

Criminal Record Checks and Fingerprinting Risk Management – June 2015



Now is a great time to make sure that you have a current Criminal Record Check filed with your club.

If you aren't sure when your Criminal Record Check expires check with your club by contacting your club Risk Management Officer.

Most clubs are using the CRRP program which is run through the Provincial Ministry of Justice. Your club Risk Management Officer can send you a link with a specific access code for your club and for most people, you can do it on line and your completed CRC is forwarded directly to your club. On occasion, you can be called in for fingerprinting.

Recently there have been some significant changes regarding Criminal Record Checks (CRCs).

The Provincial Government's 'Criminal Record Review Program' (CRRP) has been available to volunteer organizations for just over a year now. Many of you are taking advantage of this efficient and cost-free program.

Here is a summary of the program:

- The Criminal Record Review Act ensures that people who work with or may potentially have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults undergo a criminal record check by the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP).
- A person whose criminal record suggests they present a risk of physical or sexual abuse to children or a risk of physical, sexual or financial abuse to vulnerable adults will not have access to these groups.
- To support British Columbia's non-profit sector, volunteer organizations that are not covered by the Act, but have volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults, can have criminal record checks done by the CRRP for free.
- Note that this service is only available to our volunteers who are working with our players (children). You cannot use this program if your volunteer duties **Do Not** include working with 'vulnerable sector' persons.
- You can find all the details on this program at:
 - <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/criminal-records-review/>

Most police departments and the RCMP detachments are still providing CRC services to volunteers but the Victoria and Oak Bay Police Departments are not. If you live in the City of Victoria or the Municipality of Oak Bay you should use the CRRP or, if you ARE NOT working with 'vulnerable sector' persons you can contact the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires regarding their fingerprinting services or, you could use myBackCheck.com

- Speaking of myBackCheck.com, BC Soccer now recognizes that this company does not have the capacity to do vulnerable sector checks. BC Soccer still has them on

their list of CRC authorized agencies but only for administrative staff.

WHY DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE FINGERPRINTS AND DO THEY KEEP THEM?

More and more frequently it seems that volunteers going through the process of a 'vulnerable sector check' are being asked to provide fingerprints. This is most likely because an offender has a similar name or date of birth to you. Your prints are needed to be compared to the offender's fingerprints to confirm you are not that person.

- The following is a quote from the RCMP's website:
- "When you apply for a Criminal Record or Vulnerable Sector (VS) check, you may be required to give the police service or an accredited fingerprinting company a copy of your fingerprints. The fingerprints are only used by the RCMP to confirm your identity. After completion of service, they are destroyed. They are not kept nor searched for other purposes."
- For more information on the fingerprinting process check out:
 - <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cr-cj/process-processus-eng.htm>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the BC Soccer Rule 21 please do not hesitate to contact the LISA office. I will do my best to answer any questions you may have.

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