

Respect in Sport (RIS) – Activity Leader

Every person listed on a team Bench Staff form is required (by Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia and TASA) to complete the Respect in Sport - Activity Leader course. Volunteers only need to take this course once; there is no expiry.

PLEASE NOTE: The RIS-Parent course and the RIS-Activity Leader course are 2 separate courses and are NOT interchangeable. If you are on bench staff for your team (e.g., Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Safety Rep) you MUST complete the RIS- Activity Leader course AND you or your child's other parent/guardian MUST also complete the RIS- Parent program.

Respect in Sport is an effective and informative online training program for adult volunteers who will be active with players registered in minor hockey. The three-hour online certification program reinforces the role of a volunteer in activities of young athletes, and teaches recognition of signs of abuse, bullying, and harassment.

The cost for the course (approximately \$30) is paid by the individual up front. If assigned to bench staff for a team, this cost can be included in the team budget which will allow for reimbursement if a receipt is provided to your team manager or treasurer. Please note that U7 teams do not have a team budget; therefore, the cost is not eligible for reimbursement.

To complete the course:

- Please ensure you have a Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) account set up before completing the course - [HCR 3.0 - Hockey Canada Registry](#). If you have previously completed the Speak Out course, it MUST be showing in your HCR account to be valid for certification and to exempt you from taking RIS. If you are unsure if you have taken the RIS-AL or Speak Out course, please check your HCR account.
- Go to <https://hns.respectgroupinc.com> to register and complete the course. If you have completed the course through another hockey association, you can also go to this site to import your certificate to TASA.

The deadline, as set by Hockey Nova Scotia, for completion of this course is **December 1**. **Failure of a volunteer to complete this course will result in the suspension from their volunteer role with any team until such a time when the course is completed.**

Please feel free to view Respect In Sport information on the following websites:

Hockey Canada – <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/parents/respect-in-sport>

Hockey Nova Scotia - <https://hockeynovascotia.ca/admin-member/your-safety/respect-in-sport>

For all inquiries related to Risk Management (Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Checks and Respect in Sport – Parent, and Respect in Sport – Activity Leader), please contact TASA Risk Management VP, Dianne Lyver at RiskVP@tasa.ca