

19. VOLUNTEER SCREENING

- 19.01 All lacrosse bench personnel, officiate, manage, train with children 18 years of age or younger must submit to a criminal record check.
- 19.02 The criminal record check must be renewed every three (3) years, prior to the start of the regular season play.
- 19.03 Failure to provide a criminal record check could result in the individual being suspended from coaching.
- 19.04 The BCLA Executive strongly recommends that all associations with athletes 18 years of age or younger, institute a policy that states no adult should be alone with a child and there should always be at least two adults present at all times around a child.
- 19.05 The BCLA membership shall institute the **Rule of Two** that statements that no minor will be left alone with a single adult.
- 19.06 It is the responsibility of the minor box associations, youth field associations, senior box teams, men's field teams and women's' field teams to ensure that the appropriate adults have a current criminal record check on file. The CCR's are to be returned to a designated volunteer screening officer of the local association/team, who will confirm that the appropriate adults (per 19.01) have a current CCR. If there is a problem the CCR can be forwarded to the BCLA Volunteer Screening Officer for a resolution. The CCR box on the coaching form 100 must be filled in by the home association/team before submitting the form to the BCLA Office.



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Definition:

Rule of Two

The Rule of Two states that there will always be two screened and NCCP trained or certified coaches with an athlete, especially a minor athlete, when in a potentially vulnerable situation. This means that any one-on-one interaction between a coach and an athlete must take place within earshot and view of the second coach, with the exception of medical emergencies. One of the coaches must also be of the same gender as the athlete. Should there be a circumstance where a second screened and NCCP trained or certified coach is not available, a screened volunteer, parent, or adult can be recruited.

This rule serves to protect minor athletes in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring that more than one adult is present. Vulnerable situations can include closed doors meetings, travel, and training environments amongst others. Organizations must create and implement, policies and procedures, in a sustainable, phased and measurable process, that limit the instances where these situations are possible.