

Western Coach 1

The new Coach Mentoring program replaces the old evaluation and examination method. The old process is replaced by having to do the General Component of the Intermediate Rider program, the mentoring program and the practical assessment.

The candidate must find a willing mentor and get the forms from the NEA. More than one mentor can be used but both mentors must sign a mentor contract and sign off on what they have mentored and that the candidate is ready to be evaluated on what they sign off on. When the mentor feels the candidate is ready to be tested, the mentoring sheets and an application is sent to the NEA who arranges an assessment. Cost of an assessment will be divided by the number of candidates being assessed. Mentoring costs are between the coach and candidate.

Riders wishing to be assessed for Coach 1 must meet the following prerequisites:

- Successfully complete the Learn to Ride Western Program
- Successfully complete the General Component of the Western Intermediate Rider Program
- Attend the NCCP level 1 theory course, weekend 2 day course offered by the Canadian Assoc of Coaches at MUN several time a year
- Successfully complete a Basic First Aid Certification (Red Cross, St John Ambulance etc.)
- Attend a Learn to Teach Program offered by the NEA as needed.
- Mentor with a qualified mentor for a minimum of 20 hours or until the mentor feels the candidate is ready to be assessed (list of qualified mentors and forms available from the PC.
- Hold a current NEA and Equine Canada Competitive Membership
- Complete a coaching assessment application form available from PC.

PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

The EC Western Learn To Ride Manual, Intermediate Rider Course Manual, EC Level 1 Western Coaching Manual and the EC Stable Management in Canada Manual are essential reference tools for the candidate' s preparation.

It is the candidate's responsibility to have:

- a student able to render a Rider 4 presentation
- a horse trained to Rider 4
- the necessary, proper equipment for rider and horse's preparation

The Practical Coaching Assessment relies on the following elements:

- horse's evaluation (riding & conformation)
- coaching a student

- correcting a performance problem of either horse and/or rider
- oral questions will be asked throughout the assessment

1. Horse's Evaluation

The candidate mounts and assesses the horse's suitability for a novice rider (the analysis of the horse's conformation will take place in halter on the ground). The candidate should present all manoeuvres used in the Rider 4 pattern. The warm-up will be ridden in two-hands. A discussion between examiners and the candidate on this analysis will follow (+/- 10 minutes and +/- 20 minutes for reining).

Evaluated items:

- warm up
- appropriate work
- effectiveness of candidate as a rider
- quality of horse's analysis by the candidate
- communication skills of candidate with examiners

2. Coaching A Student

The candidate prepares their student for their Rider 4 Pattern presentation (10-15 min. coaching, review of the pattern and difficulties encountered, practice of part of the course and of complete course). The student must proceed to a demonstration of the Rider 4 Pattern, candidate must analyse the student's performance. The candidate must prepare their student to ride in a competition, watch the student run through the pattern(s), evaluate the student's performance and give comments to the student on their performance, what to work on, etc.

Evaluated items:

- candidate's voice
- enthusiasm
- lesson structure
- ability to recognize mistakes

3. Correction Of A Problem On Horse And/Or Student Performance

After analysis of student and horse performance in the Rider 4 Pattern, the examiners will ask the candidate to give certain adjustments to student and/or horse. Demonstration of this must reach aimed objectives.

Evaluated items :

- voice

- enthusiasm
- message transfer ability
- use of acceptable training techniques
- effectiveness

4. Oral Questions

A variety of oral questions will be asked throughout the Assessment.

RESULTS

The candidate is informed of their results on the same day and will be given a summary of the Assessment. In order to pass the Assessment, the candidate must meet the minimum, required standards for each portion of the Assessment.

When a candidate does not meet a minimum standard for one or more portions, they are required to retake and pass the Assessment to obtain certification. The second Assessment must take place within three years from the date of the first one. If a candidate does not present to another Assessment within that time frame, they must redo the Mentor Program again before presenting.