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**Policy Statement:** Curling Alberta requires at least one parent/legal guardian of every curler under the age of 18 to complete the online <u>Respect in Sport (RiS)</u> Parent Program in order to participate in any Curling Alberta sanctioned event.

Competitors who register for a Curling Alberta competition without a parent or legal guardian who has completed the program will be contacted and given explicit instruction to do so before registering for their next event. This warning applies only once; if a player in non-compliance registers for a second event, he or she will be removed from that competition and will remain ineligible until the RiS Parent Program is completed by his or her parent/guardian.

Parents/guardians who have completed the RiS Parent Program with another sport are not required to complete the program again but can transfer their certification to the Curling Alberta database by following the online instructions. Families only need to complete the course once but must list all children who are curling and under the age of 18 to ensure they are all RiS certified.

Access to the Curling Alberta's RiS Parent Program registration and FAQ's. For more information on the Parent program, <u>click here</u>

Curling Alberta requires all coaches to have Respect in Sport training in the U15, U18, U20/U21 categories. This training is covered in the Competition's Coach - **Certified** in the Making Ethical Descisions course, however it is not covered as a Competition Coach - **Trained**. For <u>here</u> for information on the Activity Leader/Coach program.

The RiS program is Canada's leading on-line bullying, abuse, harassment, and neglect prevention program for parents, coaches, and community leaders. Respect in Sport is a powerful, proactive educational program that empowers parents, leaders, and coaches with the tools to ensure the game is enjoyable and respectful for themselves, their children and all other stakeholders in the game.