

	<p style="text-align: center;">NSAWA Qualifications & Requirements Policy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Approved: March, 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Up for review: October, 2026</p>
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the minimum qualifications and requirements for all Wrestling Nova Scotia-affiliated individuals to ensure a safe, ethical, and supportive environment for athletes.

Scope

This policy applies to all WNS-affiliated individuals, including but not limited to volunteers, coaches, officials, staff, team managers, and board members who interact with or may come into close contact with athletes during WNS-sanctioned activities.

These requirements will be reviewed and updated annually.

Coaches

Wrestling Nova Scotia operates under a club-based system and recognizes two coaching designations for the purposes of this policy: **Coach in Training** and **Club Coach**. These designations are used to determine whether a coach is considered qualified to coach within WNS-sanctioned activities.

These designations are separate from the **NCCP Coaching Pathway** (e.g., Competition Introduction and Competition Development). NCCP pathway graphics are included in the appendices for reference.

This section outlines the minimum requirements established by Wrestling Nova Scotia for each coaching designation.

Coach in Training (CIT)

A Coach in Training (CIT) may assist with coaching activities only under the direct supervision of a Club Coach.

A CIT is not permitted to:

- Operate or be designated as the head coach of a club;
- Independently plan or lead practices; or
- Coach mat-side at competitions or tournaments without the direct supervision of a Club Coach.

A CIT must meet the following requirements to be recognized as a qualified Coach in Training by Wrestling Nova Scotia:

- Register as a Coach with Wrestling Nova Scotia through [2MEV](#) annually.
- Submit a Criminal Record Check completed after 1/1/2023 and pass all screening requirements (see Screening section below) (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
- Submit a Nova Scotia Child Abuse Registry Check completed after 1/1/2023 (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
- Complete [Safe Sport Training](#) after 1/1/2023 (completed online via the Locker)
- Complete [NCCP Understanding the Rule of Two](#) eLearning Module (completed online via the Locker)
- Complete NCCP Make Ethical Decisions ([see all available course dates and times](#))
- Pass [NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation](#) after 1/1/2023 (completed online via the Locker)
- Complete [NCCP Making Headway in Sport](#) eLearning Module after 1/1/2023 (completed online via the Locker)
- Complete [NCCP Emergency Action Plan](#) eLearning Module (completed online via the Locker)

Club Coach (CC)

A Club Coach is permitted to operate and lead a club, independently plan and oversee training at practices, and coach mat-side at competitions and tournaments.

A Club Coach must meet all requirements of a Coach in Training (CIT) and must also meet at least one of the following additional criteria to be recognized as a qualified Club Coach by Wrestling Nova Scotia:

- Complete Wrestling Competition Introduction Part A/1 and Part B/2 (no longer actively offered but still recognized by Wrestling Nova Scotia)
- Complete Wrestling Technical & Tactical Theory (A) and Applied (B) modules (offered by Wrestling Nova Scotia - email wrestling@sportnovascotia.ca for more information)
 - To complete these modules, there are three pre-requisites:
 - NCCP Basic Mental Skills
 - NCCP Teaching & Learning
 - NCCP Planning a Practice
 - [see all available course dates and times](#)
- A Maintained Competition Introduction Certification (see appendix A)
- A Maintained Competition Development Certification (see appendix B)

Coach Age Requirements

- The minimum age for a Coach is 16 years old.
- The minimum age for a Coach to run their own club is 21.

Exemptions and Exceptions

Coaches who are new to coaching at the club level may apply for a one-year transition exception to the required courses.

- All transition exceptions will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Wrestling Nova Scotia Board of Directors.

- An exception to the minimum age requirement may be granted to students currently enrolled in a Nova Scotia high school who are completing a Personal Development Credit through coaching. Proof of enrollment in the credit is required.
 - Requests for exemptions or exceptions must be submitted in writing to the President of Wrestling Nova Scotia at wns.president@gmail.com
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Officials

These are individuals who are responsible for officiating wrestling competitions and may include referees, drawmasters, pairing masters, and other event officials. Officials who are off-mat only (e.g., pairing masters, drawmasters) are not required to complete the NCCP Making Headway module. All officials must meet the following requirements:

- Register as an Official with Wrestling Nova Scotia through [2MEV](#) annually.
 - Submit a Criminal Record Check completed after 1/1/2023 and pass all screening requirements (see Screening section below) (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
 - Submit a Nova Scotia Child Abuse Registry Check completed after 1/1/2023 (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
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Team Managers

These volunteers are members who are overseeing the operations and/or finances of a wrestling club/team. These volunteers must meet all requirements of a Parent/Community Volunteer as well as the following:

- Register as a Volunteer with Wrestling Nova Scotia through [2MEV](#) annually.
 - Submit a Criminal Record Check completed after 1/1/2023 and pass all screening requirements (see Screening section below) (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
 - Submit a Nova Scotia Child Abuse Registry Check completed after 1/1/2023 (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
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Parent/Community Volunteer

These volunteers are members who are in close contact interacting with athletes during practices and/or events.

These volunteers must meet the following requirements:

- Register as a Volunteer with Wrestling Nova Scotia through [2MEV](#) annually.
 - Submit a Criminal Record Check completed after 1/1/2023 and pass all screening requirements (see Screening section below) (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
 - Submit a Nova Scotia Child Abuse Registry Check completed after 1/1/2023 (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
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Board of Directors

These are members of the Board of Directors who must meet the following requirements:

- Register as a Volunteer with Wrestling Nova Scotia through [2MEV](#) annually.
 - Submit a Criminal Record Check completed after 1/1/2023 and pass all screening requirements (see Screening section below) (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
 - Submit a Nova Scotia Child Abuse Registry Check completed after 1/1/2023 (this step is completed through registration on 2MEV)
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Screening

For privacy and confidentiality purposes, the WNS Executive shall act as the Screening Committee.

Not Passing Screening

- The Screening Committee may determine an individual has not passed screening if the documentation reveals:
 - **If imposed in the last three years:**
 - Any offense involving the use of a motor vehicle (included impaired driving)
 - Any offense of assault, physical or psychological violence
 - Any offense involving trafficking or possession of illegal drugs
 - Any offense involving conduct against public morals
 - Any offense involving theft or fraud
 - **If imposed at any time:**
 - Any offense involving a minor
 - Any offense involving child-related pornography (possession, distribution, or sale)
 - Any sexual offense

Appendix A: Competition-Introduction - Training & Evaluation Pathway



Appendix B: Competition-Development - Training & Evaluation Pathway

