

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

New for the 2024-25 season.

Vulnerable sector checks are now centralized by the OHF.

This change may make the process longer as Essa Minor Hockey no longer has any in-house control. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to these requirements.

We encourage all volunteers to begin this process now to avoid any delays.

## **NEW FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON**

The centralization of all Vulnerable Sector Checks will be conducted by the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) for all Team Officials and Team Personnel for the 2024-25 season.

The following individuals who are associated with the OHF, Members, hockey leagues, Hockey Clubs and/or Associations must adhere to the OHF Screening Policy and submit to the Ontario Hockey Federation:

- Team officials (including but not limited to head coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, managers and at large team officials);
- On-ice officials; and
- Anyone else who, through their duties on behalf of the OHF, a Member, a hockey club or Association, may work with children (included but not limited to on-ice volunteers, skills coaches, third party skills coaches and dressing room supervisors).

## **How to Get Started:**

### **Step 1:**

- Click [here](#) for the OHF letter for volunteers (fill in the blanks and download as PDF)
- Visit <https://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=147&lng=en> to apply for your vulnerable sector check.

If you have your VSC from 2022-23 or 2023-24 you can convert this document to PDF and submit it.

**Step 2:**

Before entering the OHF Screening Submission Portal, please ensure you are ready with the necessary documentation. You will need your:

- Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) Number (contact registrar@essaminorhockey.com for help with this)
- Vulnerable Sector Check (PDF) **OR** • Receipt of Vulnerable Sector Check (PDF)
- Completed PDF copy of the OHF declaration form found [here](#)

Full screening process details are available at

<https://ohf.on.ca/risk-management/ohf-vulnerable-sector-checks/>

**[Start your screening process now](#)**