



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**TO:** VIAHA Membership  
**FROM:** Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President  
**COPY:** VIAHA Officers, VIAHA Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Up-date to the VIAHA Parent Respect in Sport (RIS) Requirement

Dear Members,

The one (1) Parent RIS requirement was passed by the VIAHA Membership at the 2015 AGM. At that time we decided to accept the 'Team Official/Volunteer' Version temporarily as it was a big change and we wanted to make the transition easier for our Volunteers. It has now been seven (7) years and much administration time has been spent by the MHA's and VIAHA matching players up to Team Staff each season since.

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 the 'Team Official/Volunteer' Version will **no longer** be accepted as a replacement to this Regulation and all players registering for the 2023-2024 season will need to be credited with the Parent Version. The 'Team Official/Volunteer' Version does not credit a players Hockey Canada Profile - which prevents us from running the appropriate yearly reports on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). In addition, the Parent Version is significantly different to the Volunteer Version and provides specific information valuable to sports parents.

This bulletin gives Volunteers who now need to take the Parent Version over a year's notice. However, a local Minor Hockey Association (MHA) may choose to have a deadline that is much sooner than our own. This may be the case based on local needs and we will support MHA's in enforcing an earlier deadline should they require it. An MHA is responsible for helping VIAHA to administer this and will require full support and cooperation from any parents that need it.

Unlike the Volunteer Version, the Parent Version does not have an expiry date. Any parents that have already taken the Parent Version of RIS previously in hockey or with any other group (and have successfully credited their child's Hockey Canada Registry Profile) will **not** need to do anything to meet this requirement at this time. For a list of up-dated 'Frequently Asked Questions' please check the VIAHA website main page at [www.viaha.org](http://www.viaha.org)

Here is the link to enter the Respect in Sport course site <https://bchockeyparent.respectgroupinc.com>

As with all courses, a reminder to print off and/or keep a copy of the Certification as MHA's may request verification should the HCR credit system not be working properly.

The Respect in Sport parent program is a proactive, educational program that empowers parents with the tools to ensure the game is enjoyable and respectful for themselves, children and all other stakeholders in the game. The Respect in Activity Leader/Volunteer Program version will continue to be a condition for both coaches and Team Officials - which represents the final level of respect when considering our athlete's needs.

Thank you everyone, for your commitment to all players' safety, enjoyment and success on Vancouver Island and within the game of hockey.

Respectfully,

Jim Humphrey  
VIAHA President