



SASKATCHEWAN ATHLETICS

Respect in Sport Policy

Purpose of the Policy:

Saskatchewan Athletics is committed to creating a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Coaches have a responsibility to create a sporting environment that is free of harassment, abuse, bullying and neglect.

Saskatchewan Athletics requires that all coaches participating in athletics have to complete the online Respect in Sport (RiS) certification (or equivalency), as required by Sask Sport Inc. starting December 1st, 2013.

Scope and Application:

1. The policy applies to all coaches registered or named on an official sport roster under the membership jurisdiction of Saskatchewan Athletics.
2. Coaches/instructors will have until 60 days after registering with Sask Athletics or taking a coaching/instructor course to complete the RiS certification training or training equivalency such as NCCP Empower+, or Respect in School program.
3. Saskatchewan Athletics is responsible for setting out the communication strategy specific to the certification requirements and deadline.

Enforcement:

- Any coach not having RiS certification (or equivalency) by the deadline established will be removed as a coach until such time that the course is completed.
- Non-compliance with this policy may result in further discipline as determined by the Board of Directors or in accordance with Saskatchewan Athletics policy.

RiS Administration:

The Program Coordinator with Saskatchewan Athletics will have administrative access to the RiS database to oversee functions such as report generation and monitoring.

Review and Approval:

This policy was approved by the Saskatchewan Athletics Board of Directors on March 24, 2013 and was revised on March 21, 2015. It will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on an annual basis.

