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What you need to know about Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) and Safe Sport Policies

In February 2019, the federal government endorsed, along with provincial and territorial governments, the Red Deer Declaration for the Prevention of Harassment, Abuse and Discrimination in Sport, committing to move together toward the elimination of harassment, abuse and discrimination in sport. Further, they announced \$209,000 in funding to the Coaching Association of Canada to develop a nationwide code of conduct for sport in Canada. The Minister of Sport also announced the creation of a Gender Equity Secretariat within Sport Canada tasked with developing, implementing and monitoring a gender equity strategy. The Secretariat ensures greater participation of women in sport leadership roles, coaching and officiating to contribute to greater safety in sport.

In Canada, the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) provides the foundation for the development of a coordinated implementation strategy to prevent and address maltreatment across all levels of the sport system, and for all participants, such as athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, and practitioners. The document is a result of an extensive consultation process that sought insight and expertise from within the sport system and from external subject matter experts. The UCCMS defines the sexual, physical and psychological forms of maltreatment that are prohibited in sport and outlines appropriate sanctions for individuals who violate the UCCMS or engage in maltreatment.

In April 2022, the Government of Canada announced that the UCCMS must be adopted into the rules of all federally funded sport organizations. The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada will be home of Canada's Independent Safe Sport Mechanism and will administer the UCCMS.

Sport Manitoba plays the lead role in awareness, prevention and action relating to creating a safe sport environment in Manitoba. They have developed a comprehensive plan and resources to equip provincial sports organizations like Manitoba Horse Council with the tools necessary to make our sports safe, welcoming, and inclusive.

Respect in Sport helps promote these values through a simple and convenient online training course for coaches and sport leaders. It **has been a mandated program for all Manitoba coaches/trainers since 2007.**

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