North York Hearts Soccer Club is proud to officially support the Responsible Coaching Movement (RCM), a multi-sport initiative coordinated by the Coaches Association of Canada (CAC) and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

Our Commitment to Safe Sport

At **North York Hearts Soccer Club**, the safety, well-being, and positive development of every player—across all ages and levels—come first. By pledging our support to the Responsible Coaching Movement, our club commits to implementing supportive policies and processes that protect both athletes and coaches on and off the field.

The Three Pillars of the Responsible Coaching Movement

To create a safe, ethical, and inclusive soccer environment, **North York Hearts Soccer Club** actively enforces the three core pillars of the Responsible Coaching Movement:

1. **Rule of Two**
    - To ensure all interactions and communications are open, observable, and justifiable, two screened and trained adults must always be present with a youth athlete (ages 4–17).
    - This applies to locker rooms, travel, virtual communications, and any isolated spaces, protecting both players and coaches in vulnerable situations.
2. **Background Screening**
    - All coaches, team officials, staff, and volunteers in positions of trust undergo comprehensive screening prior to working with players.
    - This includes valid **Vulnerable Sector Checks (VSC)**, screening declarations, and reference verification in accordance with Ontario Soccer and Canada Soccer Safe Sport standards.
3. **Ethics and Safe Sport Training**
    - Our coaches complete ongoing education to ensure they lead with integrity, respect, and fairness.
    - Mandatory certifications include the **NCCP Make Ethical Decisions (MED)** module, **Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders**, and **Safe Sport Training** (alongside required concussion awareness under Rowan's Law).

Learn More: To learn more about how the Responsible Coaching Movement protects Canadian athletes, visit the Coaches Association of Canada RCM page.