



NORTH YORK COSMOS SC

Responsible Coaching Movement

As part of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) which provides standardized, inclusive, and safe sport education to coaches and coach developers, the North York Cosmos has implemented the following procedures to ensure safe sport for athletes and coaches.

1. Rule of Two Policy:

- Two screened and NCCP-trained or certified coaches should always be present with an athlete in potential vulnerable situations. If there is only one NCCP trained member available it is recommended that another adult, parent or athlete may be recruited.
- One-on-One interactions between a coach and an athlete, without another individual present, must be avoided in all circumstances, with the exception of medical emergencies. All interactions between a coach and an athlete should be visible, in plain sight, and within earshot of a second coach, athletes and or parent.
- One of the Coaches or Team Officials shall be the same gender as the athlete
- Team Officials should not transport athletes without another adult or athlete present, or unless prior written parental permission is obtained

2. Background Screening

All Competitive Club Team officials (Managers & Coaches) are required to complete an application form and provide a clear Vulnerable Sector Check to the Club. Any changes to a Team official's information must be submitted to the club in writing. Vulnerable Sector Checks must be updated within 3 years.

3. Ethics Training

All Competitive Team Officials are required to complete Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders. Competitive Coaches are required to complete ethics training to ensure that they can effectively manage any situations that may occur pertaining to individual athletes, teams, parents and our organization. As part of NCCP coaching certification, coaches are required to complete Making Ethical Decisions (MED) and Making Ethical Decisions Online