

# CANADA BASKETBALL VERIFICATION STANDARDS

Canada Basketball standards for Verified Programs are designed to outline the minimum expectations of member organizations in Canada. It is expected that all member organizations provide a developmentally appropriate, safe, enjoyable, accessible, inclusive, and welcoming playing environment for their participants, which differentiates it from non-member basketball and unorganized play. In order to be considered, member organizations must also be in good standing with their governing organization(s) and meet their expectations of membership.



Safe Sport & EDI		
Area	Criteria	How criteria is measured
1.1 Association has policies available to protect the safety of all participants	1.1.1	Has their own Code of Conduct with guidelines to protect children and supports participant's physical and emotional safety (free of bullying, discrimination, etc.) Code of Conduct displayed on website or online platform & given to parents annually in their parent handbook (template provided)
	1.1.2	Has their own Athlete Protection Guidelines with rules for appropriate/inappropriate conduct (athletes, coaches, parents, officials) and steps to take if you witness inappropriate conduct and reporting measures. The policy also requires that any suspicion of child abuse is reported to law enforcement Athlete Protection Guidelines outlines steps for participants to take if inappropriate behaviour is suspected, and how and where to report (template provided)
	1.1.3	Has their own Background Screening Policy Upload Background Screening Policy (template provided)
	1.1.4	Has their own Concussion Policy that aligns with current best practices Upload Concussion Policy (template provided)
	1.1.5	Has an Emergency Action Plan that supports program safety standards Upload EAP (template provided)
1.2 Association displays actions that supports the Coaches Association of Canada's Responsible Coaching Movement	1.2.1	Reporting Misconduct: Canadian Sport Helpline image and contact information is clearly displayed on website/online platform Provides link to Canadian Sport Helpline image on website/online platform. If using social media, image shall be reposted annually
	1.2.2	Rule of Two: Infographic is displayed on website/online platform Provides link to Rule of Two infographic on website/online platform. If using social media, image shall be reposted annually
	1.2.3	Safe Sport Training: All coaches and club personnel have completed the CAC Safe Sport Training or equivalent (i.e. Respect in Sport, Commit to Kids) Submit all coach NCCP # which will display that coaches have completed online Safe Sport Training
	1.2.4	Background Screening: All coaches and club personnel have completed proper Background Screening, including a Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) or Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) within the last 3 years Association confirms appropriate background screening for each coach
1.3 Applies best practices in creating a safe, inclusive, welcoming environment for all	1.3.1	Takes the Canada Basketball Member Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Pledge: - We pledge to provide an accessible, inclusive, and welcoming basketball environment for all. - We will ensure everyone feels safe and that they belong, regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, family status, genetic characteristics, disability, and conviction for an offense for which a pardon has been granted or in respect of which a record of suspension has been ordered. - We firmly stand against any form of racism, discrimination, or harassment. - We will strive to provide programming that targets underrepresented groups, while reducing systemic and overt barriers to participation. - We commit to ongoing education to promote equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility Association confirms they have committed to the Pledge
	1.3.2	Organization clearly promotes their commitment to the EDI Pledge via communication to members Yes/no
	1.3.3	Has programs, partnerships, and/or other mechanisms to reduce barriers to participation Has funding options outlined and linked on the website or online platform (KidSport, JumpStart, etc.)

Technical Skills		
Area	Criteria	How criteria is measured
2.1 Association aligns with Canada Basketball's Youth Playing Guidelines for long-term development	2.1.1	Follows at least 3/5 points from the recommended guidelines for Equipment & Court
	2.1.2	Follows at least 4/6 points from the recommended guidelines for Game Format
	2.1.3	Follows at least 3/5 points from the recommended guidelines for Game Tactics
	2.1.4	Follows at least 4/8 points from the recommended guidelines for Game Specific Rules
2.2 Association follows required Coach Education standards	2.2.1	Coaches are trained and/or certified appropriately for the age group in which they coach as determined by their provincial/territorial governing body Submit Contact Information Sheet with NCCP # which will display coach certification transcript

Governance & Administration		
Area	Criteria	How criteria is measured
3.1 Association is in good standing with the PTSO and Canada Basketball	3.1.1	Is a Member with its provincial/territorial governing body Have paid their registration fees within the timeline outlined by the PTSO
	3.1.2	Is compliant with provincial/territorial governing body policies and directives of its governing organization(s), aligning values and operations PTSO confirms association is in good standing
	3.1.3	Registers all participants with provincial/territorial body and Canada Basketball All membership data of the association submitted to appropriate provincial/territorial governing body
3.2 Association has proper administrative procedures and operations model	3.2.1	Has their own by-laws to support organizational structure, support, and long term success Association uploads their own by-laws. If not available, a free template will be provided
	3.2.2	Has an Organizational Chart Submit organization chart or provide link to website or online platform
	3.2.3	Has an identified Administrative Lead with clearly defined responsibilities Indicate Admin Lead and responsibilities
	3.2.4	Has a bank account registered to the name of the organization Provide a bank statement or equivalent with Club Name (no funds or transactions required)
	3.2.5	Is compliant with all municipal, provincial/territorial, and federal laws in the jurisdiction in which it operates Association confirms they follow all required laws

