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GOV'T LAUNCHING NEW RESPECT PROGRAM COACHES WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE - ABUSE, BULLYING IN SPORT

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From hockey rinks and gymnasiums across the province, coaches are teaching our children the tricks of the trade but the provincial government will soon be teaching the coaches a thing or two about abuse.

KEVIN DOHERTY (SPORT MINISTER)

The Respect in Sport program is designed to prevent bullying, abuse, harassment and neglect in sports. New and existing coaches registered with the provincial sport governing bodies will be required to take the course.

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The training program is being made available online and being made mandatory for all of the estimated 15,000 coaches in Saskatchewan. Developed by the Respect Group the anti-bullying organization cofounded by former NHL hockey player and abuse victim Sheldon Kennedy the three-hour online training program will teach coaches about how to spot abuse, neglect or bullying in their players and how best to deal with it.

SHELDON KENNEDY (RESPECT GROUP)

We may be the only trusted people in that kid's life and if they come to us and disclose something that's going on at home, between youth to youth, wherever it may be, we need to have the tools to know what to do.
