



Respect in Sport Policy

Purpose of the Policy:

Pickleball Saskatchewan is committed to creating a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Coaches have a responsibility to create a sporting environment that is free of harassment, abuse, bullying and neglect.

Pickleball Saskatchewan requires that all coaches participating in pickleball have completed the online Respect in Sport (RiS) certification (or equivalency), as required by Sask Sport Inc.

Scope and Application:

1. The policy applies to all coaches registered or named on an official sport roster under the membership jurisdiction of Pickleball Saskatchewan.
2. Coaches not holding valid certification will have until **December 31, 2021** to complete the RiS certification training or training equivalency such as NCCP Empower+ or Respect in School program.
3. Pickleball Saskatchewan is responsible for setting out the communication strategy specific to the certification requirements and deadline.

Enforcement:

- Any coach not having RiS certification (or equivalency) by the deadline established will be removed as a coach until such time that the course is completed.
- Non-compliance with this policy may result in further discipline as determined by the Board of Directors or in accordance with Pickleball Saskatchewan policy.

RiS Administration:

The Pickleball Saskatchewan Secretary will have administrative access to the RiS database to oversee functions such as report generation and monitoring.

Review and Approval:

This policy was approved by the Pickleball Saskatchewan Board of Directors June 24, 2020 and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on an annual basis.