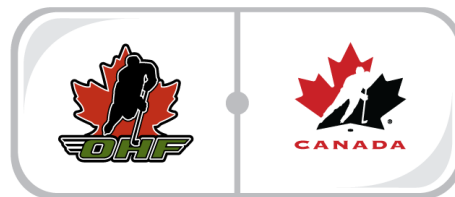


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OHF Bulletin

To: OHF Directors, OHF Members, OHF Staff, OHF Senior Leadership Team, OHF Member Communication Staff
From: Phillip McKee – Executive Director
Date: August 15, 2024
Re: 2024-2025 Fall Registration and Screening Responsibilities
Bulletin ID: 24-031

As we near the beginning of the hockey season, the OHF wants to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring the safety and integrity of our programs. Registration adherence and screening processes for all Team Officials and On-Ice Officials is not just a procedural requirement but a fundamental aspect of our operations.

The Ontario Hockey Federation's Board of Directors approved the updated [OHF Screening Policy](#), effective February 23, 2024 and the following Bulletins have been sent out since February 2024.

1. [24-010 - New OHF Centralized Screening Process](#)
2. [24-012 - OHF Centralized Screening Process - Marketing and Communication for Associations](#)
3. [24-022 - 2024-2025 Associations' Personnel who Participated in Spring Evaluations](#)
4. [24-024 Registration and Rostering of Third-Party Instructors](#)

Member Responsibility

OHF Members must advise their Associations that they do not need to collect Vulnerable Sector Checks for the 2024-25 season for individuals as communicated in the Bulletins listed above. These will now be submitted and reviewed by the Ontario Hockey Federation. Associations will continue to be responsible for the screening of any staff and Board members not participating with a team or on the ice.

Associations

Hockey Associations must notify their Team Officials to submit Vulnerable Sector Check and to complete the online OHF Screening Declaration, following the [OHF Screening Submission Process](#). Ensure all participants are registered in the HCR prior to their participation. Team Officials and Third-Party Instructors (skill coaches, etc.) will not be eligible to participate in sanctioned activities for the 2024-25 season until they have complied with the deadlines listed below.

Deadlines

- All competitive (Categories inclusive of MD, D, DD, C, CC, B, BB, A, AA, AAA, Jr. C, Jr. B, Jr. A, Senior AAA, Senior AA, Senior A) Team Officials and players not rostered by **September 1, 2024**, will be ineligible to participate until properly rostered.



- All Recreational (Inclusive of House League, Local League, Select, and all Tiers within U7 and U9 aged Divisions) Team Officials and players must be registered before participation. Team Officials need to complete Screening within **three (3) weeks of registration**.
- Third-Party Instructors must be registered and VSC screened with the OHF prior to participation in programming (as per [OHF Bulletin 24-024](#)).
- On-Ice Officials must be registered and VSC screened with the OHF prior to participation in programming. [Vulnerable Sector Check for Officials](#).
- Any individual who submitted a receipt must submit their validated VSC by **December 1, 2024**, or they will be deemed ineligible.
- Any individual registering after **November 15, 2024**, will need to provide the completed VSC and a receipt will only be accepted in unique circumstances.

There will be an All-Association call taking place on Monday, August 19. Please ensure one member from your Association is on this call.

[August 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM - All Association Call Registration](#)

Marketing and Communication assets are attached for social posts and web pages to help support the push of the OHF Screening process.

Definitions

Registered - the player, volunteer or Team Official that has completed a registration process including waivers and Rowan’s Law with the Association and is reported in the Hockey Canada Registry. This individual may or may not be Rostered to a Team.

Rostered – an individual that has Registered and has been assigned and approved to a Team within the Association.

Member Call to Action	What	Due date
Send to Associations	Bulletin details, including links to OHF VSC process page	Immediately
Post to socials	Graphics with link to OHF VSC process page	On-going
Website update	Graphics with link to OHF VSC process page	August 5, 2024
Collection of Marketing Metrics (where applicable)	Email: Sent, opens (#/%), Bounces, Successful Deliveries, Clicks (#/%), Did Not Open, Unsubscribed, Spam Reported	August 23, 2024