



## Respect in Sport – Parent’s Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### *What is Respect in Sport (RiS)?*

RiS is an on-line training program for parents, coaches & officials designed as a tool to assist in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment and bullying in sport.

#### *Why is this being implemented?*

Tennis Alberta believes that we should be proactive in making tennis in our province as safe and welcoming for participants as possible. RiS helps us promote those values through this simple and convenient on-line tool. It is being implemented to provide a better sport environment for all participants.

#### *Who needs to complete the program?*

One parent/guardian of every junior player must complete the on-line RiS program. Families with multiple junior players, only need to complete the program once, but must list ALL children.

#### *What if I have already completed the program with another sport?*

You can transfer your certificate from another sport to Tennis Alberta as long as it is the same type ie. Respect for Parents certificates can be transferred to any other Parent Program. When you select ‘Register a new user’ there will be a section to add your certificate number to your profile. You MUST complete the user profile and add your certificate number to be transferred to our system.

#### *Why am I required to complete the program?*

In addition to being a condition of participation in sanctioned events, it provides tools to deal with various situations that could arise in the course of your child’s participation in tennis, both as a parent/guardian, and in any leadership role you may have. This is a positive program to make good parents/guardians even better and will empower all of the good parents/guardians in the organization.

*What will happen if I do not complete it by the specified compliance deadline?*

After the deadline for compliance, players will receive a warning upon their first tournament registration without the certification. A 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament registration without certification will result in the player being withdrawn from that tournament and ineligible for sanctioned competition until the course is completed.

*How long does the program take?*

RiS for Parents takes approximately 1 hour to complete, while RiS for Activity Leaders is roughly an hour and a half to finish. Both programs can be completed in multiple sittings so you do not need to complete the course in one session.

*What happens once I complete the on-line program?*

After you have completed the program, you're done! Your player's name(s) will appear in our database and we will do all the work from there.

*Is this required every year?*

No; once you have completed the program, you are certified for the duration of your child's junior career.

*Why is RiS mandatory for coaches?*

Identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment and bullying in sport is very important and we believe ALL parents, guardians, coaches and officials must understand the fundamentals.

*How is RiS implemented?*

Respect in Sport is presented as an on-line curriculum and includes audio/video 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 Flash enabled computer, an internet connection and speakers or a headset. Optional equipment includes a printer to print any handouts or your certificate of completion.

*Can I use a Mac/Apple product or hand held device (eg Blackberry or iPhone)?*

Currently the programs will work on any PC or MAC using any of the standard browsers (Internet Explorer, Chrome, Safari, and Firefox). At this time mobile devices, iPads or tablets cannot be used.

*What languages is the program available in?*

RiS is available in both English and French.

*What forms of payment does the program accept?*

Payment is completed through PayPal, the same system used during tournament registration. All major credit cards are accepted.