



## Scotia Series Safe Sport Standards

Across the country, at *every* level of *every* sport, everyone has the right to feel safe and to participate in an accessible and inclusive sport environment, free from maltreatment, discrimination and regardless of ability, race, gender identity and expression, sex and sexual orientation.

To do our part, ENS Board-approved, safe sport standards have been implemented in our programs. All Scotia Series **coaches/instructors/trainers, officials and person responsible\*** are required to comply with our standards prior to their first competition. Adult athletes are strongly recommended to comply and by 2026, will be required to have standards in place.

\*A Person Responsible applies to the person (parent/guardian or trusted family friend) responsible for a junior-aged athlete at a competition when their coach is not present.

Standards	Coach/Instructor	Official	Person Responsible	Adult Athlete
Criminal Records Check or Child Abuse Registry	Required	Recommended	N/A	N/A
Safe Sport Training	Required	Required	Required	Recommended in 2025 Required in 2026
Concussion Training	Required	Required	Required	Recommended in 2025 Required in 2026
Current ENS/PTSO Membership	Required	Required	Required if handling equine	Required

### **Training Options:**

Two free-of-charge on-line modules provided by the Coaching Association of Canada:

1. Safe Sport Training – approximately 90 minutes
2. Making Headway in Sport Concussion Awareness training – approximately 95 minutes.

[Create or log-in](#) to your account to complete your modules.

If you have an EC Sport License, you may have already completed these or EC safe sport/concussion modules.

### **Screening Options:**

Coaches/instructors/trainers have two screening options:

1. Criminal Records Check, (vulnerable sector required for applicants born before 1986) - completed at your local police/RCMP detachment or online at [MyBackCheck.com](http://MyBackCheck.com) - Fees may apply.
2. [NS Child Abuse Registry Check](#) (free of charge)

We are here to help! If you require assistance, please contact us at [nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca) or call us, toll-free at 1-800-263-2410.

*Thank you for doing your part in ensuring an enjoyable and safe sport experience for everyone!*