Mandatory Respect in Sport – Parent Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Respect in Sport Parent Program?

The Respect in Sport Program for Parents is a unique, in-depth 1 hour online program geared to providing the parent with information on how to evaluate and understand:

- Parental influence over a child
- Coach and leader roles in sport
- Role of the parent and coach in ensuring a child's enjoyment of a sport
- Protecting your child when outside of your immediate control
- Concussion awareness & Return to Play guidelines
- Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) model

Moving forward as leaders in the game, the OMHA will move to become a complete 'Respect' integrated association effective the 2014-2015 season.

Effective August 31, 2014, in addition to Team Officials, the OMHA will require all On-ice Volunteers, On-Ice Officials and Parents to take the appropriate 'Respect' education.

At least one parent or guardian of each player registered in minor hockey in the OMHA will need to complete the online Respect In Sport Parent Program as a condition of participation. The program is a proactive, educational program that empowers parents with the tools to ensure the game is enjoyable and respectful for themselves, their children and all other stakeholders in the game.

How is Respect in Sport implemented?

The Respect in Sport Parent Program is presented as an online curriculum and includes audio/visual presentations.

What equipment is required to complete the program?

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 your certificate of completion if required.

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

The course is designed to be accessible from any computer using dial-up or high-speed internet. Once registered, the user experience is the same at any 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. There is also an on-line "Help" feature and a toll free support line available.

Is there a paper version of the program?

No. Respect in Sport gives you ongoing access to the course once you've completed it, as an online resource.

Is there a fee for this course and how long does it take?

The course costs \$12 + HST per family and takes approximately1 hour to complete.

What if I don't have a credit card?

Respect In Sport uses PayPal for credit card payments, Visa Debit cards are also accepted on this website. You can also set up a PayPal account and pay directly from your bank account or purchase with cash a pre-paid credit card to use with PayPal.

Will SMMHA reimburse the cost?

No. SMMHA will not be providing registration codes or issuing reimbursements.

Do both parents have to take the course?

No. At least 1 parent must take the course. Ideally we would like both parents to take the course. The course can be accessed multiple times allowing additional family members to view the content.

Do I have to do it all at once?

No. You can do it at your leisure, come and go as required. 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.

What if I have already taken the Respect in Sport course to be a team official?

You are still required to take the Parent version of the course because it has different content that is specific to parents.

What if I have taken the Respect in Sport Parent program for another organization?

You would need to contact the Respect in Sport help desk to have your certification number entered into the Hockey Canada registry for your children.

What if I don't complete the course by August 31, 2014?

Your child will not be able to be rostered to a SMMHA team, participate in practice or exhibition games. Participation will be allowed after course completion. If you have any questions that cannot be answered using the Respect in Sport Help Desk please contact <u>omharep@smmha.ca</u> for assistance.

Ok. I am ready to take the course. How do I get started?

- 1. A parent can click here: <u>Respect in Sport Parent Program</u>
- 2. ALL users must start by clicking on "Register a New User"
- Immediately upon completing their registration, the parent is displayed the Child Management Page where they can add the first name, last name and date of birth of each child they need to have associated to them (I.E. currently registered minor hockey players). IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS LOCATING YOUR CHILD RECORD contact <u>omharep@smmha.ca</u> for assistance.
- 4. The parent completes the program.

NOTE: The online "Respect in Sport - Parent Program" is different from the "Respect in Sport - Activity Leaders Program" which is equivalent to the Speak Out Program.