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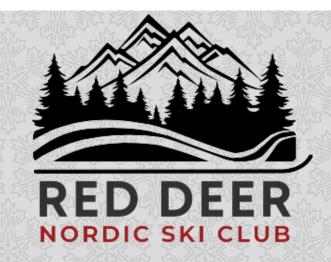




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Definitions

- 1. The following defined terms have these meanings in this Policy:
 - a) Athlete An individual who is subject to the policies of Red Deer Nordic Ski Club (RDNSC), and who may also be subject to the policies of Nordiq Alberta, Nordiq Canada and the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport ("UCCMS")
 - b) Criminal Record Check (CRC) A search of the RCMP Canadian Police Information
 Centre (CPIC) system for adult convictions
 - c) Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) a Criminal Record Check plus a search of Local Police Information, available from Sterling Backcheck
 - d) 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
 - e) Minor as defined in the UCCMS and as amended from time by the Sport Dispute
 Resolution Centre of Canada
 - f) **Participants** Refers to all categories of individual members as defined in the By-laws of RDNSC, who are subject to the policies of RDNSC, as well as all people employed by, contracted by, or engaged in activities with RDNSC including, but not limited to, employees, contractors, athletes, coaches, instructors, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, parents or guardians, spectators, directors or officers
 - g) 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



Preamble

2. RDNSC 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 sport community.

Application of this Policy

- 3. This Policy applies to all individuals whose position with RDNSC is one of trust or authority which may relate to, at a minimum, finances, supervision, or Vulnerable Participants.
- 4. Not all individuals associated with RDNSC will be required to obtain a criminal record check or submit screening documents because not all positions pose a risk of harm to RDNSC or Participants. Participants will be subject to the screening requirements described in the Screening Requirements Matrix found in **Appendix A** of this Policy.

Screening Committee

- 5. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Screening Committee which is a committee composed of either one (1) or three (3) members. RDNSC will ensure that the members appointed to the Screening Committee possess the requisite skills, knowledge and abilities to accurately screen documents and render decisions under this Policy.
- 6. The Screening Committee is responsible for reviewing all documents submitted and, based on the review, making decisions regarding the appropriateness of individuals filling positions within RDNSC. 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.
- 7. Nothing in this Policy restricts or limits the Screening Committee from requesting that the individual attend an interview with the Screening Committee if the Screening Committee considers that an interview is appropriate and necessary to screen the individual's application.



- 8. Nothing in this Policy restricts or limits the Screening Committee from requesting the individual's authorization to contact any professional, sporting or other organization in order to assess the individual's suitability for the position that they are seeking.
- 9. Nothing in this Policy restricts or limits the Screening Committee from requesting further information from the individual on more than one occasion, subject to the individual's right to insist that the Screening Committee make a decision on the basis of the information before it.
- 10. The Screening Committee may, where appropriate, draw an adverse inference from an individual's failure to provide information or answer queries.
- 11. When assessing an individual's screening application, the Screening Committee shall determine whether there is reason to believe that the individual may pose a risk to RDNSC or to another individual.
- 12. An individual having been previously penalized for a prior offence shall not prevent the Screening Committee from considering that offence as part of the individual's screening application.
- 13. If the Screening Committee determines on the basis of the individual's screening application, in addition to any further material received by it, that the individual does not pose a risk to RDNSC or Participants, the Screening Committee shall approve the individual's application, subject to the Screening Committee's right to impose conditions.
- 14. In the case of a decision denying an application or approving an application with conditions, a copy of the decision shall be provided to the applicant and to the Board of Directors of RDNSC. Subject to applicable privacy and/or employment legislation and any related internal policies, RDNSC may disseminate the decision as they see fit in order to best fulfil the mandate of RDNSC.
- 15. A Participant whose screening application has been denied or revoked may not re-apply to participate in the programs or activities of RDNSC for two (2) years from the date the rejected application was made.



Screening Requirements

- 16. A Screening Requirements Matrix is provided as **Appendix A**.
- 17. It is the policy of RDNSC that when an individual is first engaged by the organization:
 - a) Level 1 individuals will:
 - i. Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as described in the Screening Requirements Matrix (Appendix A)
 - b) Level 2 individuals will:
 - i. Complete an Application Form (Appendix B)
 - ii. Complete a Screening Disclosure Form (Appendix C)
 - iii. Complete and provide an E-PIC or its equivalent defined as both a Criminal Records Check and a Judicial Matters Check
 - iv. Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as described in the Screening Requirements Matrix (Appendix A)
 - v. Provide a driver's abstract, if requested
 - c) Level 3 individuals will:
 - i. Complete an Application Form (Appendix B)
 - ii. Complete a Screening Disclosure Form (Appendix C)
 - iii. Complete and provide an E-PIC or its equivalent defined as both a Criminal Records Check and a Judicial Matters Check, and a VSC
 - iv. Provide one letter of character reference
 - v. Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as described in the Screening Requirements Matrix (Appendix A)
 - vi. Provide a driver's abstract, if requested



- d) If an individual subsequently receives a charge, conviction for, or is found guilty of, an offence they will report this circumstance immediately to RDNSC. Additionally, the individual will inform the organization of any changes in their circumstance that would alter their original responses in their Screening Disclosure Form.
- e) If RDNSC 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 the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

Young People

- 18. For the purposes of this Policy, RDNSC defines a young person as someone who is younger than 18 years old. When screening young people, RDNSC will:
 - a) Not require the young person to obtain a VSC or E-PIC (or its equivalent); and
 - b) In lieu of obtaining a VSC or E-PIC (or its equivalent), require the young person to submit up to two (2) additional letters of reference.
- 19. Notwithstanding the above, ER may ask a young person to obtain a VSC or E-PIC (or its equivalent) if the organization suspects the young person has an adult conviction and therefore has a criminal record. In these circumstances, the organization will be clear in its request that it is not asking for the young person's youth record. RDNSC understands that they may not request to see a young person's youth record.

Renewal

- 20. Unless the 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, or Screening Renewal Form, are required to submit the documents as follows:
 - a) An E-PIC (or its equivalent) every three years
 - b) A Screening Disclosure Form every three years
 - c) A Screening Renewal Form (Appendix D) every year



- d) A Vulnerable Sector Check once
- 21. At any time, including after either the submission of an individual's application or its approval (with or without conditions), the Screening Committee may re-open an individual's file for additional screening if it is advised of new information that, in the discretion of RDNSC, could affect the assessment of the individual's suitability for participation in the programs or activities of RDNSC, or the individual's interactions with other individuals involved with RDNSC.

Orientation, Training, and Monitoring

- 22. The type and amount of orientation, training in addition to the training required per the Screening Requirements Matrix (Appendix A), and monitoring will be based on the individual's level of risk, at the discretion of RDNSC.
- 23. 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.
- 24. Training may include, but is not limited to: certification courses, online learning, mentoring, workshop sessions, webinars, on-site demonstrations, and peer feedback.
- 25. At the conclusion of orientation and training, the individual will be required to acknowledge, in written form, that they have received and completed the orientation and training (Appendix E).
- 26. Monitoring may include but is not limited to: written or oral reports, observations, tracking, electronic surveillance (e.g., facility security cameras), and site visits.
- 27. RDNSC will annually ensure that Participants have received up-to-date training. When the training program has been substantially updated to include new information or resources, or if the Participant's certification has expired, the Participant will be required to re-take the training.
- 28. RDNSC will provide annual, up-to-date information on their policies and procedures related to Prohibited Behaviour and Maltreatment. Additional training resources may be provided by Nordiq Alberta, Nordiq Canada, the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC) and/or Abuse-Free Sport.

How to Obtain an E-PIC or VSC

- 29. Information on obtaining an E-PIC (Police Information Check) (or its equivalent) can be obtained from the RDNSC Director of Youth Programming
- 30. RDNSC and Participants understand that the requirements and process for obtaining an EPIC (or its equivalent) may vary by province. RDNSC and/or the Participant, as the case may be,



- are responsible for confirming and following the applicable requirements and process in each case.
- 31. Questions concerning a VSC should be directed to the relevant local RCMP office or police service. Fees may also be required.
- 32. RDNSC understands that they may be required to assist an individual with obtaining a VSC. A Request for VSC (**Appendix E**) may need to be submitted or other documentation may need to be completed that describes the nature of the organization and the individual's role with Vulnerable Participants.

Procedure

- 33. Screening documents must be submitted to the Screening Committee.
- 34. 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.
- 35. RDNSC understands that there may be delays in receiving the results of an E-PIC or a VSC. At the discretion of RDNSC, an individual may be permitted to participate in the role during the delay. This permission may be withdrawn at any time and for any reason.
- 36. RDNSC 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 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.
- 37. Following the review of the screening documents, the Screening Committee will decide:
 - a) The individual has passed screening and may participate in the desired position;
 - b) The individual has passed screening and may participate in the desired position with conditions:
 - c) The individual has not passed screening and may not participate in the desired position; or
 - d) More information is required from the individual.
- 38. In making its decision, the Screening Committee will consider the type of offense, date of offense, and relevance of the offense to the position sought.
- 39. The Screening Committee must decide that an individual has not passed screening if the screening documentation reveals any of the following:
 - 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 of assault, physical or psychological violence
- iii. Any offense involving trafficking or possession of illegal drugs
- iv. Any offense involving conduct against public morals
- v. Any offense involving theft or fraud
- 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

Conditions and Monitoring

40. Excluding the incidents above which, if revealed, would cause the individual to not pass screening, the 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 Screening Committee shall have the sole and unfettered discretion to apply and remove conditions, determine the length of time for the imposition of conditions, and determine the means by which adherence to conditions may be monitored.

Records

- 41. All records will be maintained in a confidential manner and will not be disclosed to others except as required by law, for use in legal, quasi-legal, or disciplinary proceedings.
- 42. The records kept as part of the screening process include but are not limited to:
 - a) An individual's Vulnerable Sector Check
 - b) An individual's E-PIC or its equivalent (for a period of three years)
 - c) An individual's Screening Disclosure Form (for a period of three years)
 - d) An individual's Screening Renewal Form (for a period of one year)
 - e) Records of any conditions attached to an individual's registration by the Screening Committee



f) Records of any discipline applied to any individual by RDNSC or by another sport organization

Privacy

- 43. The collection, use and disclosure of any personal information pursuant to this Policy is subject to RDNSC's *Privacy Policy*.
- 44. RDNSC or and of its delegates pursuant to this Policy (i.e., the Screening Committee) shall comply with RDNSC's *Privacy Policy* in the performance of their services under this Policy.



Appendix A – Screening Requirements Matrix

The roles listed in the matrix are only examples or where individuals could be assessed based on the risk their role might pose. Every club structure is different. Clubs need to consider the roles and associated risk within their own organizations to determine whether an individual requires screening and training and, if so, where an individual falls in the matrix.

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Level 2 Medium Risk	athlete travelling with a state of the contract team. The contract employs the contract end of	support nel (e.g, wax ians, ted support ach ctors, rees and ers with direct contact rs and officers oard ers) embers and officials at race Canada d Coaches	Required for a) to e): CAC Safe Sport training, and CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module Required f) coaches: CAC Safe Sport training, and CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning module Required f) coaches: CAC Safe Sport training, and Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning module, and Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation Caches attest to having satisfied training requirements as part of their Nordiq Canada Coach License application; clubs should confirm with their coaches that the training is complete.	 Level 1 Requirements Complete and provide an E-PIC (or its equivalent) Provide a driver's abstract, if requested 	The earlier of: Prior to their first formal activity in their season Prior to any unsupervised contact with an Athlete For those without direct athlete contact, within four weeks of starting the role



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	b)	Coaches who travel with Athletes	 CAC Safe Sport training, and 	•	Provide a VSC		first formal activity in their season
Level 3	c)	Coaches who could be alone with Athletes	 CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module, and 	•	A letter of character reference from someone without conflict	•	Prior to any unsupervised contact with an Athlete
High Risk			Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation Coaches attest to having satisfied training requirements as part of their Nordiq Canada Coach License application; clubs should confirm with their coaches that the training is complete.				

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Appendix B – Application Form

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

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SIGNATURE:			





Appendix C – Screening Disclosure Form

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Year Convicted:			



Penalty or Punishment Imposed:	
Further Explanation:	
 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 eac disciplinary action or sanction. Attach additional pages as necessary. 	h
Name of disciplining or sanctioning body:	
Date of discipline, sanction or dismissal:	_
Reasons for discipline, sanction or dismissal:	
Penalty or Punishment Imposed:	_
Further Explanation:	
 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, plea complete the following information for each pending charge or sanction. Attach addition 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 RDNSC 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 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. RDNSC 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 RDNSC 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 D – Screening Renewal Form

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Appendix E – Volunteer Orientation and Training Acknowledgement Form

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Appendix F – Request for Vulnerable Sector Check

Red Deer Nordic Ski Club Box 21014 BPO Bower Place Red Deer AB T4N 5E7

INTRODUCTION
RDNSC 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 ORGANIZATION
Red Deer Nordic Ski Club offers cross country skiing, biathlon and mountain touring for all ages and all abilities. From recreational to competitive, from kids to adults, including lessons at all ages.
DESCRIPTION OF ROLE
[insert individual's name] will be acting as a volunteer a coaching position with the Red Deer Nordic Ski Club. This position involves coaching youth in a group setting as well as holding the potential for one-on-one coaching in a group setting. As per RDNSC policy, it is a requirement that all persons over 18 years of age, working with athletes within our programs must have a Vulnerable Sector Check completed. In this role, the individual will have access to vulnerable individuals.
CONTACT INFORMATION
If more information is required from RDNSC, please contact the Screening Committee Chair:
Coreen Nelson, rdnsc.youthprogrammer@gmail.com
Signed: Date:

