



Bowls Alberta & Member Clubs



Responsible Coaching Movement Implementation Strategy

The Responsible Coaching Movement (RCM) is a multi-phase system-wide movement, coordinated by the Coaching Association of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport that has the potential to affect all sport organizations and coaches. The RCM is a call to action for organizations to implement realistic change based on their individual state of readiness. The first phase of the RCM focuses on three key areas: Background Screening, Ethics and Respect Training, and the Rule of Two. Bowls Alberta and their member clubs are committed to phase one of the RCM.

Background Screening

Screening is an important part of providing a safe sporting environment and has become a common practice among sport organizations that provide programs and services to the community. Bowls Alberta (BA) and its Member Clubs are responsible to do everything reasonable to provide a safe and secure environment for participants in its programs, activities, and events. Requiring that valid police record checks, and other background checks as appropriate, be submitted, as part of the screening process, is part of this duty of care. See BA's *Screening Policy*.

Training

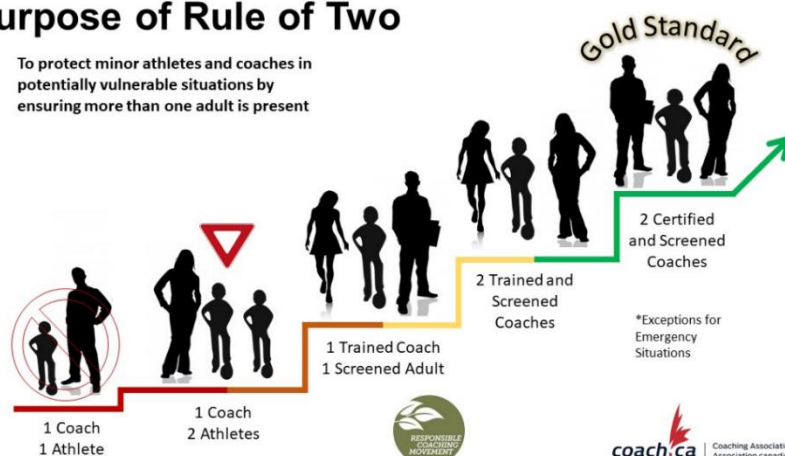
All coaches must take the Make Ethical Decisions module from the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP). This module will help coaches be able to identify the legal, ethical, and moral implications of difficult situations that present themselves. In addition, bowls coaches must also take the Activity Leader/Coach Program from Respect in Sport or the NCCP Respect in Sport training. These online training modules will educate coaches on the prevention of *Maltreatment. It will also build a culture of respect and enable coaches to become better role models.

Rule of Two

“The Rule of Two states that there will always be two screened and NCCP trained or certified coaches with an athlete, especially a minor athlete, when in a potentially vulnerable situation.”

Purpose of Rule of Two

To protect minor athletes and coaches in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring more than one adult is present



*Exceptions for Emergency Situations