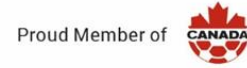




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ACTION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: A2025-02
Date: February 3, 2025
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff
From: Matt Ferreira, Director, Development
Subject: Respect in Sport Recertification Reminder and Discount

Since its inception in 2016, the **Respect in Sport (RiS) Activity Leader Program** has played a pivotal role in fostering a safe and respectful soccer environment in Ontario. As each year there are **Activity Leaders** who have to enter their next five-year recertification cycle, we wish to draw your attention to important updates and reminders.

The RiS Activity Leader Program, Respect Group's flagship initiative, **remains mandatory for technical leaders, including Coaches, with a validity period of five years.** This certification, recognized and transferable across all sports, undergoes regular reviews and updates to stay current with crucial knowledge and emerging trends, ensuring a safer and more enriching sports experience for all participants.

[Click here](#) to access the program.

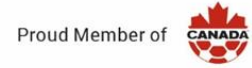
For detailed information on RiS's Activity Leader Certification Program, [visit this link](#).

This training is part of Canada Soccer's "Modified" Safe Sport Roster, introduced in 2023 to address variations in different coaching environments. This roster tailors Coach education requirements, acknowledging diverse coaching conditions, while upholding a minimum standard of training and education where RiS is required at all levels. This initiative ensures a safe playing environment for all participants, regardless of age, stage or level.

For more information on the Modified" Safe Sport Roster, refer to Bulletin [I2023-08](#).



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Similar to technical leaders, Ontario Soccer Match Officials must complete the **RiS for Officials Program**, as part of their registration. This program also has a validity period of five years. This official-specific module was newly introduced in 2021 and is transferrable across all sports. In previous years, some referees may have completed the **RiS for Activity Leaders** program. We ask that referees with an expired Activity Leaders certificate please [click here](#) to access the RiS for Officials program.

To learn more about the registration requirements for Match Officials, [visit this page](#).

There is also Respect in the Workplace, a requirement at higher levels of Canada Soccer's Club Licensing program (MA Level 1 and above), for staff that lead day-to-day operations of the club. To learn more about this program, [visit this page](#).

Recertification Discount: In an effort to alleviate the financial burden on participants and organizations, Respect Group **generously offers a 50 per cent discount on recertifications**, specifically for the Activity Leader (and not the RiS Match Officials) program and Respect in the Workplace program. The recertification discount is not transferrable between programs. The recertification fee has been reduced from \$30/user to a mere \$15/user.

Course Description	Initial Certification	Recertification
Activity Leader (Coach Program)	\$30.00	\$15.00
RiS for Officials (Match Officials)	\$20.00	Recertification discount will be available in 2026
Respect in the Workplace (Staff & Board Members)	\$40.00 (\$35.00 if completed through club or organisation)	\$20.00

For more information on the Respect Group suite of education programs, Clubs should contact [Stephan Moncayo](#) from Respect Group, Inc.

We ask all Member Districts and Clubs to communicate this mandatory requirement to their membership. The importance and mandatory nature of this training must be emphasized through District leadership and oversight and Club facilitation, as an expired certificate renders Coaches & Match Officials unable to participate. Districts are reminded to diligently vet coaches' credentials to ensure ongoing compliance with this requirement.



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