
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CLUB (if applicable): _____	EMAIL: _____
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Note: Failure to disclose truthful information below may be considered an intentional omission and the loss of volunteer responsibilities or other privileges could result.

1. Have you been convicted of a crime? 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. Have you ever been disciplined or sanctioned by the UCI, the CCES or any other Anti-Doping Organization for anti-doping violations or admitted to using, or counselling or enabling the use of, banned substances contrary to anti-doping regulations in place at such a time?

Name of disciplining or sanctioning body (if applicable): _____

Date of discipline, sanction or admission: _____

Reasons for discipline, sanction or admission: _____

Penalty or Punishment Imposed (if applicable): _____

Further Explanation: _____

4. 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 Cycling 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 Verification (when permitted by law) for the purposes of screening, implementation of the *Screening Policy*, administering membership services, and communicating with National Sport Organizations, Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations, Clubs, and other organizations involved in the governance of sport. Cycling 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 Cycling 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

Form of Application Form

Note: Individuals who are applying to volunteer or work within certain positions with Cycling 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 Cycling Canada a new Application Form must be submitted.

Please provide the below information and submit to safesport@cyclingcanada.ca upon completion.

NAME: _____
First Middle Last

CURRENT PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street City Province Postal

DATE OF BIRTH: _____
Month/Day/Year

GENDER IDENTITY: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

POSITION SOUGHT: _____

By signing this document below, I agree to adhere to the policies and procedures of Cycling Canada, including but not limited to the Code of Conduct, Complaints & Discipline Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Safe Sport Policy, and Screening Policy. Policies are located at the following link:
<https://www.cyclingcanada.ca/about/governance/>

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 D

Form of Screening Renewal Form

Please provide the below information and submit to safesport@cyclingcanada.ca upon completion.

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 Verification and/or Screening Disclosure Form and/or Driver's Abstract ("Personal Document") to Cycling Canada. I further certify that there are no outstanding charges or 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 Personal Document that I would obtain or submit on the date indicated below would be no different than the last Personal Document that I submitted to Cycling 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 Personal Document to the Screening Committee instead of this form.

I recognize that if there have been changes to the results available from any Personal Document and 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: _____