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The Ontario Screening Submission Portal is now open **for the 2025-26 season** through this link: <https://www.ohf.on.ca/risk-management/vulnerable-sector-checks-vsc/>  
Anyone aged 17 and under will not be required to complete screening.

#### **Process for Those Participating in Spring Evaluations**

Team Officials, On-Ice Officials or Third-Party Instructors that were approved on a roster for the 2024-25 season can participate in Spring Evaluations. Any **NEW** individuals must complete their VSC Screening and Declaration form, 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. Any individual involved in Spring Evaluations must be registered in the HCR. They do not need to be rostered to a team.

#### **Process for Returning Individuals for the 2025-26 season**

Team Officials, On-Ice Officials, or Third-Party Instructors, etc. that are returning for the 2025-26 season, and had their screening approved by the Screening portal this past season with a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) from 2023 or 2024, will only be required to complete the online declaration for the upcoming season. The declaration from 2024-25 will expire on May 31, 2025. The Online Submission portal is now open to complete this process.

#### **Process for Returning Individuals with a 2022 VSC (expires May 31, 2025)**

Team Officials, On-Ice Officials, or Third-Party Instructors, etc. that are returning for the 2025-26 season and had their screening approved via Screening portal this past season with a Vulnerable Sector Check from 2022 will be required to submit a **new** VSC and complete the online declaration for this season. The screening for these individuals will expire May 31, 2025.

#### **Process for New Individuals**

New Team Officials, On-Ice Officials, or Third-Party Instructors, etc. for the 2025-26 season will be required to submit a VSC and complete the online declaration for this season.

New Individuals must register with their Association in the HCR prior to submitting their screening to the portal.

#### **Receipts**

The Screening portal will **NOT** be accepting any receipts for a VSC between the periods of April 1 and July 30, 2025. 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. They can then submit their completed VSC via screening portal and complete the online declaration once they have had it returned to them by police services.

#### **Instructions**

Further instructions to assist you with the process can be found here: <https://www.ohf.on.ca/risk-management/vulnerable-sector-checks-vsc/vsc-instructions/>

#### **Questions**

Please direct all questions pertaining to team and participant eligibility to OWHA Registrar, [registrar@owha.on.ca](mailto:registrar@owha.on.ca).

For any technical issues with the Screening portal, please reach out to [screening@ohf.on.ca](mailto:screening@ohf.on.ca).