

# THE PROGRAM

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The English Rider 1-8 Program was developed for individuals who wish to learn safe horsemanship and riding. The purpose of this program is to produce safe and knowledgeable horsemen and to assist in the development of future Instructor and Coaches.

The Rider level 1-8 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 English Rider 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

- English Rider Handbook: Levels 1 - 2
- English Rider Handbook: Levels 3 - 4 - 5
- English Rider Handbook: Levels 6 - 7 - 8
- Stable Management in Canada Manual
- Equestrian Canada Certified Coach or Instructor
- Rider Rubrics available at [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) under the Coach & Athlete resource section.

# STARTING OUT

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- Riders can start the Equine Canada English 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 \$21.00.
- 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

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## 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](http://www.hcbc.ca) or drop by our in-office bookstore.

## Where Do I Get The Tests?

Your testing Coach will have the tests.

## What Else Is Available To Help Me?

There is a study guide for the Rider levels and detailed "rubrics" that outline the expectations for each level. Go to [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) or contact [coaching@hcbc.ca](mailto:coaching@hcbc.ca) for copies.

## More Questions?

Contact [coaching@hcbc.ca](mailto:coaching@hcbc.ca)

or

Call: 1-800-345-8055



# WHO MAY DELIVER THE ENGLISH LEARN TO RIDE PROGRAM?

To evaluate in the Rider 1-8 program all evaluators must be active Equestrian Canada NCCP certified Instructors or Coaches who have been trained to evaluate riders in this program.

## English Rider Level 1 - 2

May be evaluated by an English Instructor or Competition Coach or Competition Coach Specialist.

## English Rider 3 - 4

May be evaluated by an English Competition Coach or Competition Coach Specialist. Evaluator may be the candidates own coach. Instructor with the Jump Component may test this level.

## English Rider 5

May be evaluated by an English Competition Coach or Competition Coach Specialist.

## English Rider 6 - 7

May be evaluated by a current Certified Competition Coach Competition Coach Specialist or High Performance Coach.

## English Rider 8

May be evaluated by an English Competition Coach or Competition Coach Specialist or High Performance Coach.

Check with [coaching@hcbc.ca](mailto:coaching@hcbc.ca) to see if your Instructor or Coach is approved to Evaluate.

Check out [www.hcbc.ca](http://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 = 2 Grade 10 credits  
Rider 3 - 6 = 4 Grade 11 credits  
Rider 7 - 8 = 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.

Students will not receive high school credits for rider levels that they bypass.

Contact [coaching@hcbc.ca](mailto:coaching@hcbc.ca) for more information.



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