

Responsible Coaching Movement

As part of our commitment to the NCCP's Responsible Coaching Movement the Markham Soccer Club has implemented the following policies & procedures in order to ensure that both our athletes and coaches are protected

1. Rule of Two Policy

- Two screened & NCCP trained coaches should always be present with an athlete, in particular a minor, when in a potentially vulnerable situation. A coach should never be alone out of eyesight with a child. All one-on-one interactions between a coach and an athlete should take place within earshot and within view of a second coach except for in medical emergencies
- One of the coaches shall be the same gender as the athlete
- In circumstances where a second screened & certified coach is not readily available a screened volunteer, parent, or adult can be recruited
- Team Officials should not transport athletes without another adult or athlete present, or unless prior written parental permission is obtained.

2. Background Screening

All competitive team officials must complete and application form as well as provide three reference checks. Once the application has been reviewed, applicants must then provide a Vulnerable Sector Screening to the MSC. Upon approval Vulnerable Sector Screenings must be completed every 3 years thereafter.

3. Ethics Training

All competitive coaches are required to complete ethics training to prepare them to effectively handle situations that may arise concerning individuals, teams, and our organizations. Successful completion of both the Making Ethical Decisions (MED) & Respect in Soccer courses is required. Completion of the Commit to Kids online training course is strongly encouraged.