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Information Bulletin

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Date: April 4, 2016
To: District Administrators, Presidents
CC: OSA Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Miskey, Executive Director
Subject: Respect in Sport – Program Expansion

Please be advised that The Ontario Soccer Association Board of Directors at their recent March meeting approved the OSA's renewal of its agreement with Respect Group Inc. for another five years.

The RIS Activity Leader Program is the risk management industry leading education and certification program for youth leaders to recognize, understand and respond to issues of bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination.

Under this new agreement, The OSA will be expanding the education and certification program to further include more Coaches in our system and Match Officials. The following is the approved five year program phase in process:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Coaches	<u>OPDL Competitive</u>	OPDL Competitive <u>U13-U18 Rec.</u>	OPDL Competitive U13-U18 Rec. <u>U12</u> <u>U11</u>	OPDL Competitive U13-U18 Rec. U12 U11 <u>U10</u> <u>U9</u>	OPDL Competitive U13-U18 Rec. U12 U11 U10 U9 <u>U8</u> <u>Game Leaders</u>
Match Officials (level)	N/A	<u>10</u> <u>9</u>	10 9 <u>8</u> <u>7</u> <u>4</u>	10 9 8 7 <u>6</u> <u>5</u> 4	N/A



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Notes:

- i. Certification is valid for five (5 years).
- ii. The RIS Activity Leader certification program is transferable and recognized across other sports.
- iii. Certification and training is conducted via a 2 to 2.5 hour on-line course.
- iv. Payment is conducted on-line. Course fee is \$30. Certification # provided upon course completion.
- v. OSA joins the numerous other sporting organizations in Canada by utilizing the Respect in Sport – Activity Leader Program. “Respect in Soccer” as it was once known, now no longer exists.
- vi. The Respect in Sport Certification will not appear on “NCCP Locker” profiles or “Coach Centre” profiles. Participants will always be able to access their RIS certificate and certificate number by logging into their personal account on the Respect in Sport Website.

If you have further questions in this regard please contact **Matt Greenwood** at mgreenwood@soccer.on.ca or visit the RIS website at <http://respectinsport.com/> .