

## OFSAA Screening Policy

OFSAA 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 schools and the community.

The following information will be provided to Championship/Festival Convenors in order to assist them in securing officials and volunteers for their OFSAA event(s).

### Officials

Officials must follow the policies set out by their Governing Body (i.e. Rugby Ontario, Ontario Soccer) with regards to Police Record Check. You should be aware that most Provincial Sport Organizations require officials to have an approved Police Record Check with vulnerable sector screening in order to fulfill a role that places them in a position of authority or involves any regular supervisory contact with student-athletes.

### Volunteers

Parents and community members who wish to volunteer at an OFSAA event must complete a Police Record Check (which will include a vulnerable sector screening) as dictated by their school board. They must be cleared before they can volunteer at the school and/or support an event in which student-athletes are participating.

It is important to understand that volunteers at school events cannot be used to perform activities that are the responsibility of teachers or other Board employees or teacher-coaches. Contact your local school for more information on volunteering and the requirement of a Police Record Check.

*Note: Students who would like to volunteer and are under the age of 18, do not need a Police Record Check. Staff who already work at the school should already have a Police Record Check on file as per requirements set out by school boards in Ontario.*

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**Note: It is the responsibility of the schools, school boards and provincial sport organizations to ensure the requirements set out in their respective policies are being met by the volunteers and/or members. Additionally, it is their responsibility to retain an original or true copy taken from the original Police Record Check and ensure it is filed and recorded.**

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