

MENTOR PROGRAM

The Western Coaching Mentor Program was designed to replace the formal technical evaluation. The mentor is there to set correct examples and guidelines for the coaching candidate and to offer candidates an opportunity to learn how to teach from experienced professionals.

To qualify as a Coach 1 Mentor, a coach must be current and have passed the General Component section of the Intermediate Rider Program.

A mentorship clinic should include:

1. Role of Mentor
2. Process and Forms
3. Teaching vs Coaching
4. Mock Lessons
5. Mock Assessments
6. Bandaging
7. Lunging

There are no criteria in place at present for updating mentorship status once a coach has completed a mentorship clinic. Skill development clinics and training sessions included in the annual coaching update will help the mentoring coaches stay current and improve their skills. These opportunities will be developed and presented by the Provincial Coaching Committee.

At present, in Nova Scotia, a coach does not have to be current or have completed the General Component section to attend a mentorship clinic. They will, however, not be eligible to mentor students until all their prerequisites are in place.

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