

# SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"To promote the positive development of the individual by providing competitive interscholastic athletic activities consistent with the goals of education."*



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TO: SHSAA SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

RE: SASK SPORT 'RESPECT IN SPORT' PROGRAM

Sask Sport Inc., with the cooperation of their members, is being proactive in making sport in our Province as safe and welcoming as possible for all participants. The Sask Sport Board of Directors have implemented a policy making mandatory, the **'Respect in Sport (RiS)'** training module for all Saskatchewan coaches.

The RiS on-line training program was developed to assist coaches in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment and bullying in sport. RiS for Coaches helps to promote these values through this simple and convenient on-line tool. Sask Sport Inc., believes so strongly in this program and the values it promotes, that the on-line training costs will be provided free of charge for all coaches and sport leaders in our province.

As a member of Sask Sport Inc., the SHSAA receives a substantial amount of its funding from this organization in order to keep the cost of school sport at a very reasonable level. Therefore, in order to comply with the sponsorship of SHSAA activities and operations, the SHSAA Executive Council has committed the Association's cooperation to this initiative by Sask Sport Inc. The Executive Council has approved a deadline of **Aug. 30, 2013** for all coaches to have completed the course. This will be monitored by the SHSAA office.

The SHSAA Respect in Sport Policy states that all coaches (faculty and non-faculty), including bantam, junior and senior level activities (individual and team) are expected to enroll and complete this course. It is approximately three hours in duration and may be re-visited as many times as one wishes without losing your spot in the program. Upon completion of the course, you will be issued a certification number and a printable certificate. This certification number will be the number that you will need to place into the E5 form required for all activities in the SHSAA database. This is a one-time program which one will retain for life. There are two other programs that are offered by other organizations that will be accepted by Sask Sport Inc. as equivalent certification. Sask Hockey has a program - **Speak Out** - that is recognized by Sask Sport Inc. The other program is called **'Respect in Schools'** that some school divisions have implemented for their staff. The certification number provided after completion of either of these courses will be accepted into the database.

To register as a participant, first access the instructions by following the steps below or follow the instruction sheet that is attached.

To register as a participant, access first the instructions:

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

When registering, select 'Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association'

After registering, access the program at:

<https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com/secure/>

Thank you for your cooperation in this important initiative.

Yours sincerely;

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Executive Director  
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*Speak Up For Sportsmanship*