



Horse Council BC - Provincial Recognized Officials (PRO)

Designation as a licensed official is a privilege, not a right, bestowed to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. The individual's conduct as a member and as an official must be exemplary and is subject to review at any time. A judge is expected to be proficient in the divisions and to possess a thorough knowledge of the rules. All Horse Council BC (HCBC) Provincial Recognized Officials must attend, a discipline specific updating clinic every three-year period. In addition to attending these clinics, officials must remain current senior members of Horse Council BC at all times.

HCBC offers a provincial officials' program for 9 categories. A Provincial Recognized Official can judge at HCBC sanctioned competitions and unsanctioned local competitions. It is imperative that accredited officials exhibit the highest standard of integrity at all times and decisions are not made upon improper influence. The decisions of the officials constitute solely their individual assessment and not the opinions of or decisions by Horse Council BC.

In addition to evaluating the placings of a division it is the official's responsibility to order from the ring any unruly or unsafe horse and /or rider or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors, their entries, or the public. The officials shall also examine and check for unsoundness all horses brought into any division. This is essential regardless of whether or not the competition indicates that it is necessary. In the absence of a veterinarian, the official's decision regarding the soundness of an animal is final.

Horse Council BC is pleased to offer members a credible provincial Officials' development program.

Categories of Horse Council BC Provincial Recognized Officials' certification are:

- Hunter Judge
- Jumper Judge
- Hack Judge
- Western Judge
- Basic Dressage (See additional criteria)
- General Performance
- Course Designer Hunter Jumper
- Driving Judge
- Vaulting Judge

Advantage of Provincial Accreditation:

- Provincial Accreditation allows an individual to officiate at HCBC Recognized Events and local competitions under the scope of the HCBC Officials License in British Columbia.
- The names of all current accredited Provincially Recognized Officials are published on our web site and in the Horse Industry Guide under the Competition Officials.
- Provincial Recognized Officials are eligible for the HCBC group insurance program through CAPRI for competition officials.

Horse Council BC Policies Governing Provincially Recognized Officials

- A Provincially Recognized Official is accredited only within the Province of British Columbia.
- Officials must agree to the Horse Council BC Officials Code of Conduct and the Officials Code Disciplinary Policy and sign a copy of policy submitting to Horse Council BC
- Provincially Recognized Officials are independent Contractors and may hold multiple cards with other equestrian organizations.

Maintaining Officials Status:

- A Provincially Recognized Official must be a Senior member in good standing with Horse Council BC at all times.
- A Provincially Recognized Official cannot be under suspension from any other equestrian organization.
- A Provincially Recognized Official must attend one approved Provincial, National, or International officials' clinic or course within each three-year period to remain current.

Officials Designation Review:

- A Provincially Recognized Official's conduct and ability must be exemplary and is subject to continual review. The accreditation is revocable at any time by the Officials Committee appointed by the Horse Council BC Director of Competition and Sport with written notice served by registered mail to the last known address of the Official.
- Appeals of such decision must be made in writing and accompanied by a one-hundred-dollar deposit payable to Horse Council BC who at their discretion may or may not call for a formal review before a panel of peers not in excess of four (4) persons. If the formal review finds in favor of the Official the one-hundred-dollar deposit will be returned to the Official.

Horse Council BC Provincial Recognized Official – Dressage Judges Criteria

- The Horse Council BC Provincial Recognized Officials application form must be used.
 - The applicant must be a senior Horse Council BC member in good standing.
 - Of the four references, two must be current licensed Dressage judges of Senior Basic status or higher from any national equine federation, and the other two must be Horse Council members in good standing.
 - The applicant must have competed in competitions. Please list competition name, location date, and dressage level competed at.
 - Applicants must attend and be evaluated at a Horse Council BC approved judges' clinic and include verification of attendance or Certificate of Completion with application.
- All Provincial Recognized Officials must advise HCBC of any recognized officials clinics attended outside of B.C. annually to remain current in the HCBC database.

Application Process:

- Complete and return the Provincial Recognized Officials application form prior to October 15th of the current year.
- Include the names and contact information of four sponsors, for discipline applied for. At least two of the four sponsors must be certified officials. All sponsors must be members in good standing of their provincial and/or national equestrian federation and active in the horse industry.
- Upon successful completion of the application, and having attended an approved Officials Clinic in the year of Application in the discipline applied for, and having completed the written exam with passing score of 85% or better.
- A panel established by the current HCBC Director of Competition and Sport will conduct a review polling of applicant references. At least three of the four references must be favorable in the discipline applied for on application. Written notification to applicants in regards to the status of application review and certification will be completed by December 31 of the current year.
- Applicants must remain senior members in good standing with Horse Council BC at all times to be listed on the online HCBC Officials Directory.

3. References: List four references recognized in the equestrian community as knowledgeable in the divisions you have requested. At least two of the references must be a current licensed official.

Reference Name	Email Address	Hometown	Phone

I hereby apply for accreditation in the Horse Council BC Provincial Recognized Officials program. I understand that accreditation as a Provincial Recognized Official is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Horse Council BC Director of Competition and Sport to individuals whose equestrian experience and personal character merit the designation. As a judge I shall honestly, fairly and impartially evaluate each equine exhibited to me under the guidance of the rules for that particular division. My conduct and ability as a judge must be exemplary and is subject to continual review and that the designation is revocable by the Officials Committee. I agree to the HCBC Officials Code of Conduct Policy and Officials Code of Conduct Disciplinary Policy.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send completed application to:

Horse Council BC

Attn: Manager Competition and Sport

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