



### **RCA Supports Responsible Coaching Movement Pledge**

RCA is proud to sign the Responsible Coaching Movement pledge, a program coordinated by the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

“RCA is proud to be joining sport organizations across the country in reaffirming our commitment to the health and safety of athletes on and off the field of play,” said Terry Dillon, chief executive officer, RCA. “With the important role coaches play in the lives of athletes and in the rowing community, we are committed to ensuring a safe and supportive environment for anyone who participates at any level of Canadian rowing.”

Beginning this year, RCA has worked to implement policies and processes that adhere to the three key areas of focus in the Phase 1 of the RCM, which include: The Rule of Two, Background Screening and Respect and Ethics Training. Although RCA’s current structure includes many of the recommended elements, the organization has committed to review its policies and procedures to ensure they have remained consistent and are current to all recommendations from the CAC and CCES.

Moving forward, all RCA National and Development Team coaches are required to complete the Respect in Sport training as part of the Responsible Coaching Movement. This training will ensure our coaches remain engaged and educated on current leadership practises.

With this pledge, RCA sets the standard for rowing coaches in Canada by implementing guidelines that support and protect our coaches and athletes at all levels. For Provincial Rowing Associations and member clubs interested in learning more about the Movement, please contact [Colleen Miller](#) or visit [Responsible Coaching Movement](#) at the Coaching Association of Canada website.

#### **About the Responsible Coaching Movement**

The Responsible Coaching Movement (RCM) is a multi-phase system-wide movement, coordinated by the Coaching Association of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, that has the potential to affect all sport organizations and coaches. The RCM is the result of extensive ongoing consultation with the Canadian Sport Community. These consultations will guide the different phases of the RCM that will address the role coaches play with issues relating to the health and safety of athletes, both on and off the field of play. The RCM is open to National Sport Organizations, Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations, and club/community organizations. For more information, visit [www.coach.ca/ResponsibleCoaching](http://www.coach.ca/ResponsibleCoaching).

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