



## Respect in Sport (RiS) online program for Coaches

<http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/RiS/>

Respect in Sport (RiS) is an online educational program to assist coaches and sport leaders in identifying abuse, bullying, harassment and neglect in sport. Sask Sport Inc., along with the support of the Saskatchewan Government, has launched this required program for Coaches in the province to help to provide a safer and more respectful sporting environment for all to participate. The online training program is being provided free of charge for all users.

Coaches registered with a Provincial Sport Governing Body will be required to complete the certification in order to coach. Provincial Sport Governing Bodies will be responsible for establishing specific policies and timelines for implementing the requirement for their coaches on the field of play to have taken the course. The sport system believes strongly in this program and the values it promotes, therefore coaches who have not completed the course will be unable to volunteer in the capacity of coach until the certification is reached.

The RiS curriculum consists of six modules and takes approximately three hours to complete. It can be completed in one or multiple sittings. There is no examination component. Once the course has been completed, a certificate verifying completion is generated. Coaches completing the RiS certification will be tracked through the RiS database and each sport will have access to this database to determine if their registered coaches have completed the course. Coaches will only have to take the course once, even if they coach in multiple sports.

Coaches that have already received equivalent training such as Hockey's "Speak Out" program or the National Coaching Certification Program's (NCCP) Empower Plus program will not be required to also take the RiS certification. Coaches in the education system who have completed the "Respect in School" training would also be given equivalency recognition.

The RiS program was developed by Respect Group Inc., along with the Canadian Red Cross, to help protect youth, inform leaders and diminish the liability of an organization. Specific program topics include definitions of bullying, abuse, harassment, neglect and discrimination, cyber-bullying, hazing, the use of power, emotions, how to respond, reporting, moral and legal issues, and development.

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## GENERAL

### *What is Respect in Sport?*

RiS is an on-line training program for coaches and sport leaders. It is designed as a tool to assist in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment, and bullying in sport.

### *Why is this being implemented?*

Sask Sport Inc. believes that we should be proactive in making sport in our Province as safe as possible and welcoming for all participants. Respect in Sport helps us promote those values through this simple and convenient on-line tool. It is being implemented to provide a better sport environment for all participants.

### *Why is RiS mandatory?*

Identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment and bullying in sport is very important and we believe ALL coaches and sport leaders must understand the fundamentals. In knowing that all of our coaches have had this essential training we will also be better prepared to mitigate liability both personal and organizational.

### *How is Respect in Sport implemented?*

Respect in Sport is presented as an online curriculum and includes audio/visual presentations, quizzes and printable handouts.

### *What is Sask Sport's role in implementing the program?*

Sask Sport is leading this initiative with the support of the Province of Saskatchewan.

### *What equipment is required to use Respect in Sport?*

All that is required to complete the Respect in Sport curriculum is a Flash enabled computer, an Internet connection and speakers or a headset. Optional equipment includes a printer to print the handouts and/or your certificate of completion.