

THE PROGRAM

The Western Rider 1 - 4 Program was developed for individuals who wish to learn safe horsemanship and riding. The purpose of this program is to produce safe and knowledgeable horseman and to assist in the development of future Instructor and Coaches.

The Rider Level 1 - 4 program is a National Program with National standards that rewards all riders, recreational to competitive by advancing their learning with Certificates of Achievement and badges. This program provides riders and coaches with an attainable progression through the rider level framework. In addition, the Rider Program encourages all riders to learn and enjoy the sport of riding while providing guidelines to Instructors and Coaches.

The Western Learn to Ride Program is Coach and Instructor led and student paced. There is no maximum time in which a rider should achieve the levels.

Testing is set up by the student and the testing Instructor or Coach based on their progress and schedules.

Recommended Resources

- Western Rider Handbook: Level 1
- Western Rider Handbook: Level 2
- Western Rider Handbook: Level 3
- Western Rider Handbook: Level 4
- Stable Management Manual
- Equestrian Canada Certified Coach or Instructor

STARTING OUT



- Riders can start the Equestrian Canada Western Learn to Ride Program by finding an Equestrian Canada Certified Instructor or Coach.
- When the student is ready, an Equestrian Canada Certified Coach or Instructor will administer the test which consists of a written exam and a riding exam.
- The test is then sent to HCBC by the testing Coach along with the testing fee of \$15.00 plus GST (\$15.75).
- The fee payable to the coach for the test is agreed upon between the student and the coach.
- HCBC records the achievement and sends the rider a Certificate and a badge for each level as they complete it.
- **Riders must be HCBC members at the time they are tested.**

FAQ

Do I Have To Start At Rider 1?

No, you can enter the program at any level based on your current riding ability. If at some point you would like to pursue Instructor or Coach certification you will need to have done the written portion of any level you have bypassed.

Where Do I Buy The Books?

Go to the bookstore at www.hcbc.ca or drop by our in-office bookstore.

Where Do I Get The Tests?

Your testing Coach will have the tests.

More Questions?

Contact coaching@hcbc.ca

or

Call: 1-800-345-8055



WHO MAY DELIVER THE WESTERN LEARN TO RIDE PROGRAM?

To evaluate in the Rider 1-4 program all evaluators must be active Equestrian Canada NCCP certified Instructors or Coaches who have been trained to evaluate riders in this program.

All riders must be recommended by their own or another, Equestrian Canada current certified Western Instructor, Coach 1 or 2, Competition Coach, Competition Coach Specialist, or High Performance Coach.

Candidates who are not coached by a current Equestrian Canada Certified Western Coach may acquire a recommendation from the examining Coach by successfully completing a pre-test assessment.

Western Rider Level 1 - 3

Rider to be evaluated by an Equestrian Canada current certified Western Instructor or Coach. Rider's own current certified Equestrian Canada Western Instructor or Coach may evaluate.

Western Rider Level 4

Rider to be evaluated by an Equestrian Canada current certified Western Coach. Rider may not be evaluated by own current certified Equestrian Canada coach.

Check with coaching@hcbc.ca to see if your Instructor or Coach is approved to Evaluate.

Check out www.hcbc.ca for more English Rider information, rubrics and lists of EC NCCP Coaches.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Completion of the Rider Levels can earn you High School Credits.

Rider 1 = 2 Grade 10 credits
Rider 2 = 2 Grade 10 credits
Rider 3 = 4 Grade 11 credits
Rider 4 = 4 Grade 12 credits

Upon receipt of your certificate at the appropriate level, see your High School Counsellor and receive credit on your transcript.

The Rider program qualifies for Occupational credit not External Sport credits.

Contact coaching@hcbc.ca for more information.



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