



COACHING AT EC COMPETITIONS - 2024/25

February 24, 2024



Coaching at EC Competition - 2024



2021

No formal requirements at Equestrian Canada sanctioned events. Registered Coach Status recommended.

2022

Registered Coach Status required at all Equestrian Canada sanctioned events.

2023

Platinum and Gold sanctioned events require Licensed Coach Status. Silver and Bronze sanctioned events require Registered Coach Status.

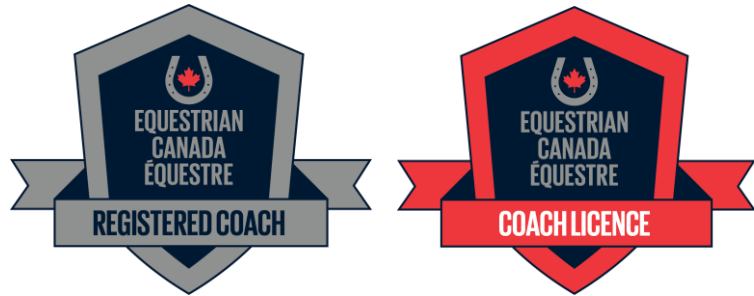
2024

Licensed Coach Status required at all Equestrian Canada sanctioned events.

2025

Licensed Coach Status and Certification required at all Equestrian Canada sanctioned events.

Coach Status vs Coach Certification



\$80.00

\$200.00*

*15% discount for NCCP
Certified Coaches

Coach Status

A Coach Status verifies that coaches are insured, screened and trained in all necessary safety measures. A Status provides recognition as an active coach, whether you are certified or not.

Coach Certification

Coach Certification is the formal credentialing process that includes training and formal evaluation through independent assessment of coaching competencies and ongoing professional development requirements.



Coach Status



Fee	\$80.00 annually	\$200.00 annually * 15% discount for EC/NCCP coaches
Safe Sport	Courses are valid for up to three (3) years 1. EC Concussion Education (or equivalent) 2. EC Fostering Healthy Equestrian Environments (or equivalent)	
Screening	1. Criminal Record/Enhanced Police Information Check (valid for three years) 2. Vulnerable Sector Check (completed once only; exempt if born after February 28, 1986) 3. EC Screening Disclosure (valid for 12 months)	
References	One (1) letter of reference from equestrian colleague, client, or parent of minor-aged client	Two (2) letters of reference from equestrian colleagues, clients or parents of minor-aged clients
First Aid Training	Standard First Aid with CPR (minimum Level C) • Min. 50% in-person delivery and meet OHS standards provincially	
Insurance	• Minimum \$2,000,000 Commercial General Liability • Minimum \$100,000 Professional Liability Insurance	
Certification or Equivalent	Optional	Required

Coach Status – Accepted Certifications



Certifications & Recognized Equivalents

1. **Active NCCP:** Up to date with professional development (PD) requirements (five-year cycle)

2. **EC Recognized Non-NCCP Coach Certification**

- International Group of Equestrian Qualifications (IGEQ)
- Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA)
- Canadian Pony Club (Level A only)
- Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) English and Western
- Provincial Vaulting Trainer Certification

3. **Post-Secondary Degree or Diploma**

- Equine Sciences/Agriculture
- Teacher or Coach Education
- Physical Education

4. **Certification Exemption** (based on 20 years of experience in the field, progressive PD requirements)



Coach Status Requirements 2024

Canadian residents coaching athletes at EC-sanctioned competitions must meet minimum Coach Status requirements.

For those who do not meet the minimum requirements, **Temporary Coach Status** will be available directly through MyEC. Funds collected from Temporary Coach Status will be directed into supporting coaches and NCCP programming.

2024 TEMPORARY COACH STATUS FEES For all levels of EC Sanctioned Events		
I do not have a valid EC Coach Status	 REGISTERED COACH ENTRAÎNEUR(E) ENREGISTRÉ(E)	 LICENSED COACH ENTRAÎNEUR(E) TITULAIRE D'UNE LICENCE
\$175 per event	\$50 per event	Fully qualified - no per event charges applicable

Coach Status – Roles & Responsibilities



Competition Organizers: ensure ALL entries include information regarding COACH NAME and COACH EC NUMBER

EC Officials: Coach Status is not required to be present in the warm-up ring or interact with athletes at the ringside. EC Officials are empowered to validate Coach Status (e.g. when a coach-related privilege is requested, navigating conflict).



Athletes who attend a competition without a Coach.

By entering one's own name and EC Sport License in the entry form fields designated for coaching information, an individual is declaring themselves to be self-coached.

Athletes under 18 years of age may declare themselves as self-coached. Entry forms for minor children require the parent/guardian signature.

Entry into an EC-sanctioned competition constitutes an agreement to be bound by the rules of EC. Inaccurate information on entry forms may invalidate points and are subject to further EC penalties.





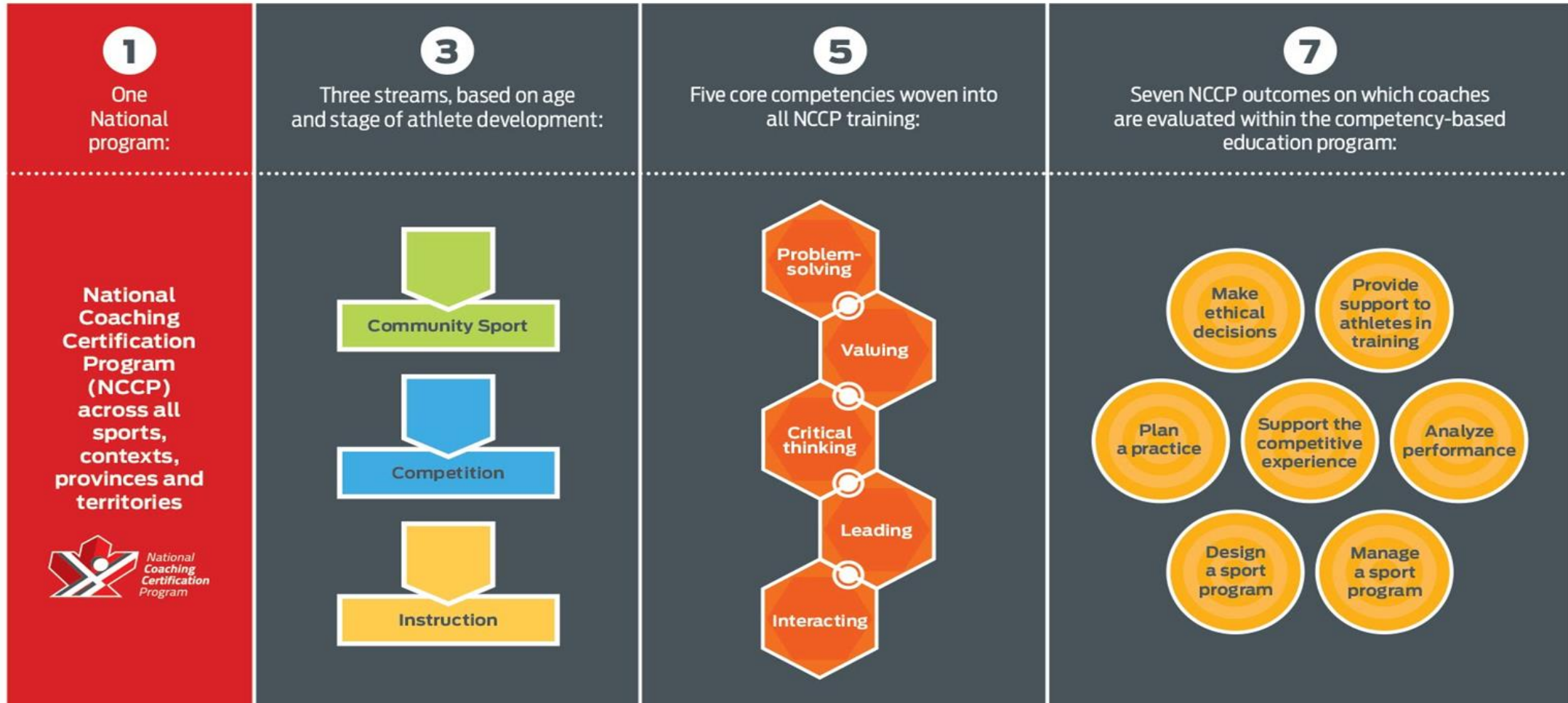
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EC NCCP Coach Certification

The NCCP 1-3-5-7 definition



Stage	Active Start	FUNDamentals	Learn to Train	Train to Train	Learn to Compete	Train to Compete	Learn to Win	Train to Win	Active for Life
Chronological age Years in Equine Cumulative Years	0–6 years	6–9 years 0–3 years 2+ years	8–12 years 1–4 years 3+ years	11–15 years 2–4 years 4+ years	14–18 years 2–4 years 5+ years	16–21 years 2–4 years 6+ years	19–25 years 4+ years 8+ years	23 years plus 4+ years 10+ years	Enter at any age Ongoing Ongoing
Equine Sport	Riding		Disciplines						
			Para–Dressage				Paralympic Games, FEI World Equestrian Games		
			Dressage				Olympic Games, FEI World Equestrian Games, Pan American Games		
			Reining				FEI World Equestrian Games		
			Jumping				Olympic Games, FEI World Equestrian Games, Pan American Games		
			Eventing				Olympic Games, FEI World Equestrian Games, Pan American Games		
			Endurance				FEI World Equestrian Games		
			Vaulting				FEI World Equestrian Games		
			Driving				FEI World Equestrian Games		
			Para–Driving				Paralympic Games, FEI World Equestrian Games		
Skill Development	Develop basic movement skills, with exposure to equine environment. Little to no riding.	Horse familiarization. Horse and barn safety. Introduction to riding, with exposure to English, Western, Vaulting and Driving.	Develop foundation riding skills in multiple disciplines. Introduction to fun, local, competitions. Encourage participation in other sports.	Focus on 2 disciplines (complementary). Develop physical capacity of equestrian. Continued skill improvement, and understanding of horse behaviour.	Select primary discipline and develop competition skills. Greater emphasis on physical and psychological preparation and horse management.	Develop ability to ride multiple horses at competitive level. Greater responsibility for horse preparation for competition. Manage travel and environment.	Ability to ride multiple horses in competition on demand and under pressure. International travel with horses. World class riding skills.	Ability to peak for major competitions. World leading riding skills, supported by exceptional fitness, psychological readiness and support team.	To meet the personal riding, health, fitness and social needs of the participants.
Programs	Horse Day and First Involvement	Rider 1–2, Petit Trot	Rider 3–4	Rider 5–6	Rider 7–8, and P–TSO AD Program	Rider 9–10, and P–TSO AD Program	NSO AD Program. To be developed	NSO AD Program.	All levels of riding/vaulting & driving
Instruction/Coaching	Instructor			Competition Coach		Competition Specialist		HP 1 Coach	Athlete choice
Training per week	30–60 min.	Up to 100 min.	2 guided sessions	3 guided sessions	3–5 guided sessions	3–5 guided sessions	30–90 min/day	30–90 min/day	Athlete choice
Competition							multiple horses, guided training as needed		
	InHouse/Fun days	InHouse – P–TSO		P–TSO/NSO	JR. YR/NSO	YR/Start International	PanAM	FEI	Athlete choice
Training to Competition Ratio		90/10%		80/20%	70/30%	60/40%	60/40%	60/40%	Athlete choice
Equestrian Canada Athletes							Long–List Athletes	Short List Athletes	

<https://equestrian.ca/programs-services/ited>


EC NCCP Instructor

Admission	LTED Athletes	Disciplines / Contexts	Outcomes Evaluated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be 16 years of age ✓ Active PTSO membership in good standing (purchased through home PTSO first) ✓ Active EC Sport License in good standing ✓ Active EC Registered or Licensed Coach status in good standing ✓ NCCP Make Ethical Decisions online course and evaluation * ✓ LTRD – English, Level 6 OR LTRD – Western Level 4 OR LTRD – Driving OR Pony Club C2 (all elements with evidence) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🇨🇦 Active Start 🇨🇦 Fundamentals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🇨🇦 English Instructor 🇨🇦 English Instructor with Jumping 🇨🇦 Western Instructor 🇨🇦 Driving Instructor 🇨🇦 Saddle Seat Instructor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ Plan an Equestrian Practice ✍ Provide Support to Athletes in Training ✍ Analyze Beginner Equestrian Performance ✍ Make Ethical Decisions

EC NCCP Competition Coach

Admission	LTED Athletes	Disciplines / Contexts	Outcomes Evaluated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be 18 years of age ✓ Active PTSO membership in good standing (purchased through home PTSO first) ✓ Active EC Sport License in good standing ✓ Active EC Registered or Licensed Coach status in good standing ✓ NCCP Make Ethical Decisions online course and evaluation * ✓ LTRD – English, Level 8 OR LTRD – Western Level 4 and Intermediate Rider Basic Training OR Pony Club B or A (all elements with evidence) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🇨🇦 Learn to Train 🇨🇦 Train to Train 🇨🇦 Learn to Compete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🇨🇦 English Competition Coach – Flat 🇨🇦 English Competition Coach – Jumping 🇨🇦 Western Competition Coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ Plan an Equestrian Practice ✍ Provide Support to Athletes in Training ✍ Analyze Equestrian Performance ✍ Make Ethical Decisions












EC NCCP Competition Coach Specialist

Admission	LTED Athletes	Disciplines / Contexts	Outcomes Evaluated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be 20 years of age ✓ Active PTSO membership in good standing (purchased through home PTSO first) ✓ Active EC Sport License in good standing ✓ Active EC Registered or Licensed Coach status in good standing ✓ NCCP Make Ethical Decisions online course and evaluation * ✓ Relevant Coaching or Competitive Experience ✓ Competition Coach Certification (may be excused for coaches with significant experience) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Learn to Compete  Train to Compete  Learn to Win 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Dressage Specialist  Eventing Specialist  Jumping Specialist  General Performance Specialist  Reining Specialist  Speed Events Specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Plan an Equestrian Practice  Design an Equestrian Sport Program  Manage an Equestrian Sport Program  Support the Competitive Experience  Provide Support to Athletes in Training  Analyze Performance  Make Ethical Decisions

EC NCCP Competition Coach Specialist

Discipline	Pre-requisites
Dressage	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes competing at Second Level or higher, with at least one minimum score of 65% at EC Gold shows.
Eventing	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes meeting Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) at the national Training level or above. To complete the evaluation process, the candidate must show proof of having coached or be actively coaching a candidate at the national Preliminary level. At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes meeting Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) at the national Training level or above. To complete the evaluation process, the candidate must show proof of having coached or be actively coaching a candidate at the national Preliminary level.
Jump	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes who are successfully completing courses at 1.0m in the hunter or jumper divisions at EC Silver or Gold shows.
General Performance	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes competing at breed or provincial shows and have athlete(s) currently competing and achieving top-5 placings in a class of 6 or more 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 following list: Western Pleasure, Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding.
Reining	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes competing at National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), Canadian Reining Classic (CRC) or breed shows that have achieved minimum scores of 68 under at least 2 different judges on 3 or more runs*.
Speed Events	At least 2 years coaching experience producing athletes competing at provincial or national speed events or breed shows, or rodeos, that have achieved the following requirements for competitive experience: Barrel Racing: A top-10 placing in any division at provincial or national speed event shows, or a top-6 placing at rodeos or breed shows, on 3 or more runs*. Pole Bending: A time of 26 seconds or under at provincial, national speed event or breed shows or rodeos on 3 or more runs*.

EC NCCP Competition Development: HP1 Coach

Admission	LTED Athletes	Disciplines / Contexts	Outcomes Evaluated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be 22 years of age ✓ Active PTSO membership in good standing (purchased through home PTSO first) ✓ Active EC Sport License in good standing ✓ Active EC Registered or Licensed Coach status in good standing ✓ NCCP Make Ethical Decisions online course and evaluation ✓ Experience (2 years or more) coaching athletes at the right performance level and stage of development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Learn to Win  Train to Win 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  NCCP Comp Dev: HP1 – Olympic Disciplines  NCCP Comp Dev: HP1 – Non-Olympic Disciplines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Plan a Practice  Design an Equestrian Sport Program  Manage an Equestrian Sport Program  Support the Competitive Experience  Provide Support to Athletes in Training  Analyze Performance  Make Ethical Decisions

EC NCCP Competition Development: HP1 Coach

HP1 is for

- Active coaches **currently** working with **combinations** that:
 - Have the potential to be competitive at EC Gold and Platinum Competitions; FEI Events and the North American Youth Championships or discipline equivalent
 - A **Yearly Training Plan (YTP)**
 - In the Train to Compete, Learn to Win or Train to Win stage of development
 - Train outside of the saddle and/or are seeking to do so in the coming year
- Well-established coaches working with international-level athletes, seeking to broaden their knowledge and strengthen their coaching skills.
- Aspiring to work at the National and International level and seeking to further develop their coaching knowledge and skills

EC NCCP Competition Development: HP1 Coach

Requirements for HP1:

- Current EC Coach Status
- Complete the HP1 Self Assessment
- Complete an Athlete Overview and Submission of Competition results of the targeted human athlete
- Submit a Yearly Training Plan of current or previous season
- Discipline Specific Pre-requisite:
 - **Dressage** *Human Athlete:* Highly proficient (consistent score of 68-70 or above) at 3rd Level (Test 1 or 3) with the ability to progress to 4th Level, or above at Gold and Platinum Events
Equine Athlete: Fully trained to perform the technical movements of 4th Level.
 - **Eventing** *Human Athlete:* Highly proficient at EV110 with the ability to progress to EV 115, or above.
Equine Athlete: Fully trained to technically execute at the EV 110 (Preliminary) level.
 - **Jumping** *Human Athlete:* Highly proficient (consistently achieving 4 faults or less) at 1.20m (or above) at Gold and Platinum Events.
Equine Athlete: Fully trained to execute shoulder in, leg yield, counter canters, simple transition changes, bending lines, roll backs and perform at 1.20m (or above).
 - **Other Disciplines (incl. Para-Dressage, Endurance, Reining, Vaulting, Hunters and Equitation)**

Actively training for and competing at an equivalent level in the discipline with human athletes in one of the following stages of development: Train to Compete, Learn to Win, Train to Win. Eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the applicant and coach developer team.

EC NCCP Training & Certification Options



You can find coach training:

- **ECampus** – Online, virtual and in-person classes are continually added for each context of certification
- **Online Cohorts** – Through OE, you can join a cohort for:
 - Instructor (English/Western)
 - Competition Coach (English/Western)
 - Competition Coach Specialist (English – Annually beginning in January)
- Through EC, you can join a cohort for:
 - Competition Development (HP1 – Annually, Registration closes soon)
- OE's **Coaching Handbook and Resources** (C.H.A.R.) platform – Free for OE members to work through training and evaluation online at their own pace.
www.equestriancoach.ca








2025 Competition Requirements for Coaches

- Licensed Coach Status required at all EC sanctioned events (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum).
- Temporary Coach Status fee will increase and will end at the end of 2025.
- Certification Exemption Fee will increase, years of experience to qualify will also increase to 25 years and PD requirements added.
- EC and PTSOs collaborate to deliver NCCP programming and support coaches getting certified.



How can OE Help?



-  Visit our events calendar to identify upcoming training opportunities appropriate for your certification pathway.
-  Make sure you are following us on Facebook (Ontario Equestrian) and Instagram @ONequestrian
-  Are you receiving our monthly eblasts? If not, contact us at info@ontarioequestrian.ca to be added to our mailing list
-  Register for a free C.H.A.R. Account: www.equestriancoach.ca
-  Remember, being a member includes access to the OE team. Don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to support your experience.





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