



# COACHING PROGRAM

## NCCP COMPETITION COACH SPECIALIST ADMISSIONS

### OVERVIEW

Competition Coach Specialists are capable of teaching the competitive equestrian in the candidate's area of specialization. Competition Coach Specialists will work with intermediate and/or more advanced riders to further develop basic riding, horsemanship and safety skills. They are working to advance students from Provincial/Territorial to National level competitions. The Competition Coach Specialist should also be able to evaluate a horse and its suitability for a student, supervise stable operations and routines, and have experience training and preparing horses for competition. LTED-Learn to Compete, Train the Competitor and the Learning and Training to Win stages. Candidates will specialize in one discipline; however, they are expected to be conversant in all English or Western disciplines. Candidates must have had competitive experience. The following NCCP Competition Coach Specialist certifications are offered by Equestrian Canada (EC):

- Dressage Specialist
- Eventing Specialist
- General Performance Specialist
- Jumping Specialist
- Reining Specialist
- Speed Events Specialist

### GET STARTED!

Contact your Provincial or Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO) to get started!

<https://equestrian.ca/about/governance/provincial-territorial-partners>

### ADMISSIONS

#### BASIC PREREQUISITES

Hold an EC Gold Sport License in good standing.

Hold a PTSO Membership in good standing.

Complete the Coaching Association of Canada's Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation – Competition – Introduction.

Complete the Coaching Association of Canada's Making Head Way in Sport module.

Complete a First Aid course, such as St. John Ambulance, Red Cross or an equivalent course approved by Equestrian Canada (minimum 8 hours).

Submit signed copies of the EC Code of Ethics and Coaching Code of Conduct.

Provide proof of an acceptable Criminal Record check current within 5 years, as required by EC standards. (Regional PTSO and municipal requirements may also apply.) The PTSO will keep copies of the criminal record check. If a PTSO receives a questionable criminal record search for an instructor, coach or program candidate a copy of this documentation should be forwarded to the attention of the EC Chief Executive Officer and EC President. A response would result in a letter from EC to the instructor, coach or program candidate in question with a copy sent to the PTSO.



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### CERTIFICATION SPECIFIC PREREQUISITES

Be at least 20 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.

Depending on the Competition Coach Specialist certificate being sought, candidates must meet certification specific prerequisites, they are as follows:

	Dressage
Coaching Experience	At least two years coaching experience producing students competing at Second Level or higher, with a minimum score of 60% at EC Gold shows
Competitive Experience	To have shown at a minimum of two (2) shows at Third Level or higher, with a minimum score of 60% at EC Gold shows.
Practical Experience	To have prepared a horse, which has competed at a minimum of two (2) shows at Third Level or higher with a minimum score of 60% at EC Gold Shows.

	Eventing
Coaching Experience	Candidates may start the evaluation process if they have a minimum of two (2) students at the national Training Horse Trails level or above and working towards competing at a CNC 1* / national Preliminary Horse Trails competition.  To complete the evaluation process, the candidate must show proof of having coached or be actively coaching a candidate at the CNC 1*/National Preliminary Horse Trails level.
Competitive Experience	Personal experience at the CNC 1* / national Preliminary Horse Trails level.
Practical Experience	Practical experience in developing a young horse to the CNC 1* / national Preliminary Horse Trails level.

	General Performance
Coaching Experience	The Candidate must have at least 2 years' coaching experience at Breed or Provincial Shows, and have a student(s) who have achieved the requirements for the candidate's student's Competitive Experience.  Show records verifying these placings will need to be submitted.
Competitive Experience	The Candidate must have achieved a top 4 placing, in a class of 6 competitors, under at least 2 different judges, at a minimum of 3 Breed or Provincial Shows. These results must be repeated in at least 3 different discipline classes, from the list as follows: Western Pleasure, Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding



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	<p>OR</p> <p>The Candidate student(s) must have achieved a top 5 placing, in a class of 6 competitors, under at least 2 different judges, at a minimum of 3 Breed or Provincial Shows. These results must be repeated in at least 3 different discipline classes, from the list above.</p> <p>If the Candidate's student's(s') competitive experience is used, the student(s) must submit a signed letter indicating the Candidate was their coach at the time they achieved the placings.</p> <p>Show records, verifying either of the sets placings, will need to be submitted.</p>
Practical Experience	<p>The Candidate must have trained a horse that has achieved the requirements for the candidate's Competitive Experience.</p> <p>Show records, verifying either of the sets of placings, will need to be submitted.</p>

Jumping	
Coaching Experience	At least two years coaching experience producing students who have successfully completed courses at 3'0"(90 cm) in the hunter or jumping divisions at Silver or Gold show.
Competitive Experience	To have successfully completed courses at a minimum of two (2) shows at 3'6"(1m10) in the hunter or jumping divisions at Silver or Gold shows.
Practical Experience	To have prepared a horse which has successfully completed courses at a minimum of two (2) shows at 3' 6" (1m10) in the hunter and or Jumping divisions at Silver or Gold shows.

Reining	
Coaching Experience	<p>The Candidate must have at least 2 years coaching experience at NRHA, CRC or Breed Shows with a student(s) who has achieved minimum scores of 65, under at least 2 different judges, on 3 or more runs.</p> <p>Show records verifying these scores will need to be submitted.</p>
Competitive Experience	<p>The Candidate must have achieved a minimum score of 68, under at least 2 different NRHA, CRC or Breed judges, on 3 or more runs.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Candidate's student(s) must have achieved a minimum score of 65, under at least 2 different NRHA, CRC or Breed judges, on 3 or more runs.</p> <p>If the Candidate student's(s') competitive experience is used, the student(s) must submit a signed letter indicating the Candidate was their coach at the time they achieved the</p>



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Practical Experience	<p>The Candidate must have trained a horse that they have competed on, and achieved a minimum score of 68, under at least 2 different NRHA, CRC or Breed judges, on 3 or more runs.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Candidate must have trained a horse that their student(s) has competed on, and achieved a minimum score of 65, under at least 2 different NRHA, CRC or Breed judges, on 3 or more runs.</p> <p>Show records verifying either of these sets of scores will need to be submitted.</p>

Speed Events	
Coaching Experience	<p>The Candidate must have at least 2 years' coaching experience at Provincial, National Speed Event Shows, Breed Shows or Rodeos and have a student(s) who has achieved the requirements for the candidate's student's Competitive Experience.</p> <p>Show records, verifying placings or times, will need to be submitted.</p>
Competitive Experience	<p>The Candidate must have achieved in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Barrel Racing – a top ten placing in 1st or 2nd division at Provincial, National Speed Event Shows, or a top 4 placing at Rodeos or Breed Shows, on 3 or more runs.</li> <li>2) Pole Bending – a time of 24 seconds or under at Provincial, National Speed Event Shows, Breed Shows or Rodeos, on 3 or more runs.</li> </ol> <p>OR</p> <p>The Candidate's student(s) must have achieved in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Barrel Racing – a top ten placing in any division at Provincial, National Speed Event Shows, or a top 6 placing at Rodeos or Breed Shows, on 3 or more runs.</li> <li>2) Pole Bending – a time of 26 seconds or under at Provincial, National Speed Event Shows, Breed Shows or Rodeos, on 3 or more runs.</li> </ol> <p>If the Candidate's student's(s) competitive experience is used, the student(s) must submit a signed letter indicating the Candidate was their coach at the time they achieved the placings or times.</p> <p>Show records, verifying either of the sets of placings or times, will need to be submitted.</p>
Practical Experience	<p>The Candidate must have trained a horse that has achieved the requirements for the candidate's Competitive Experience.</p> <p>Show records, verifying either of the sets of placings or times, will need to be submitted.</p>