# Nickel Plate Nordic Centre Screening Policy



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# Definitions

- 1. The following defined terms have these meanings in this Policy:
  - a) Athlete An individual who is subject to the policies of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre, and who may also be subject to the policies of CCBC, Nordiq Canada and the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport ("UCCMS")
  - b) **Criminal Record Check (CRC)** A search of the RCMP Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) system for adult convictions
  - c) **Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC)** a Criminal Record Check plus a search of Local Police Information, available from Sterling Backcheck
  - d) Local Police Information (LPI) Additional conviction and selected non-conviction information in national and local police data sources which may be relevant to the position sought
  - e) *Minor* as defined in the UCCMS and as amended from time by the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada
  - f) Participants Refers to all categories of individual member as defined in the By-laws of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre, who are subject to the policies of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre, as well as all people employed by, contracted by, or engaged in activities with Nickel Plate Nordic Centre including, but not limited to, employees, contractors, Athletes, coaches, instructors, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, parents or guardians, spectators, directors or officers
  - g) Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) A detailed check that includes a search of the RCMP Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) system, Local Police Information, and the Pardoned Sex Offender database

# Preamble

2. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre 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 the sport community.

# **Application of this Policy**

- 3. This Policy applies to all individuals whose position with Nickel Plate Nordic Centre is one of trust or authority which may relate to, at a minimum, finances, supervision, or Vulnerable Participants.
- Not all individuals associated with Nickel Plate Nordic Centre will be required to obtain a criminal record check or submit screening documents because not all positions pose a risk of harm to Nickel Plate Nordic Centre or Participants. Participants will be subject to the screening requirements described in the Screening Requirements Matrix found in **Appendix A** of this Policy.

# **Screening Committee**

- 5. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Screening Committee which is a committee composed of either one (1) or three (3) members. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre will ensure that the members appointed to the Screening Committee possess the requisite skills, knowledge and abilities to accurately screen documents and render decisions under this Policy.
- 6. The Screening Committee is responsible for reviewing all documents submitted and, based on the review, making decisions regarding the appropriateness of individuals filling positions within Nickel Plate Nordic Centre. In carrying out its duties, the Screening Committee may consult with independent experts including lawyers, police, risk management consultants, volunteer screening specialists, or any other person.
- 7. Nothing in this Policy restricts or limits the Screening Committee from requesting that the individual attend an interview with the Screening Committee if the Screening Committee considers that an interview is appropriate and necessary to screen the individual's application.
- 8. Nothing in this Policy restricts or limits the Screening Committee from requesting the individual's authorization to contact any professional, sporting or other organization in order to assess the individual's suitability for the position that they are seeking.
- 9. Nothing in this Policy restricts or limits the Screening Committee from requesting further information from the individual on more than one occasion, subject to the individual's right to insist that the Screening Committee make a decision on the basis of the information before it.

- 10. The Screening Committee may, where appropriate, draw an adverse inference from an individual's failure to provide information or answer queries.
- 11. When assessing an individual's screening application, the Screening Committee shall determine whether there is reason to believe that the individual may pose a risk to Nickel Plate Nordic Centre or to another individual.
- 12. An individual having been previously penalized for a prior offence shall not prevent the Screening Committee from considering that offence as part of the individual's screening application.
- 13. If the Screening Committee determines on the basis of the individual's screening application, in addition to any further material received by it, that the individual does not pose a risk to Nickel Plate Nordic Centre or Participants, the Screening Committee shall approve the individual's application, subject to the Screening Committee's right to impose conditions.
- 14. In the case of a decision denying an application or approving an application with conditions, a copy of the decision shall be provided to the applicant and to the Board of Directors of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre. Subject to applicable privacy and/or employment legislation and any related internal policies, Nickel Plate Nordic Centre may disseminate the decision as they see fit in order to best fulfil the mandate of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre.
- 15. A Participant whose screening application has been denied or revoked may not re-apply to participate in the programs or activities of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre for two (2) years from the date the rejected application was made.

# **Screening Requirements**

- 16. A Screening Requirements Matrix is provided as **Appendix A**.
- 17. It is the policy of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre that when an individual is first engaged by the organization:
  - a) Level 1 individuals will:
    - i. Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as described in the

Screening Requirements Matrix (Appendix A)

- b) Level 2 individuals will:
  - i. Complete an Application Form (Appendix B)
  - ii. Complete a Screening Disclosure Form (Appendix C)
  - iii. Complete and provide an E-PIC or its equivalent defined as both a Criminal Records Check and a Judicial Matters Check
  - iv. Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as described in the Screening Requirements Matrix (Appendix A)
  - v. Provide a driver's abstract, if requested
- c) Level 3 individuals will:
  - i. Complete an Application Form (Appendix B)
  - ii. Complete a Screening Disclosure Form (Appendix C)
  - iii. Complete and provide an E-PIC or its equivalent defined as both a Criminal Records Check and a Judicial Matters Check, and a VSC
  - iv. Provide one letter of character reference
  - v. Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as described in the Screening Requirements Matrix (**Appendix A**)
  - vi. Provide a driver's abstract, if requested
- d) If an individual subsequently receives a charge, conviction for, or is found guilty of, an offense they will report this circumstance immediately to Nickel Plate Nordic Centre. Additionally, the individual will inform the organization of any changes in their circumstance that would alter their original responses in their Screening Disclosure Form.
- e) If Nickel Plate Nordic Centre learns that an individual has provided false, inaccurate, or misleading information, the individual will immediately be removed from their position and may be subject to further discipline in accordance with the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

# Young People

- 18. For the purposes of this Policy, Nickel Plate Nordic Centre defines a young person as someone who is younger than 18 years old. When screening young people, Nickel Plate Nordic Centre will:
  - a) Not require the young person to obtain a VSC or E-PIC (or its equivalent); and
  - b) In lieu of obtaining a VSC or E-PIC (or its equivalent), require the young person to

submit up to two (2) additional letters of reference.

19. Notwithstanding the above, Nickel Plate Nordic Centre may ask a young person to obtain a VSC or E-PIC (or its equivalent) if the organization suspects the young person has an adult conviction and therefore has a criminal record. In these circumstances, the organization will be clear in its request that it is not asking for the young person's youth record. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre understands that they may not request to see a young person's youth record.

# Renewal

- 20. Unless the Screening Committee determines, on a case-by-case basis, to modify the submission requirements, individuals who are required to submit an E-PIC, Screening Disclosure Form, or Screening Renewal Form, are required to submit the documents as follows:
  - a) An E-PIC (or its equivalent) every three years
  - b) A Screening Disclosure Form every three years
  - c) A Screening Renewal Form (Appendix D) every year
  - d) A Vulnerable Sector Check once
- 21. At any time, including after either the submission of an individual's application or its approval (with or without conditions), the Screening Committee may re-open an individual's file for additional screening if it is advised of new information that, in the discretion of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre, could affect the assessment of the individual's suitability for participation in the programs or activities of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre, or the individual's interactions with other individuals involved with Nickel Plate Nordic Centre.

# Orientation, Training, and Monitoring

- 22. The type and amount of orientation, training in addition to the training required per the Screening Requirements Matrix (Appendix A), and monitoring will be based on the individual's level of risk, at the discretion of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre.
- 23. Orientation may include, but is not limited to: introductory presentations, facility tours, equipment demonstrations, parent/Athlete meetings, meetings with colleagues and

supervisors, orientation manuals, orientation sessions, and increased supervision during initial tasks or initial period of engagement.

- 24. Training may include, but is not limited to: certification courses, online learning, mentoring, workshop sessions, webinars, on-site demonstrations, and peer feedback.
- 25. At the conclusion of orientation and training, the individual will be required to acknowledge, in written form, that they have received and completed the orientation and training (**Appendix E**).
- 26. Monitoring may include but is not limited to: written or oral reports, observations, tracking, electronic surveillance (e.g., facility security cameras), and site visits.
- 27. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre will annually ensure that Participants have received up-to-date training. When the training program has been substantially updated to include new information or resources, or if the Participant's certification has expired, the Participant will be required to re-take the training.
- 28. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre will provide annual, up-to-date information on their policies and procedures related to Prohibited Behaviour and Maltreatment. Additional training resources may be provided by CCBC, Nordiq Canada, the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC) and/or Abuse-Free Sport.

## How to Obtain an E-PIC or VSC

- 29. Information on obtaining an E-PIC (or its equivalent) can be obtained from the Nickel Plate Nordic Centre President.
- 30. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre and Participants understand that the requirements and process for obtaining an EPIC (or its equivalent) may vary by province. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre and/or the Participant, as the case may be, are responsible for confirming and following the applicable requirements and process in each case.
- 31. Questions concerning a VSC should be directed to the relevant local RCMP office or police service. Fees may also be required.
- 32. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre understands that they may be required to assist an individual with obtaining a VSC. A Request for VSC (**Appendix E**) may need to be submitted or other documentation may need to be completed that describes the nature of the organization and the individual's role with Vulnerable Participants.

## Procedure

- 33. Screening documents must be submitted to the Screening Committee.
- 34. An individual who refuses or fails to provide the necessary screening documents will be ineligible to volunteer or apply for the position sought. The individual will be informed that their application and/or position will not proceed until such time as the screening documents are submitted.
- 35. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre understands that there may be delays in receiving the results of an E-PIC or a VSC. At the discretion of Nickel Plate Nordic Centre, an individual may be

permitted to participate in the role during the delay. This permission may be withdrawn at any time and for any reason.

- 36. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre recognizes that different information will be available depending on the type of screening document that the individual has submitted. For example, an E-PIC may show details of a specific offense, or not, and/or a VSC may be returned with specific information or simply a notification indicating 'cleared' or 'not cleared'. The Screening Committee will use its expertise and discretion when making decisions based on the screening documents that have been submitted.
- 37. Following the review of the screening documents, the Screening Committee will decide:
  - a) The individual has passed screening and may participate in the desired position;
  - b) The individual has passed screening and may participate in the desired position with conditions;
  - c) The individual has not passed screening and may not participate in the desired position; or
  - d) More information is required from the individual.
- 38. In making its decision, the Screening Committee will consider the type of offense, date of offense, and relevance of the offense to the position sought.
- 39. The Screening Committee must decide that an individual has not passed screening if the screening documentation reveals any of the following:
  - If imposed in the last three years:
    - i. Any offense involving the use of a motor vehicle, including but not limited to impaired driving
    - ii. Any offense of assault, physical or psychological violence
    - iii. Any offense involving trafficking or possession of illegal drugs
    - iv. Any offense involving conduct against public morals
    - v. Any offense involving theft or fraud
  - If imposed at any time:
    - i. Any offense involving a Minor or Minors
    - ii. Any offense involving the possession, distribution, or sale of any child-related
      - pornography
    - iii. Any sexual offense

# **Conditions and Monitoring**

40. Excluding the incidents above which, if revealed, would cause the individual to not pass screening, the Screening Committee may determine that incidents revealed on an individual's screening documents may allow the individual to pass the screening process and participate in a desired position with *conditions* imposed. The Screening Committee shall have the sole and unfettered discretion to apply and remove conditions, determine the

length of time for the imposition of conditions, and determine the means by which adherence to conditions may be monitored.

### Records

- 41. All records will be maintained in a confidential manner and will not be disclosed to others except as required by law, for use in legal, quasi-legal, or disciplinary proceedings.
- 42. The records kept as part of the screening process include but are not limited to:
  - a) An individual's Vulnerable Sector Check
  - b) An individual's E-PIC or its equivalent (for a period of three years)
  - c) An individual's Screening Disclosure Form (for a period of three years)
  - d) An individual's Screening Renewal Form (for a period of one year)
  - e) Records of any conditions attached to an individual's registration by the Screening Committee
  - f) Records of any discipline applied to any individual by Nickel Plate Nordic Centre or by another sport organization

#### Privacy

- 43. The collection, use and disclosure of any personal information pursuant to this Policy is subject to Nickel Plate Nordic Centre's usual policies and practices regarding private and/or confidential information
- 44. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre or any of its delegates pursuant to this Policy (i.e., the Screening Committee) shall comply with Nickel Plate Nordic Centre's usual policies and practices regarding private and/or confidential information in the performance of their services under this Policy. usual policies and practices regarding private and/or confidential information

# **Appendix A – Screening Requirements Matrix**

The roles listed in the matrix are only examples or where individuals could be assessed based on the risk their role might pose. Every club structure is different. Clubs need to consider the roles and associated risk within their own organizations to determine whether an individual requires screening and training and, if so, where an individual falls in the matrix.

Risk Level		Roles	Training Required <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Screening	Timing
Level 1 Low Risk	Lice exc Rac Dev hole <sup>1</sup> Ath satis requ Nord appl conf	rdiq Canada Race ense holders, cluding Associate ce License and velopment License der hletes attest to having sfied training uirements as part of their diq Canada Race License lication; clubs should firm with their athletes t the training is complete.	<ul> <li>CAC Safe Sport training, and</li> <li>CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Parents of minor athletes are highly encouraged to take this training.</li> </ul>	Participate in training, orientation, and monitoring as determined by the organization	Within 30 days of applying for the Nordiq Canada Race License
	b)	Anyone other than athletes and minors travelling overnight with a team Athlete support personnel (e.g, wax technicians, integrated support team)	<ul> <li>Required for a) to e):</li> <li>CAC Safe Sport training, and</li> <li>CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Level 1 Requirements</li> <li>Complete and provide an E-PIC (or its equivalent)</li> <li>Provide a driver's abstract, if requested</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The earlier of:</li> <li>Prior to their first formal activity in their season</li> <li>Prior to any unsupervised contact with an Athlete</li> </ul>
Level 2 Medium Risk	d)	Non-coach contractors, employees and managers with direct athlete contact Directors and officers (e.g., Board members)	Required f) coaches: • CAC Safe Sport training, and • CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module, and		<ul> <li>For those without direct athlete contact, within four weeks of starting the role</li> </ul>
		Jury members and major officials at race events	<ul> <li>Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation</li> </ul>		

	f)	Nordiq Canada Licensed Coaches who are not identified under Level 3 High Risk	<sup>3</sup> Coaches attest to having satisfied training requirements as part of their Nordiq Canada Coach License application; clubs should confirm with their coaches that the training is complete.				
	a) b)	Full Time Coaches Coaches who travel	Required: • CAC Safe Sport training, and	•	Level 2 Requirements Provide a VSC	The ea •	rlier of: Prior to their first formal
		with Athletes	• CAC		A latter of the sector		activity in their season
	c)	Coaches who could	<ul> <li>CAC</li> <li>Understanding</li> <li>the Rule of Two</li> </ul>	•	A letter of character reference from		Prior to any
Level 3	0,	be alone with Athletes	eLearning Module, and		someone without conflict	•	unsupervised contact with an Athlete
High Risk			Make Ethical				an Athlete
Nisk			Decisions (MED) Online				
			Evaluation <sup>3</sup> Coaches attest to having satisfied training				
			requirements as part of their Nordiq Canada Coach License application;				
			clubs should confirm with their coaches that the training is complete.				

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- b) In lieu of obtaining a VSC or E-PIC, require the young person to submit up to two(2) additional letters of reference.

# **Appendix B – Application Form**

Note: Participants who are applying to volunteer or work within certain positions with Nickel Plate Nordic Centre must complete this Application Form. Participants need to complete an Application Form once for the position sought. If the individual is applying for a new position within Nickel Plate Nordic Centre, a new Application Form must be submitted.

#### NAME:

First	М	iddle	Last
CURRENT PERMANE	ENT ADDRESS:		
Street	City	Province	Postal
	nth/Day/Year	GENDER IDENTITY:	
EMAIL:		PHONE:	
POSITION SOUGHT:			
procedures of Nicke	l Plate Nordic Centre ir	adhere to the UCCMS and the p ncluding but not limited to the <i>C</i> <i>ning Policy</i> . Policies are located	Code of Conduct and
as outlined in the Sc	•	ng requirements depending on It the Screening Committee will on.	

NAME (print):
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DATE:
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SIGNATURE:
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# Appendix C – Screening Disclosure Form

First	Middle		Last		
OTHER NAMES YOU HAY	OTHER NAMES YOU HAVE USED:				
CURRENT PERMANENT					
Street	City	Province	Postal		
DATE OF BIRTH	·	GENDER IDENTITY:			
	Month/Day/Year				
CLUB (if applicable):		EMAIL:			
		ow may be considered an int nsibilities or other privileges			
each conviction. Att	· · · · ·	ease complete the following ecessary. ( <mark>IMPORTANT</mark> : this )			
Name or Type of Offense	2:				
Name and Jurisdiction of	f Court/Tribunal:				
Year Convicted:					
Further Explanation:					
independent body ( coaching or volunte	e.g., private tribunal, gov	d by a sport governing body vernment agency, etc.) or dis complete the following info onal pages as necessary.	smissed from a		
Name of disciplining or s	anctioning body:				
Date of discipline, sancti	on or dismissal:				
Reasons for discipline, sa	anction or dismissal:				

Penalty or Punishment Imposed: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Further Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Are criminal charges or any other sanctions, including those from a sport body, private tribunal or government agency, currently pending or threatened against you? If so, please complete the following information for each pending charge or sanction. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Name or Type of Offense:

Name and Jurisdiction of Court/Tribunal:	

Name of disciplining or sanctioning body: \_\_\_\_\_

Further Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

By completing and submitting this Screening Disclosure Form, I consent and authorize Nickel Plate Nordic Centre to collect, use and disclose my personal information, including all information provided on the Screening Disclosure Form as well as my Enhanced Police Information Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (when permitted by law) for the purposes of screening, implementation of the *Screening Policy*, administering membership services, and communicating with National Sport Organizations, Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations, Clubs, and other organizations involved in the governance of sport. Nickel Plate Nordic Centre does not distribute personal information for commercial purposes.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained in this Screening Disclosure Form is accurate, correct, truthful and complete.

I further certify that I will immediately inform Nickel Plate Nordic Centre of any changes in circumstances that would alter my original responses to this Screening Disclosure Form. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of volunteer responsibilities or other privileges and/or disciplinary action.

NAME (print): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix D – Screening Renewal Form

NAME:

First	Mido	lle	Last
CURRENT PERMANENT ADDRESS:			
Street	City	Province	Postal
DATE OF BIRTH: Month/Day/Year		GENDER IDENTITY:	
EMAIL:		PHONE:	

By signing this document below, I certify that there have been no changes to my criminal record since I last submitted an Enhanced Police Information Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check and/or Screening Disclosure Form and/or Driver's Abstract ("Personal Document") to Nickel Plate Nordic Centre. I further certify that there are no outstanding charges and warrants, judicial orders, peace bonds, probation or prohibition orders, or applicable non-conviction information, and there have been no absolute and conditional discharges.

I agree that any Personal Document that I would obtain or submit on the date indicated below would be no different than the last Personal Document that I submitted to Nickel Plate Nordic Centre. I understand that if there have been any changes, or if I suspect that there have been any changes, it is my responsibility to obtain and submit a new Personal Document to the organization's Screening Committee instead of this form.

I recognize that if there have been changes to the results available from any Personal Document and if I submit this form improperly, then I am subject to disciplinary action and/or the removal of volunteer responsibilities or other privileges at the discretion of the Screening Committee.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Appendix E** – Volunteer Orientation and Training Acknowledgement Form

1. I have the following role(s) with Nickel Plate Nordic Centre (circle as many as apply):

Parent / Guardian	Coach	Director / Volunteer
Athlete	Official	Committee Member

2. As an individual affiliated with Nickel Plate Nordic Centre, I acknowledge I have received completed the following orientation and training:

# **Appendix F** – Request for Vulnerable Sector Check

*Note:* Nickel Plate Nordic Centre *must modify this letter to adhere to any requirements from the VSC provider* 

#### INTRODUCTION

Nickel Plate Nordic Centre is requesting a Vulnerable Sector Check for \_\_\_\_\_\_ [insert individual's full name] who identifies as a \_\_\_\_\_\_ [insert gender identity] and who was born on \_\_\_\_\_\_ [insert birthdate].

#### **DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION**

[Insert description]

#### **DESCRIPTION OF ROLE**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ [insert individual's name] will be acting as a \_\_\_\_\_\_ [insert individual's role]. In this role, the individual will have access to vulnerable individuals.

[Insert additional information re: type and number of vulnerable individuals, frequency of access, etc.]

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If more information is required from Nickel Plate Nordic Centre, please contact the Screening Committee Chair:

[Insert information for Screening Committee Chair]

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_