



MEMORANDUM

To: MSA MEMBERS
From: Héctor Vergara, Executive Director
Date: February 3rd, 2009
Re: Respect in Sport Policy

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Sport Manitoba believes in being proactive in ensuring sport in our province is safe and welcoming for all participants. Respect in Sport helps us promote those values through a simple and convenient on-line training course for coaches and sport leaders. It is designed as a tool to assist coaches in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment, and bullying in sport. MSA has created a Respect in Sport policy which has been approved by the Board of Directors on November 13th, 2008.

This new policy becomes effective for the 2009 outdoor season. All coaching staff, including managers, must complete the online course found on the Sport Manitoba website. Each roster must show the team officials' Respect in Sport number before the ID card will be stamped by the MSA for senior teams and by WYSA for youth teams in the WYSA league.

The course is three hours in length, divided into six ½ hour modules. It can be completed at your leisure, in its entirety or in segments at your own pace. The program is available in both English and French and the training is free of charge. Please go to the Sport Manitoba website at www.sportmanitoba.ca and click on "Respect in Sport".

Full details of this policy can also be found on our website under Policies at www.manitobasoccer.ca.

Thank you for your compliance.

