

RESPECT IN SPORT (RIS)

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- **Do I have to take it every year?**

NO, once you have completed the **Parent** Edition you are certified - and there are currently no plans for a Parent Version expiry date at this point either.

- **I have taken and passed the Respect in Sport Team Official/Volunteer version - is this sufficient?**

No – **As of March 31st, 2023, the 'Team Official/Volunteer' Version will no longer be accepted as a replacement.** The 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. 7 years went by, and much administration time was spent by the MHA's and VIAHA matching players up to parents. The 'Team Official/Volunteer' Version does not credit a player's Hockey Canada profile - only the parent's profile - which prevents us from running the appropriate yearly deficiency reports on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). In addition, the Parent Version is significantly different to the Volunteer Version and provides valuable information for sport parents.

- **How is the RIS Parent program taken?**

Access the Clinic via <https://bchockeyparent.respectgroupinc.com> this online course takes approx. 1.5 hours. It offers both audio and visual features and when initiated it does not have to be completed all at once. **Parents will need to know the name of their child's Minor Hockey Association (MHA) and their children's Hockey Canada Profile #'s so they can credit their child/children with the certification correctly.** A parent can enter more than one child's name. A child can also be added after certification at any time as well (for example, a second child enters hockey next season). Children from the same family can also be added even if they are playing in different hockey Associations.

- **How does my child's Hockey Canada Profile get credited with my Parent RIS certification?**

*You must list your child/children's names, HCR numbers and MHA when prompted during the on-line course so that your child's Hockey Canada Registry Profile can be automatically updated with your certification. This way, when VIAHA and your MHA run a report, it will list and show your child as completed.

- **I have taken the Parent Version and my child's profile was not credited - OR I need to credit another one of my children with my certification:**

- **Go to <https://bchockeyparent.respectgroupinc.com>**
- **Login in** to your (the parents) profile
- Once logged in select **'Profile'** at the top of the screen
- Once in your profile scroll down to **'Child Management'**
- **Enter and add** the new child
- Click **'Save & Add'**
- **The system will try to associate children with parents so a selection screen may pop up**
- **Click Save** – and this should successfully credit the child's Hockey Canada Profile with the Parent's RIS

- **Do I need to notify anyone after I have completed the 'Parent Version' on-line course?**

If you list your child's name and MHA when prompted during the Parent Version, it will show up automatically on your child's Hockey Canada Registry profile and administrators will be able to track and view it. ***Please keep proof of any certification in the event something does go wrong though.**

- **Is there a way to check a certification?**

Use this public link <https://validation.respectgroupinc.com/> *Do not worry if you do not have the Certification # it can search by name too!

- **How can I tell if my RIS certification is the Parent Version?**

If the certificate number acronym ends with a 'P' it is usually the Parent version

- **What if I took RIS certification in another Province or as a requirement within another sport (i.e. Baseball)?**

Here is the easiest way to handle this:

- 1 - Register in <https://bchockeyparent.respectgroupinc.com> like a New User
- 2 - Enter the certificate number you received from the other organization
- 3 - If valid, you will be prompted to fill in the child's info and the profile will be automatically updated AND, at no cost as you are already certified!

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*Again, if you cannot find your certificate you can also run a search using this public link & validation tool
<https://validation.respectgroupinc.com>

- **Why do I need to take it?**
This was voted on and passed by our membership on May 24th at the 2015 VIAHA AGM. Besides being a VIAHA condition of participation in hockey, it provides tools to deal with various situations that could arise in a hockey team setting. Let's face facts, hockey is an emotional game for all stakeholders, but by completing this... program you will be better equipped to deal with many other situations you could face. At the 2016 VIAHA AGM the membership again voted to keep the requirement to one (1) parent/caregiver
- **What will happen if I do not take RIS?**
As done in the past - VIAHA will not allow the child/children to continue participating until the program has been taken. A player will be considered 'Ineligible' until his/her parent takes the course. Teams cannot play Ineligible Players as this would result in fines and Coach Suspensions.
- **Is this required of parents anywhere else?**
Yes, in Canada it is currently mandated in the following places:
 - **All 4 Atlantic Provinces:** (PEI, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland)
 - **Quebec:** (various Regional groups)
 - **Ontario:** Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA said to be the largest MHA in the world)
HEO Hockey Eastern Association (Ottawa Region only), Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario
 - **Manitoba:** Hockey Winnipeg & now Hockey Manitoba (entire Province)
 - **Alberta:** First introduced in Calgary and now required by Hockey Alberta (entire Province)
 - **Saskatchewan:** (all of Regina Minor Hockey Association & ½ of Saskatoon)
 - **BC:** (Semiahmoo MHA, Kamloops MHA and all of Vancouver Island ☺)
- **What if I have no access to a computer/internet?**
Most libraries provide internet access; however, your local MHA may also be able to assist by providing space to use computer(s). Other options include schools and friends.
- **What if I have slow internet connection?**
The program is designed to be accessible by either high speed or dial up.
- **What if I do not have strong computer or literacy skills?**
The utmost attention to detail was taken to ensure the program was designed to be user friendly, if issues do arise there is online help as well as a 1-866-956-9791 support number.
- **Cost?**
The cost is \$12.00 (before tax), and Parents/Guardians are expected to cover this fee.
- **Is this the same as the BC Hockey/Vancouver Canucks 'Sportsmanship in the Stands' Program?**
No, but the two programs complement each other very well. The 'Sportsmanship in the Stands Program' is a mandatory 'parent meeting policy' initiative that will take place during Parent Team Meetings.
- **What date am I supposed to have the course completed by?**
Each year the deadline is October 31st but VIAHA
MHAs should request proof of the Parent version upon registration of the season.
- **Still have a question?**
The RIS support number is 1-866-956-9791, or Call VIAHA at 250-751-8811 or email info@viaha.org

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