



HockeyCanada

Presents **Respect in Sport**



What is Respect in Sport?

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

Why is this being implemented?

Respect Group Inc believes that the sport community should be proactive in making all sport safe and welcoming for all participants. Respect in Sport helps us promote these values through this simple and convenient on-line tool. Respect in Sport is being implemented to provide an enhanced sport environment for our children and youth.

As a coach, why am I being asked to do another course?

This really is one of the most important courses you will take as an individual who is responsible for children and youth. With this training you will become more confident in dealing with issues relating to abuse, neglect, bullying and harassment and hopefully, grow to be much more secure in this often overlooked area in sport. As a coach, this course will better protect you and the young people in your care. As an organization, it is incumbent on Respect Group Inc to ensure we take every step to protect our athletes, coaches and the organization itself. Respect in Sport helps Respect Group Inc to mitigate our liability and demonstrates our commitment to being an ethical organization.

Why is it mandatory? Hockey AB has selected Edmonton Zone 8 as a Pilot site for this program.

It is a strong word but this is an important issue 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 better 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 equipment is required to Use Respect in Sport?

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

What if I don't have a high-speed connection?

The course is designed to be accessible from any PC using dial-up or high-speed internet. Once modules are downloaded, the user experience is the same at any speed. The speed of download is completely dependant on the connection speed.

What if I don't know anything about computers?

Through extensive research and development, the program was designed, first and foremost, to be user friendly. It is extremely simple to use and has been implemented and tested by many sport organizations including a Pilot conducted by Respect Group Inc with little or no reported difficulties. There is also an on-line "Help" feature and a 1-800 support line available.

Is there a paper version of the program?

No, by design. Respect Group Inc is continuously looking for tools that will help us create a stronger organizations at minimal cost. Respect in Sport's online courseware eliminates the need for our organization to absorb printing, mailing and administration costs. Respect in Sport also gives you ongoing access to the course once you've completed it, as an online resource. There are some documents you can print if you want them but that is your choice.

How long is the course?

It's a total of three hours but it is split in 6, simple, 30-minute modules.

Do I have to do it all at once?

That is the beauty of this program. You can do it at your leisure, come and go as you please. The program remembers where you left off and brings you back to that point when you next sign-in. You can even do it from different computers if you wish!

Do I have to take the course every year?

No. Access is provided to each coach on a four year cycle. You take the 3-hour course in year one when you'll get certified. Once you have completed the certification, you'll be able to access the program as an on-line resource. In year three, you'll be requested to recertify with a summary version, approximately 45 minutes. Year four, it's an on-line resource. You'll take the full course (which will have been updated by then) again in year five and be recertified.

How does this relate to NCCP training?

Respect in Sport was designed to compliment existing NCCP programs. Hockey Alberta is doing the pilot in conjunction with other E Learning initiatives. This program is being considered to replace the current Hockey Canada Speak Out program.

How does this affect my certification requirements?

It will not affect your NCCP certification. You will be certified in Respect in Sport separately which will be tracked by Hockey Alberta.

What if I coach more than one sport?

You'll only have to take the course once and each sport you coach will share your certification information. Soccer currently is enrolled in this program. Hockey Alberta will look at transferring coaches that have taken the RiS thru another venue. To prevent duplicate files in HCR they will be transferred using date of birth and name. Transfer coaches will use the same username and password.

What are the benefits for a coach?

- It will make you more confident in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, bullying and harassment.
- It will ensure a safer and more respectful environment for you, other coaches and the children in your care.
- As a more knowledgeable coach, it will also better mitigate your own personal liability associated with this very volatile area within sport.
- One training program for all sports

To Register: New Coaches New Coaches need their HCR record set up first before they enter into RIS and once they have their HCR record, they must use the same contact information as their HCR record to enter RIS program. If not they will be creating a duplicate record.

RIS advises that the transfer of coaches who completed the information prior to Hockey Canada involvement is living up to Hockey Alberta Standards.

RIS Reports will start out as a list sent to HA for review; however, by a certain point in time we need to transfer this review to a zone person. The thought is Zone Registrars as they can monitor certified and incomplete coaches within EMHA.

As Hockey Alberta and EMHA are moving toward E Learning, the thought is to have the RIS completed by the November team deadline.

Cost: \$30.00 per person for a 5 year period. After five years recertification would be required.

Money goes to RIS, Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta. HC and HA funds go directly to the HDC to go forward with E Learning.

Register On Line – info will be sent out to all EMHA Coaching staff

Must follow modules in order. You can leave the program at any time and it will take you back to where you were at last.

From all the Summits, feedback at Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta E Learning is the way of the future. This is a first step.

Feedback will be provided to Hockey AB (on line survey) and the Hockey Alberta Board/HDC will determine if this is something HA wants to do.