



OWHA BULLETIN – VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) and SCREENING UPDATES

Updated - March 18th, 2026

The Ontario Screening Submission Portal will be open as of April 1, 2026 for the 2026-27 season. The Ontario Screening Submission Portal can be access through this link:
https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s88_mthsgUGOi8KxPBphVRNFN0_ZyfIGmRel6w2hk6NUOUowVjgyRVI5R0hMUjUzMUVLMU5WTVc2OS4u
Anyone aged 17 and under will NOT be required to complete screening.

Receipts

Receipts will **NOT** be accepted for VSCs between the periods of April 1 and July 30, 2026. The police services generally take 6-8 weeks to process an application, so anyone who is required to submit a VSC should start the process with their police service as soon as possible. Members can then submit their completed VSC and online Declaration form through the Ontario Screening Submission Portal. Once they have their VSC document returned to them by police services, they must upload a copy through the Ontario Screening Submission Portal.

Process for Those Participating in Spring Evaluations

Team Officials, On-Ice Officials or others, including dressing room monitors, that were approved on a roster for the 2025-26 season, can participate in Spring Evaluations. Any **NEW** individuals must complete their VSC Screening and Declaration form through the Ontario Screening Submission Portal, prior to Spring Evaluations.

If a Coach/Volunteer is in this situation, they should get started on the process and request a VSC with their police service immediately. Individuals who are involved in Spring Evaluations must be registered in the HCR and have a valid VSC and Declaration document showing on their profile.

Process for Returning Individuals for the 2026-27 season

Team Officials, On-Ice Officials, dressing room monitors or others that are returning for the 2026-27 season, and had their screening approved this past season with a VSC from 2024 or 2025, will only be required to complete the online Declaration for the upcoming season. The Declaration form 2025-26 will expire on May 31, 2026. The Online Submission Portal will open on April 1st, so that members can complete this process.

Process for Returning Individuals with a 2023 VSC (expires May 31, 2026)

Team Officials, On-Ice Officials, dressing room monitors or others that are returning for the 2026-27 season and had their screening approved from this past season, with a Vulnerable Sector Check from 2023, will be required to submit a **NEW** VSC and complete the online Declaration for this coming 2026-27 season. The screening for these individuals will expire May 31, 2026. If an individual is in this situation, they should get started on the process and request a VSC with their police service immediately.

You may be required to provide a letter requesting a Vulnerable Sector Check. If a letter is required, please use the link below to access the letter. Please ensure that you fill in the required information prior to printing and taking the letter to your local police station.

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/whaontario/files/Coaches/2025-26/Screening%20Check%20Letter%20for%20Coaches%20%28Aug%202025%29.pdf>

Process for New Individuals

New Team Officials, On-Ice Officials, dressing room monitors or others for the 2026-27 season will be required to submit a VSC and complete the online Declaration for this season.

New Individuals must register with the OWHA prior to submitting their screening.

Questions

If you have any questions, please reach out to the OWHA at privacyowha@owha.on.ca

DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

How to create your HCR Spordle Account.

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/whaontario/files/Coaches/2025-26/Create%20a%20Spordle%20Account%20%28March%202026%29.pdf>

How to submit your VSC document via the Ontario Screening Submission Portal

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/whaontario/files/Forms%20and%20Policies/2025-2026/Updated%20-%20How%20to%20Submit%20your%20VSC%20Document%20%28updated%20June%202%202025%29.pdf>

Letter Template for obtaining your VSC from the Local Police Station

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/whaontario/files/Officials/2024-2025/Screening%20Check%20Letter%20for%20all%20%28Sept%202024%29.pdf>

Link to the Ontario Screening Submission Portal to upload your VSC Document

https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s88_mthsgUGOi8KxPBphVRNFN0_ZyfIGmRel6w2hk6NUOUowVjgyRVI5R0hMUjUzMUVLMU5WTVc2OS4u