

Instructor of Beginners

Programs Currently Available: English, Western, Saddleseat
(Future Instructor Programs: Endurance & Driving)

Description:

The Instructor provides beginner and novice riders with an introduction to riding in a fun and safe environment. Instructors cater to the recreational or non-competitive rider and are specialists in basic riding and horsemanship skills, and starting beginners.

Pre-requisites

1. Be at least 16 years of age
2. Current EC Silver sport license and coaching levy and NSEF Membership.
3. Signed EC Coaching Code of Conduct and Ethics (Available through the NSEF)
4. Current Standard First Aid with CPR from a recognized source
5. Recent Criminal Records Check (including Vulnerable Sector)
6. Rider Level 6 (English)/4 (Western) or equivalent (Canadian Pony Club C2 is an example)
Exceptions: Candidates meeting all prerequisites but who, for physical reasons, are no longer capable of riding may apply for exemption from the riding portion of the English Learn to Ride Program. Please contact NSEF for further details if required.

Preparatory Training Available

- Equestrian Theory (2-day) course (NSEF has a list of those who are interested in this course so when we have dates available we can contact those interested directly. If you are interested please email or call and we can add you to the list).
- Mentoring hours with a certified mentor (a certified EC coach who has taken the qualifying training to be a mentor). NSEF has a list of those who are available in Nova Scotia.

Evaluations (Pass required)

- Making Ethical Decisions (MED)- free, available online (This is taken after the theory course unless you already have an NCCP coaching number.)
- Instructor of Beginners evaluation (1-day) – Please contact NSEF to set up the evaluation.
- Optional Jumping Module- (you can do an additional Jumping module during your Instructor of Beginners evaluation day which will be recognized by Equine Canada as qualifying you to teach jumping in the context of instruction of beginners.)

Maintaining Certified Status

- Maintain relevant memberships and coaching fees
- Keep your First Aid and Criminal Records Check current (usually must renew First Aid every three years, and Criminal Records Check every 5 years.)
- Fulfill professional development requirements (usually 20 hours during a three-year period and attend a provincial update at least once every 2 years – the provincial update will also count towards updating hours).

Apply for Instructor Certification

For further information or to apply for EC/NCCP Courses or Evaluations, contact NSEF.



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