



The OKD Soccer Club successfully completed the Responsible Coaching Movement Pledge on Monday, April 3, 2026.

As part of this commitment, we pledge to align our practices with Phase 1 of the Responsible Coaching Movement, ensuring the safety and well-being of our athletes and coaches.

RESPONSIBLE COACHING MOVEMENT

To uphold the principles of the NCCP's Responsible Coaching Movement, OKD Soccer Club has implemented the following policies and procedures to protect both athletes and coaches.

RULE OF TWO POLICY

- A screened OKD Coach, Volunteer Coach, Assistant Coach, or Manager must always have another screened team official or the player's parent/guardian present in situations where they may be alone with a registered OKD player (e.g., locker rooms or meeting rooms).
- Coaches must never be alone and out of sight with a child. All one-on-one interactions must occur within view and earshot of a second coach or manager, except in medical emergencies.
- At least one coach present must be the same gender as the athlete.
- If a second screened and certified coach is unavailable, a screened volunteer, parent, or responsible adult may be present.
- Team officials should not transport athletes alone unless another adult is present or prior written parental consent has been obtained.

BACKGROUND SCREENING

- All competitive team officials must apply each season and provide three references.
- Following review, applicants must complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) and submit it to OKD Soccer Club.
- Approved VSS documentation must be renewed every three (3) years.

ETHICS TRAINING

- All competitive coaches must complete ethics training to prepare for situations involving individuals, teams, and the organization.
- Successful completion of both the *Making Ethical Decisions (MED)* and *Respect in Sport* courses is mandatory.
- Completion of the *Commit to Kids* online training course is strongly encouraged.

RESPONSIBLE COACHING COMMITMENT

OKD Soccer Club is committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment where athletes can thrive, and coaches are supported in delivering positive sport experiences.