



Safe Sport **Keeping Athletics a Safe, Welcoming & Inclusive Sport for All**

Information, Updates, Policies and Rules

1. Safe Sport Education for Youth – Survey:

- a. Athletics Canada, Swimming Canada, and Volleyball Canada are working together to create an educational Safe Sport platform for youth athletes (ages 13-18). The goal of this platform is to educate youth athletes on different aspects of Safe Sport to empower them and help make sporting environments safer and more enjoyable for all. This survey will be used to collect some initial input and feedback from clubs as they play an incredibly important role in sports.
- b. The Survey can be found at the following link:
 - i. English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K52SDNR>

2. BC Athletics Policy Updates – Safe Sport Training

- a. At the January 21st BC Athletics Board of Directors meeting the following motions were passed and become BC Athletics Rules as per the date of implementation:
 - i. That BC Athletics implement, **beginning with the 2024 BC Athletics Membership year (as of Sept 1, 2023), mandatory Safe Sport Training for all BC Athletics:**
 1. Coach Members
 2. Official Members
 3. Associate Members (Club, BC Athletics Brd/Exc.)
 - a. Policy passed by the BC Athletics BoD

Resources for Safe Sport Training & Information

- b. Resources for Safe Sport Training:
- c. Coaching Association of Canada – [Safe Sport](#)
- d. Athletics Canada Safe Sport Information and Resources for Coaches/Leaders, Parents, Officials, Athletes and Girls through:
 - i. Respect in Sport
 - ii. CAC Safe Sport Training
 - iii. Commit to Kids Training
 - 1. See – [Athletics Canada Safe Sport Prevention](#)

ii. Safe Sport Training for Athlete Members 16 & Older

- 1. That BC Athletics implement, once finalized, **Safe Sport Training/Education** for all BC Athletics Athlete Members for ages U16 & Older.
 - a. Policy passed by the BC Athletics BoD.

iii. Criminal Records Check: for U19 Coaches & Officials:

- 1. That Criminal Records Checks are recommended but optional for all BC Athletics Coach and Official Members under the age of 19.
 - a. Policy passed by the BC Athletics BoD

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