

Ontario Lacrosse

Sexual Abuse In Athletics

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- Sexual abuse is a physical act and a psychological experience , the abuse involves touching and non touching behaviours
- A psychological experience is the abuse of power and authority that renders a young athlete powerless



It can' happen here

- January 24th 2013 an Ontario court awarded a Belleville man \$3.2M for extensive sexual abuse inflicted on him by a Belleville elementary school teacher in the 1970's
- Currently the teacher is serving a 2 year prison term



Planning a Safer Organization

- Creating an action Plan which includes
- Learning about abuse
- Commit to an action plan
- Articulate your values and principles
- Conduct your risk assessment
- Eliminate /reduce your risk
- Be ready to respond to a complaint



Planning for a safe environment to play in



- Establish a players code of conduct and coaches code of conduct a parents code of conduct for Ontario Lacrosse
- It is a “right” that players have for protection and support

Police Checks

Ontario Lacrosse Association



Establishing a Criminal Record Check

- All lacrosse bench personnel and officials (as per B4.01) who manage or train with children under the age of 18 must submit to a criminal record check
- The criminal record check must be renewed every three years prior to start of your regular season play
- Failure to provide a criminal record check could result in the individual being suspended from the association
- The CRC's are to be returned to a designated screening officer locally and to the OLA screening officer if appropriate.





Types of Police Checks

- Police Criminal Record Check (PCRC)
- Medium level - retail employment etc
- Police Information Check (PIC)
- Highest level - government employees, border crossing agents, jail guards
- Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) (This the minimum OLA Requirement)
- Lowest security level



What information will it contain

- Any
- Judicial order peace bonds outstanding warrants
- Criminal convictions (Drinking, drugs, etc.)
- Family Court restraining orders
- Police contact for weapons related actions violent actions and mental health



Process for managing police check

- As stated in our guideline B4.01 all bench personnel & officials who are coaching or officiating players 18 years of age or younger require this (PVSC)
- Ontario Government statistics advise that 97% of information will remain at club level
- Remainder will go to the OLA screening officer for review and action
- Items that may be reported **up** are criminal in nature (impaired assault etc)



Where do I get the application

- At your local police station. Some municipalities will have it on their web site. Two pieces of Government ID are required, and the price is \$25- \$45 depending on the region
- The application may take 2 - 4 weeks to be complete
- What you need to fill out is the request
- Application



What do I get

- Notarized Document that you keep (it is your property) and you can use again elsewhere, we only need a copy
- Same Document, one can be used for other activities (Hockey etc)
- The report has a renewal date of three years. We only need a letter on renewal from police
- Copy



What is happening now

- Process begins on next membership season each club will collect their own and forward any that have questions
- OLA has on person provincially with the board to reveal
- There is a process at the police level should a member wish to get something off their vulnerable sector check





QUESTIONS





Thank you

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