



# HORSE COUNCIL BC

## **Horse Council BC Provincial Recognized Coach/Instructor**

*This program does not provide certification at any level or discipline. The Recognition is based on merit, success, and/or current certification under existing organizations. Provincial Recognition will not be acknowledged outside of British Columbia.*

### **What is a HCBC Provincially Recognized Coach/Instructor?**

Provincial Recognition may be granted to a HCBC member in good standing who applies for recognition and meets the published criteria (see separate document). This coach may be certified/recognized by a number of organizations including EC, CHA, Pony Club, Vault, CANTRA or IGEQ. Recognized coaches may also be uncertified, but recognized by experience, success or other contributing factors (see requirements). Recognized coaches may be on the pathway to certification.

A HCBC Recognized Coach will hold SafeSport and Concussion training, EPIC, and Standard First Aid. Additionally, the coach will be bound by the viaSport Code of Conduct.

### **Why is HCBC creating Provincial Coach Recognition?**

There are many uncertified coaches in BC that are actively working with students as well as taking them to competitions. These coaches, for a multitude of reasons, are not considering certification.

To follow the principles of SafeSport and meet any upcoming viaSport guidelines for Coaching and Competition, HCBC is proactively creating a method of identifying and recognizing uncertified coaches. Any coach who is taking part in the Provincial Recognition program will have SafeSport training and screening that is at the National Standard. With this, students, parents and other stakeholders can be assured that the Provincially Recognized coach, although not certified, meets a Provincial Standard of screening.

HCBC would also recognize coaches who are certified by other agencies or disciplines and ask these coaches to also meet the Safe Sport standards. The end goal is to have all BC Equestrian Coaches and Instructors trained and screened in SafeSport principles and ensure that all BC Equestrians have access to quality coaching.

Coaches who already have files at HCBC with certifications such as CHA, Vault or CANTRA will have the opportunity to submit the screening documents and be given Recognized Coach Status. They may choose not to submit the screening documents, and remain listed on the HCBC site, but they will not have the Recognized Coach logo or status.



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## Criteria

Must be 19 years of age or older and hold:

- HCBC Membership
- Standard First Aid in person course (renew every 3 years)
- EPIC (renew every 3 years) Vulnerable Sectors (one time only)
- Concussion Training (renew every 3 years)
- Safe Sport Training (renew every 3 years)

The application for Recognized status for applicants without any certification will also include:

- 3 Confidential References with contact information. One must be from a certified Coach
- Proof of student's successful competition results from the past three years at HCBC or EC Sanctioned competitions, Breed or discipline competitions  
or
- Proof of long term (5 years or more) instructing at a non-competitive Riding school or Barn

If Certified by another association the coach must also show proof of certification and provide proof of current status with that organization.

HCBC Provincial Recognized Coaches/Instructors must keep requirements on file, stay current within their certifying body, and remain in good standing with HCBC.

## Why be a Provincially Recognized Coach/Instructor

- Provincial Recognized coaches will be listed on the HCBC "Find A Coach" search engine. Their inclusion as Recognized coaches will be identified by the Recognized Coach logo. This allows potential students or clients to access their information from the HCBC website.
- Provincial Recognized coaches will be able to include a biography, website and photo on their HCBC listing.
- Provincial Recognized coaches will be invited to attend webinars that are usually only open to Certified Coaches. They will also receive information about upcoming training opportunities.
- Provincial Recognized coaches will be able to assure clients, students and parents that they have completed screening to a National Standard.

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