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**SASK SPORT ANNOUNCED NEW MANDATORY PROGRAM COACHES  
WILL HAVE TO TAKE - RESPECT PROGRAM**

**JILL MORGAN (ANCHOR)**

We rely on coaches to teach our kids how to skate, dribble a ball or do a backflip but what about the life lessons that inevitably come along with learning those skills?

As Whitney Stinson reports, how to teach to respect has been up to individual coaches but today Sask Sport announced a new mandatory program all coaches will have to take before leading our children.

**WHITNEY STINSON (REPORTER)**

Whether it's from the players, the parents or even the coaches, bullying in hockey is a problem, so much so that last year Hockey Regina implemented a mandatory policy that at least one parent of every kid playing in the minor leagues had to take an online respect in sport program. The initiative changed the tone of the sport so successfully that today Sask Sport announced an expansion. Now every coach registered in the province has to take a mandatory three hour online respect program.

**SHELDON KENNEDY (RESPECT IN SPORT)**

What we're trying to do is create accountability and standards within our organizations for people to participate and be involved in.

**SCOTT FRIZZELL (SASK HOCKEY)**

It makes you think about what kids are going through. I think it empowers a person to know what's right and what's wrong.

**WHITNEY STINSON (REPORTER)**

If a parent, player or another coach is out of line, this training will give them the tools to deal with it effectively and ultimately allow those kids to learn those lessons that come along with competing whether they win or lose.

**SCOTT FRIZZELL (SASK HOCKEY)**

You know what, they're going to make mistakes and that is wrong to belittle them, to call them names or whatever they're doing on the bench.

**WHITNEY STINSON (REPORTER)**

Hockey has a bad reputation for being a violent game with passionate parents and coaches, but the reality is it's a common problem even in non-contact sports. Athletes in judged sports like gymnastics train in teams but compete individually. This can create deep animosity between peers and sabotage campaigns aren't unheard of. The new online training will try to combat this type of bullying as well by teaching coaches how to show kids they have to be accountable for their own score.

**JAMIE OLMSTEAD (GYMNASTICS SASK)**

The judges are trained to do what they're doing and you have to have straight legs and pointed toes when you do gymnastics so if someone else is doing that better then you have to work harder.

**WHITNEY STINSON (REPORTER)**

They hope making coaches better today will benefit the leaders of tomorrow.

Whitney Stinson, Global News.

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