

What is a Coach Status?



A Coach Status is an approval to practice as a coach or instructor in Canada. It is issued by EC in partnership with its PTSO partners and confirms that a coach has completed mandatory training, met minimum safety standards and has adequate insurance coverage to provide equestrian instruction and coaching services in Canada.

What is the difference between a Coach Status and Coach Certification?

- The Coach Status Program does not replace the EC/NCCP Coaching Certification Program, the two programs work in tandem
- **Coach status** verifies that a series of requirements have been met by a coach to recognize them as active
- **Coach Certification** is the formal credentialing process that includes training and formal evaluation through independent assessment of coaching competencies
- Certification (or verified experience) is required to become a Licenced Coach

Why a Coach Status Program?



The Government of Canada introduced the Safe Sport program in April 2018 to ensure all sports meet safety and quality screening measures to create the safest environment possible for coaches, athletes and families. The Minister may withhold funding from any organization that does not:

- take all necessary measures to create a workplace free from harassment, abuse and discrimination of any kind;
- provide mandatory training on harassment and abuse to their members by April 1, 2020. (revised to April 1, 2021 with COVID-19)
- immediately disclose any incident of harassment, abuse and discrimination and that could compromise the project or programming;
- make provisions—within their governance framework—for access to an independent third party to address harassment and abuse cases; and
- It is the right thing to do, improved standards for coaching protects athletes, coaches, and the industry

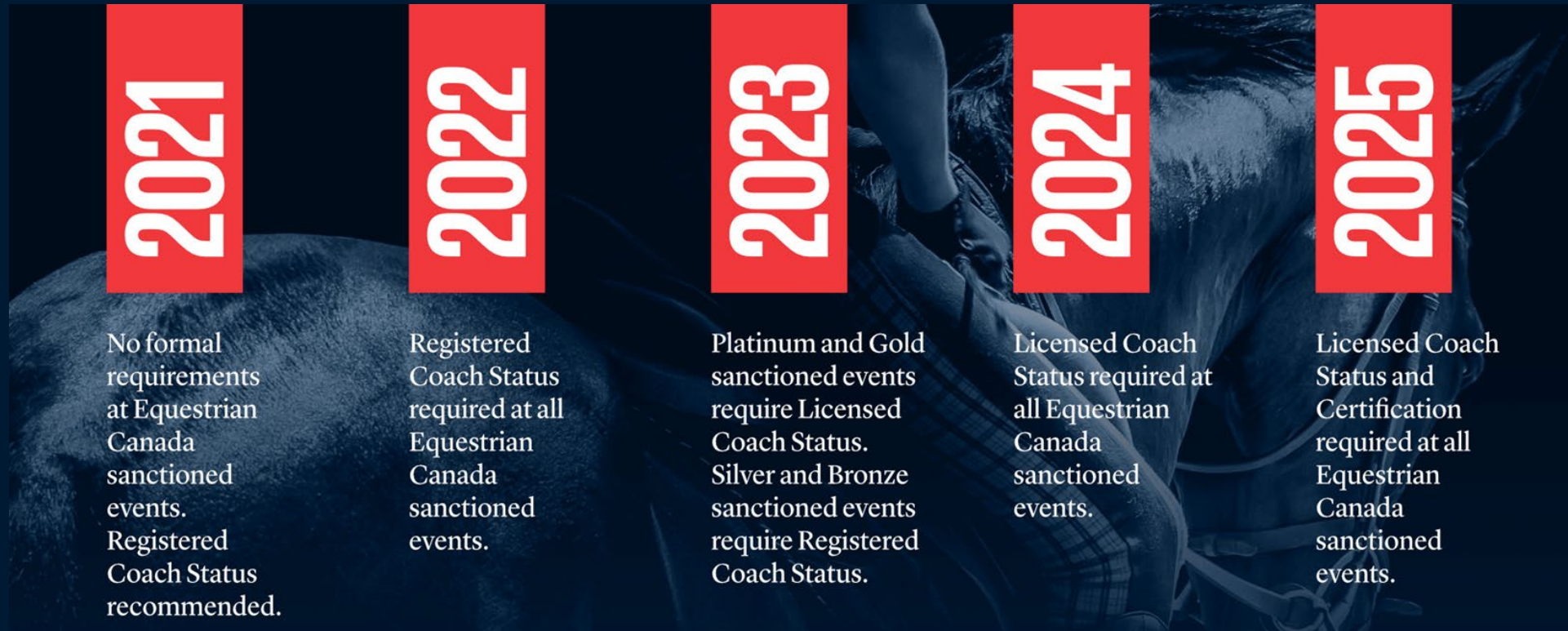
The Coach Status program provides a mechanism to ensure coaches are;

- screened in accordance with EC's Screening Policy
- trained in areas pertaining to Safe Sport and other areas that may be deemed relevant over time
- appropriately insured
- have relevant equestrian specific training, certification and/or equivalent verified experience

Who needs a Coach Status?



- In 2021, Licenced Coach Status is required for coaches who are delivering/associated with EC Programs:
 - Canadian Equestrian Team Coaches
 - NCCP Coach Developers
 - Learn to Ride/Drive Evaluators
 - Rookie Riders Instructors
- Coach Status will be mandatory by 2025 – see implementation timeline below



What are the Coach Status Requirements?



Registered Coach Requirements

- Must be 16 years of age
- Must hold valid EC Sport Licence

First Aid Training – EMERGENCY FIRST AID Minimum - Complete 1 of 5

- Standard First Aid
- Standard First Aid Blended
- Standard First Aid (Recert)
- Emergency First Aid
- Other recognized First Aid Certificate

Certificate of Insurance – Coaching – Complete 1 of 1

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Must name Equestrian Canada and your Provincial Federation as additional insured, Minimum \$2,000,000 General Liability and \$100,000 Professional Liability

Screening Documents – Complete 2 of 2

- Screening Disclosure Form
- Coach Status Reference Letter #1

Criminal Record Check* – Complete 1 of 2

- Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC)
- Criminal Record Check (Level 2)

Concussion Education: Complete 1 of 2 of the courses below

- Equestrian Canada: Concussion Awareness
- Making Headway in Sport (Multisport)

Training to address maltreatment in Sport – Complete 1 of 3 of the courses below

- Fostering Healthy Equestrian Environments
- Coaching Association of Canada Safe Sport Training
- Respect in Sport for Activity Leader

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Licensed Coach Requirements

- Must be age of majority
- Must hold valid EC Sport Licence

First Aid Training – STANDARD FIRST AID Complete 1 of 5

- Standard First Aid
- Standard First Aid Blended
- Standard First Aid (Recert)
- Emergency First Aid
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- Screening Disclosure Form
- Coach Status Reference Letter #1
- Coach Status Reference Letter #2

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Validated and Recognized Coaching Expertise – Minimum 1 of 4 requirements below

- Coaching Certification
- Recognized formal training
- Post Secondary education in equine
- 10+ years coaching experience – detailed resume of coaching experience and history required

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*Not required for individuals under the age of majority, unless cause to suspect the individual has been convicted as an adult.

** Not required for individuals born after January 1, 1986 (National database of pardoned sex offenders is a closed registry and will return no results after this date).

What are the benefits of holding coach status?



- Holding a Coach Status with EC will help you provide a safe environment for your participants while also reassuring parents, athletes and facility owners that you meet these standards.

Some additional benefits of holding a Registered Coach Status include:

- Formal recognition of being on the pathway to becoming a Licensed Coach or of status as a professional within the equestrian industry
- Use of the Registered Coach badge on website and personal promotional materials
- Basic listing on the EC Find a Coach directory
- Free ePIC background check with Sterling-Backcheck
- Access to independent third party complaint management
- Training discounts on the following programs:
 - Free access to EC Safe Sport training
 - 15% discount on EC NCCP Training & Certification activities

Some additional benefits of holding a Licenced Coach Status include:

- Formal recognition of status as a professional within the equestrian industry
- Use of the Licensed Coach badge on website and personal promotional material
- Enhanced listing on the EC Find a Coach directory
- Free ePIC background check with Sterling-Backcheck
- Abuse Defence Coverage
- Access to independent third party complaint management
- Training discounts on the following programs:
 - Free access to EC Safe Sport training
 - 35% discount on eLearning courses offered on the ECampus
 - 35% discount on EC/NCCP training & certification activities

Eligibility to:

- Deliver/evaluate EC Learn to Ride/Drive and Rookie Riders programs
- Become/maintain status as an EC/NCCP Coach Developer
- Be selected as a Coach associated with the Canadian Equestrian Team
- Coach at EC sanctioned competitions

Do I need to have all of the requirements for Coach Status complete before applying?



- No, you can apply at any time, however, will not be approved until all requirements are completed.
- You will have 90 days from the application date to complete all of the requirements for the Coach Status to be issued.



This status recognizes self-declared coaches and instructors, including those working towards a Coach Certification and those new to equestrian instruction who will work alongside an experienced coach. This status can also be selected by those with formal training or extensive experience until the Licensed Coach Status becomes mandatory.



This status recognizes coaches with verified expertise, either through formal certification, education or validated practical experience. Applicants should be actively engaged in equestrian instruction and coaching.

Questions? Please contact Equestrian Canada at coaching@equestrian.ca