

NB Alliance for Safe Sport and Recreation presents:

Playing Safe! Creating safe activity environments for all participants – April 25th & 26th

Fredericton, April 14, 2008: Delegates from across New Brunswick will be converging on the capital region in late April to discuss the importance of playing safe during the first annual Alliance for Safe Sport and Recreation Workshop. The two day conference is the first of its kind in this region and will bring attention to the issues concerning abuse and harassment in sport as well as showcasing violence prevention programs and how to create safe environments for youth in sport and recreation. Judi Fairholm, the National Technical Director for the Canadian Red Cross, highlights the assembly of delegates and will discuss, among others, the nationally award winning program RespectED: Violence & Abuse prevention, which addresses bullying, harassment, and neglect in sport. Other sessions include: 'Overcoming Barriers to Programming', 'Effective Screening Procedures' and a discussion exploring 'Homophobia in Sport' facilitated by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity.

The NB Alliance for Safe Sport and Recreation, who's mission is to provide leadership and resources for its members to create safe environments in sport and recreation for all New Brunswickers, is a partnership between Sport New Brunswick, Recreation New Brunswick, Centre for Coaching Education of New Brunswick, Fitness New Brunswick, Canadian Red Cross, Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport.

The provision of safe environments for all individuals to participate in sport and recreation pursuits is everyone's responsibility, including teachers, recreation professionals, coaches, participants and volunteers. On behalf of the NB Alliance for Safe Sport and Recreation we would like to invite you to join us to experience this unique opportunity. For more information please call (506) 451-1320, visit <http://www.sportnb.com/en/programs/harassment.aspx>, or email programs@sportnb.com. Early registration ends Friday, April 18th so be sure to register today!!