Purpose:

1. Special Olympics Manitoba (SOM) 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 and abuse.

2. Special Olympics Manitoba requires that all active coaches have completed the online Respect in Sport as required by Sport Manitoba.

Scope and Application**:**

1. The policy applies to all SOM registered coaches with the exception of program volunteers. Program volunteers are defined as those with no supervisory responsibilities (i.e. scorekeepers, university students).

2. Any coach not having completed the program or maintained certified status is ineligible to attend a sanctioned SOM competitive event until such time that the course is completed.

3. The Directors of Sport Development, in conjunction with the Sport Program Committee of the Board, are responsible for setting out the communication and timing of course completion and recertification.

Enforcement:

Non-compliance of this policy may result in further discipline as determined by the Sport Program Committee of the Board of Directors.

Review and Approval:

This policy was approved by the Board of Directors on May 28th, 2008 and will be reviewed by the Sport Program Committee of the Board on an annual basis.