

# Responsible Coaching Movement



The Responsible Coaching Movement (RCM) helps sport organizations in Canada ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all participants, both on and off the field of play.

## The Responsible Coaching Movement Pillars

The Responsible Coaching Movement includes three distinct pillars, each serving to create a sport environment that is safe, smart, and secure. Each pillar provides crucial elements, resources and processes to ensure sport participation is a safe and positive experience for all.



### Rule of Two

A **SAFE SPORT** environment ensures all coaches, staff, and administrators apply the Rule of Two.

Interactions with participants occur in settings that are:

- Open
- Observable
- Justifiable

When following the Rule of Two all interactions with participants are in open, observable, and justifiable settings, and two responsible adults — whether a coach, parent, staff or screened volunteer — are present.

Check with your sport organization as to how the **Rule of Two** is enforced.



### Ethics Training

A **SMART SPORT** environment ensures coaches are trained and have the confidence and skills needed to effectively manage challenging situations. Lifelong learning through numerous training modules helps coaches expand their knowledge.

**Ethics training** includes the following, among others:

- **NCCP Make Ethical Decisions (MED) module**
- **NCCP Creating a Positive Sport Environment**
- **Safe Sport Training** on abuse and harassment prevention
- **Respect In Sport**
- **Commit To Kids for Coaches**

Search for NCCP and CAC Multi-sport **training opportunities** in the Locker or connect with your Provincial/Territorial Coaching **Representatives**.



### Background Screening

A **SECURE SPORT** environment is one where all coaches, volunteers and sport organization leaders meet important requirements to be involved in sport.

Screening includes:

- Comprehensive job postings
- Visible policies and processes
- Conducting comprehensive background and reference checks
- Interviews
- Police information checks

These should all be completed at regular intervals. View the suggested Background Screening Resources on **[coach.ca/background-screening](https://coach.ca/background-screening)**.

The Responsible Coaching Movement ensures a safe, positive sport environment for all. Whether you are a coach, participant, parent, or volunteer, we are all on the same team to make sport safe and fun for everyone.



Keep Sport Safe, Smart and Secure

For more information, visit  
**[coach.ca/RCM](https://coach.ca/RCM)**