



PARENTS

Kids play sport because of a love of the game. It's not winning or awards that motivate our children to participate - it's the fun and comradery. If you take a look at any current survey on why kids participate in sport, the top answers are always: to have fun, to play something I enjoy, and to improve my skills and stay active. Winning doesn't even crack the top ten in most surveys. This is why, as parents and guardians, we need to keep our expectations of success balanced and embody the values of **Fun, Fair Play, and Teamwork**.

Respect in Sport - Parent Program

Tennis Alberta is pleased to announce its partnership with the Respect Group Inc. to provide an educational tool that will further our commitment to fostering a safe and fun environment for all participants.

By **April 23, 2015**, the first tournament of the Junior Outdoor Season, Tennis Alberta will require at least one parent/guardian of each junior player to have completed the on-line Respect in Sport – Parent Program in order to participate in any sanctioned event.

The Respect in Sport Program for Parents is a one hour on-line program geared to providing parents/guardians with information on how to evaluate and understand:

- Parent/guardian influence over a child
- Coach and leader roles in sport
- Parent/guardian and coaches roles in ensuring a child's enjoyment of a sport
- Protecting your child when outside of your immediate control
- Injury awareness & Return to Play guidelines
- Long-Term Player Development model

The course has a **\$12** cost and can be accessed at the Tennis Alberta website under the Junior tab.

Note: Families only need to complete the course ONCE, but must list ALL children under the age of 18 who are playing Junior Tennis.

The program is Canada's leading on-line bullying, abuse, harassment, and neglect prevention program for parents, coaches, and community leaders and is currently being utilised by Hockey Canada, Ontario Soccer Association, and Calgary Minor Soccer Association. Respect in Sport is a powerful, proactive educational program that empowers parents, leaders, and coaches with the tools to ensure the game is enjoyable and respectful for themselves, their children and all other stakeholders in the game.

This initiative was proposed by the Tennis Alberta Sportsmanship & Ethical Conduct Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.