

HORSE COUNCIL BC COACH CONNECTION

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COVID-19

While we are experiencing social distancing, program postponement and a general shut down due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, communication is key to everyone being safe but there is also a need to communicate as a community.

The Coach Connection will be sent out for the next few months to offer support and information to coaches.

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EQUESTRIAN CANADA COACH LICENSING

I found these Coach Licensing presentations on YouTube. They are from the EC Convention as well as a presentation that was done for Ontario Equestrian. As the HCBC Coach Pro D day was cancelled, we were unable to present this information to you. The last video is a recording of the March 25th COVID-19 call.

Coach Licensing from Ontario Equestrian presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ow7NnsLhCJo>

What does a coach license represent in terms of coverage:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMVnG6ip_6A

Safe Sport (with Brian Ward and Jane Milton):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjziD6XQPwo>

EC National Equine Disease and Welfare COVID19 Call recording

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsQKy9uIYQQ>

SUSPENSION EXTENDED FOR EQUESTRIAN CANADA SANCTIONED COMPETITION

Ottawa, ON, March 30, 2020 – The suspension of Equestrian Canada (EC) sanctioned competition has been extended to **June 1, 2020**, due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The initial return to competition was set for April 12, 2020, but has been extended due to federal government and public health authority directives to limit COVID-19 transmission. 84 EC sanctioned competitions were scheduled during the timeline of March 16 to June 1, 2020.

No competitions will be sanctioned by either EC or the Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (PTSOs) for the period of suspension. All matters pertaining to the accumulation of points, scores, qualification or rankings towards any EC awards program or team selection will be addressed once a return to competition framework has been developed. Competition hosts will be able to receive a full refund of their sanctioning fees or have the funds held as a credit for future competitions.

All in-person meetings, clinics, events, Rookie Rider and Learn to Ride/Drive activities will continue to be suspended until further notice. Virtual participation in these programs and events is encouraged where available; options are being explored for programs that do not have virtual options at this time.

Financial Information for the Freelance Coach or Facility Owner

Updated:
03/19/2020

Together Against Poverty Society

INFORMATION FOR WORKERS RELATED TO COVID-19

In the midst of this public health emergency, many questions are coming up related to workplaces impacted by COVID-19. Here are basic answers for non-unionized workers. If you are in a unionized workplace, please contact your shop steward or union representative to see if any additional benefits are available through your collective agreement.

LAI D OFF DUE TO WORK CLOSURES?

- Apply for regular EI benefits
- You will need 420-700 work hours in last 52 weeks, depending on where you live.
- You will need a ROE saying you've been laid off from your employer to get benefits
- There is a 1-week wait period (so you will not be paid for 1 week)
- Apply online:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html>
- Call 1-800-206-7218 for more info

UNABLE TO WORK DUE TO SELF- QUARANTINE?

- Apply for EI Sickness benefits
- You will need 600 work hours in last year
- You do not need a sick note to qualify.
- You will need an ROE from your employer
- The 1-week wait period is waived.
- Apply online:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html>
- Call 1-833-381-2725 for more info

LAI D OFF AND INELIGIBLE FOR EI?

- Apply for the Emergency Support Benefit.
- Amounts and eligibility has not yet been announced.
- Applications will be available in April via CRA MyAccount, My Service Canada Account, and a yet to be released toll-free number

SELF-QUARANTINED & INELIGIBLE FOR EI?

- Apply for the Emergency Care Benefit for workers not eligible for EI (including self-employed) who are sick with COVID-19, quarantined, or taking care of a family member with COVID-19.
- Up to 15 weeks of benefits, up to \$900 bi-weekly.
- Applications will be available in April via CRA MyAccount, My Service Canada Account, and a yet to be released toll-free number

UNABLE TO WORK DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURES?

- Parents with children who require care due to school closures can apply for the Emergency Care Benefit.
- 15 weeks of benefits, up to \$900 bi-weekly.
- Applications will be available in April via CRA MyAccount, My Service Canada Account, and a yet to be released toll-free number

DO I QUALIFY FOR WORKSAFE BENEFITS?

- WorkSafeBC benefits are not available for preventative measures or non-work-related exposure
- Only file a claim for COVID-19 virus infection contracted through work-related exposure.
- In BC, call 1-888-967-5377 to make a claim

Government introduces Canada Emergency Response Benefit to help workers and businesses

From: [Department of Finance
Canada](#)

News release

March 25, 2020 - Ottawa, Ontario -
Department of Finance Canada

The Government of Canada is taking strong, immediate and effective action to protect Canadians and the economy from the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic. No Canadian should have to choose between protecting their health, putting food on the table, paying for their medication or caring for a family member.

To support workers and help businesses keep their employees, the government has proposed legislation to establish the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). This taxable benefit would provide \$2,000 a month for up to four months for workers who lose their income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CERB would be a simpler and more accessible combination of the previously announced Emergency Care Benefit and Emergency Support Benefit.

**Read the complete press release
here:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html>

Farm Credit Canada useful links:

<https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/covid-19/program-details.html>

<https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/knowledge/money-finance.html>

BC Ministry of Agriculture Survey

This survey is extremely important, please take the time to complete it as soon as you can. The Ministry is trying to understand the economic impact that the COVID-19 virus has on our members, facility owners, coaches, instructors and other stakeholders.

Due to the outbreak of Covid 19 and the concern for all, the BC Ministry of Agriculture has asked HCBC to reach out to each of you on a bi weekly basis to monitor the impact that this pandemic is causing to your business.

We understand the trying and uncertain times we find ourselves in which has prompted the Ministry to gather information that will help in assessing the economic impact to your operation, and our equine industry as a whole.

Additionally, we would like to determine and document any concerns or challenges regarding availability of feed, bedding, possible shortages, or reduced access to labour.

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions and know that you may reach out to HCBC at any time if you have any questions, concerns, or your circumstances change. We will do everything we can to support you as we move through this.

NOTE no contact information will be shared with government or any other third party.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GL9H9D7>

BC Summer Games News

The BC Summer Games have been cancelled for 2020. The 2022 Games will be in Prince George and the 2024 will be hosted by Maple Ridge.

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