

Bio

Though Lisa Schultz could still be considered in the early stages of her career, she has already made a name for herself in the industry, achieved great success in multiple disciplines, and been selected to coach junior teams at provincial and international competitions.

Lisa graduated from Pony Club with her "A" and successfully competed nationally and internationally in a variety of disciplines before becoming an EC Competition coach and starting her own business. She is also a National Pony Club examiner and an HCBC English Rider Evaluator.

Lisa has experience coaching riders of all ages and levels, but she has a particular talent for mentoring and working with young riders. Her enthusiasm and positivity combined with her expertise and knowledge makes her an effective educator. Her supportive teaching style is appreciated by her students and well-respected by their parents.

Lisa is a mentor at the Langley Equestrian Academy, where she organizes educational opportunities for high school aged riders, such as tours, lectures, clinics, and workshops. Lisa has also been the chef d'equipe for the Jill Irving Youth Mentor Program since the beginning of the program. Each year she takes a group of young riders from across Canada to Wellington, Florida to meet top riders, tour facilities, and learn about the professional horse industry.

This past year, Lisa was selected from coaches across the country to coach the Canadian team at the Pony Club Inter-Pacific Exchange in Australia. In 2024 Lisa will also be coaching a team at the BC Summer Games. These team coach selections are a testament to Lisa's strengths not only as a coach, but as a great mentor and leader.

Lisa also never hesitates to go out of her way to help riders achieve their goals. For instance, on multiple occasions she has lent her personal horses to keen, hardworking riders that are preparing for Pony Club testing but don't have a suitable horse of their own. She coaches these riders, supports them and prepares them for a successful testing experience. Lisa has helped numerous students succeed through high levels of evaluation. Lisa also has incredible patience for horses with behavioural problems or that aren't typical breeding or background for the riders discipline of choice, and helps develop a program to help horse and rider succeed and be competitive.

Lisa is truly an incredible role model for all her students and those she has mentored. She constantly offers her time to teach the next generation of riders and find them as many opportunities and experiences as possible. Her coaching philosophy involves so much more than just riding, but emphasizes qualities such as

responsibility, teamwork, sportsmanship, horse welfare, and hard work, all of which she exemplifies herself. Lisa goes above and beyond in her many roles as a coach and mentor. Lisa Schultz is truly deserving of Coach of the Year.