

RESPECT IN SPORT PROGRAM

The “Respect in Sport” Program is mandatory for all active Saskatchewan Athletics Coaches and Instructors. The Respect in Sport program will be used to train coaches, sport personnel and sport leaders to recognize, understand and respond to issues of bullying, harassment, abuse and neglect. This may be the single most important training sport leaders can receive to create a safer, healthier, and more positive environment for our athletes! The program can be accessed by coaches, officials, team leaders, board members and staff.

What is the Respect in Sport Program?

Respect in Sport 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. The program content has been developed for Sask Sport by the Respect Group, headed up by former NHL athlete Sheldon Kennedy, whose work over the past few years has focused on addressing this important topic. The program has been developed in consultation with the Canadian Red Cross Society who has also worked in this area for several years.

Why has it been developed?

Sask Sport 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 a simple and convenient on-line tool. It has been implemented to provide a better sport environment for all participants.

Is it a required course?

Active coaches registered through the Provincial Sport Governing Bodies such as Saskatchewan Athletics will be required to complete the Respect in Sport course. Saskatchewan Athletics has developed a policy and implementation plan that gives active coaches / instructors plenty of time to take this on-line program. With this being a requirement of Sask Sport, all information will be shared with clubs, coaches and instructors.

When can I take the course?

All Saskatchewan Athletics active coaches and instructors must register. Coaches / Instructors will be given 60 days from their registration day of a course or when they hand in their membership form. Click on the following link to access the online program: <https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com>

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Where do I get more information?

- Click on the following link for more FAQs:
<http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/RiS/pdf/FAQ.pdf>
- Click on the following link to view the Respect in Sport website:
<http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/RiS/>

Easy Step by Step Instructions:

- Visit the website <https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com>
- For Username and Password, please use your first and last name as entries for the username and no spaces should be included.
- When you have completed the registration;
- Select the appropriate language or
- Read Program Instructions
- Click to start the Activity Leader Program.

Re-Access:

- Return to website <https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com>
- Enter your username and password (username and password are case sensitive)
- Click to select your next module.

Complete Program:

- Once you have finished the program, you are certified.
- Print your certificate.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns regarding the program.

RESPECT IN SPORT PROGRAM 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 complete the online Respect in Sport (RiS) certification (or equivalency), as required by Sask Sport Inc.

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.