

Ten Reasons to Use a EC Certified Coach

- 1 – Safety & First Aid – Trained in procedures and must hold a valid First Aid ticket which must be kept up to date for the coach to stay current.
- 2 – Criminal Record Check – Every certified coach must have a criminal record check to help ensure the safety of the students.
- 3 – Professional and accountable – EC certified coaches are professionals who are expected to adhere to strict standards of the profession. Written complaints about coaches are kept on file by the HCBC office.
- 4 – Commitment – It can take several years to go through the process to become a certified coach. Becoming certified requires significant time and financial commitment on the part of the applicant.
- 5 – Consistence and Upgrading – through the evaluation and testing process they are taught and are tested on consistent skills. Coaches must upgrade their knowledge to stay certified therefore keeping skills fresh and current.
- 6 – Knowledge and Technical Competence – Applicant coaches are evaluated and tested by qualified instructors and master course conductors. Required to show the ability to ride as well as having theoretical knowledge.
- 7 – Stable Management – coaches have learned and been tested on more than just riding, they should be capable of taking care of every aspect of horsecare.
- 8 – Sport Specific – Coaches are either English or Western specialists. There are two levels of each discipline and then coaches may be specializing in Jumping, Dressage, Reining, or Western Performance. Coaches may also be certified in Driving and Saddleseat.
- 9 – Theory – They know “how” to coach. Not just how to ride. Coaches support all aspects of the sport, not just the technical skill of riding.
- 10 – Resources – Certified coaches have all the resources at HCBC and the EC available for them to upgrade, educate and learn.