

2025-2026 Referee Eligibility Policy

All athletes have the right to a safe, inclusive and responsible volleyball experience. As people in positions of authority, referees have an important role to play in providing this type of environment. Referees have the responsibility to:

- Complete the necessary training in order to provide an environment that is physically, mentally, emotionally and socially safe for all athletes and participants
- Complete the necessary training in order to provide a responsible safe environment that incorporates Volleyball Canada's teaching methodologies, technical guidelines and long-term athlete development principles
- Ensure that all of their referee training is current so as to be able to provide a safe and responsible volleyball experience for all

MANDATORY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OVA REFEREES

All individuals involved with youth athletes must complete the following requirements prior to their registration as an OVA member in a **Referee role**. These requirements apply to **all individuals in those roles**, regardless of certification status, experience or years of involvement:

- Abide by the OVA Screening Policy
 - Submit a [Level 2 Criminal Record & Judicial Matters Check \(CRJMC\)](#) or [Enhanced Police Information Check \(E-PIC\)](#) completed within 3 years
 - Complete the OVA Screening Disclosure Form via MRS registration
 - Comply with further steps under the OVA Screening Policy as necessary
- Complete the following training
 - Rowan's Law requirements
 - Attest that resources have been reviewed during OVA annual registration
 - Coaches Association of Canada [Safe Sports Training](#) (Free)
 - [NCCP Anti-Racism in Coaching](#) module
 - If the Call It Out training was completed previously, it will still be accepted.

Individuals who have not completed the above requirements are not eligible to be registered as an OVA member in the Referee role and will be fined equal to their match fees for any ineligible work.

Note: Referees attending Nationals should check with Volleyball Canada to verify compliance.