



OHF Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) and Screening Updates

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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](#).

The OHF Centralized Screening process for is a **MANDATORY** requirement for all team staff aged 18 and over to be eligible to roster to an OWHA team, and to participate in programs both on and off the ice. Anyone aged 17 and under will NOT be required to complete screening.

The following individuals must adhere to the OWHA Screening Policy

Team Staff including head coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, assistant trainers, managers, staff, skills coaches, dressing room monitors and third-party skills coaches.

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, Volunteer Letters are available in the **Resource Library** tab on the PGHA Website.

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.

Please Note:

- All documents **must be in PDF format** to be accepted. Pictures, images and other formats will not be accepted.
- You **MUST** upload your documents to the [OHF Screening portal](#) as well as register in [RAMP](#).

For more information, FAQ's or detailed instructions visit [OHF Vulnerable Sector Checks \(VSC\)](#)

Documents and Resources

- How to create your HCR Spordle Account – [LINK](#)
- How to submit your VSC document via the Ontario Screening Submission Portal – [LINK](#)
- Link to the Ontario Screening Submission Portal to upload your VSC Document - [LINK](#)
- For more information, FAQ's or detailed instructions visit [OHF Vulnerable Sector Checks \(VSC\)](#)