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TO: All Minor and Female Hockey Associations
FROM: Scott Kennedy, Risk Management Chair, HNS
DATE: 08/09/2017
RE: Respect in Sport Parent Program 2017-18

The Respect in Sport Parent Program is a one-hour online program designed to reinforce a parent's role in their child's activities while encouraging positive sport behaviours and providing insight into the roles of coaches and officials.

The Respect in Sport Parent Program provides information on parents' natural influence over a child, the coach or leader's role in an activity, the role parents play in their child's enjoyment of a sport or activity, and protecting your child when they are outside of your immediate control. The program also provides parents with tools to evaluate their own behaviour by highlighting five key "behavioural traps" frequently exhibited by parents, particularly in competitive sports. It demonstrates negative behaviours and provides ideas of how a situation may be better handled, includes valuable information from subject matter experts delivered in a clear and concise fashion, and asks questions of parents based on scenarios presented. Specific topics included in the program are: five common negative parent behaviours, a child's development, nutrition and hydration, rest, injuries, as well as interacting with coaches, officials and other parents.

Hockey Nova Scotia rolled out the Respect in Sport Parent program as a mandatory requirement for the 2015-16 season and going forward; one parent of each **newly** registered player (regardless of playing level) will be required to complete this program by October 15, 2017.

Minor Hockey Associations, Female Hockey Associations and Female Hockey Administrators are responsible to ensure that this program is completed by one parent of each **newly** registered player from the 2015 season onward. HNS will provide you with a list of the parents who have not taken this course as required by October 15, 2017. This list is provided by Hockey Canada to verify that this mandatory requirement has been met.

Information on how to register for the course is available at the following address:

http://www.hockeynovascotia.ca/files/7_suggested_user_instructions_for_the_respect_in_sport_parent_program_cx.pdf

Respect Group utilizes PayPal to accept payments online as it is the most secure way to make purchases over the internet. You are not required to have a PayPal account to use the service and can pay as a guest. If you do not have a credit card or do not want to use your own, PayPal accepts pre-paid Visa cards as a method of payment.

There will be two reports sent to your MHA president, FHA president or Female Hockey Administrator: one on October 22 and another on November 19.

Your cooperation and attention to this is appreciated.

Regards,

Scott Kennedy
Chair, Risk Management

