

Horse Council BC - Provincially Recognized Officials Program (PRO)

Designation as a licensed official is a privilege, not a right, bestowed to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. The individual's conduct as a member and as an official must be exemplary and is subject to review. A judge is expected to be proficient in the divisions and to possess a thorough knowledge of the rules.

All Horse Council BC Recognized Official must attend, updating clinics every three years or as specified in discipline policies. In addition to attending these seminars, officials must hold a HCBC membership.

HCBC offers a provincial officials' program for 10 categories. A Provincial Recognized Official can judge at HCBC sanctioned competitions and unsanctioned local competitions. It is imperative that accredited officials exhibit the highest standard of integrity at all times and decisions are not made upon improper influence. The decisions of the officials constitute solely their individual assessment and not the opinions of or decisions by Horse Council BC.

In addition to evaluating the placings of a division it is the officials responsibility to order from the ring any unruly or unsafe horse and /or rider or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors, their entries, or the public. The officials shall also examine and check for unsoundness all horses brought into any division. This is essential regardless of whether or not the competition indicates that it is necessary. In the absence of a veterinarian, the official's decision regarding the soundness of an animal is final.

Horse Council BC is pleased to offer members a credible provincial officials program.

Categories of Horse Council BC Provincial Recognized Official Certification are:

- Hunter Judge
- Jumper Judge
- Hack Judge
- Equitation Judge (Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, Stock Seat)
- Western Judge
- Basic Dressage (See separate criteria)
- General Performance
- Course Designer Hunter Jumper
- Arena Driving Trials

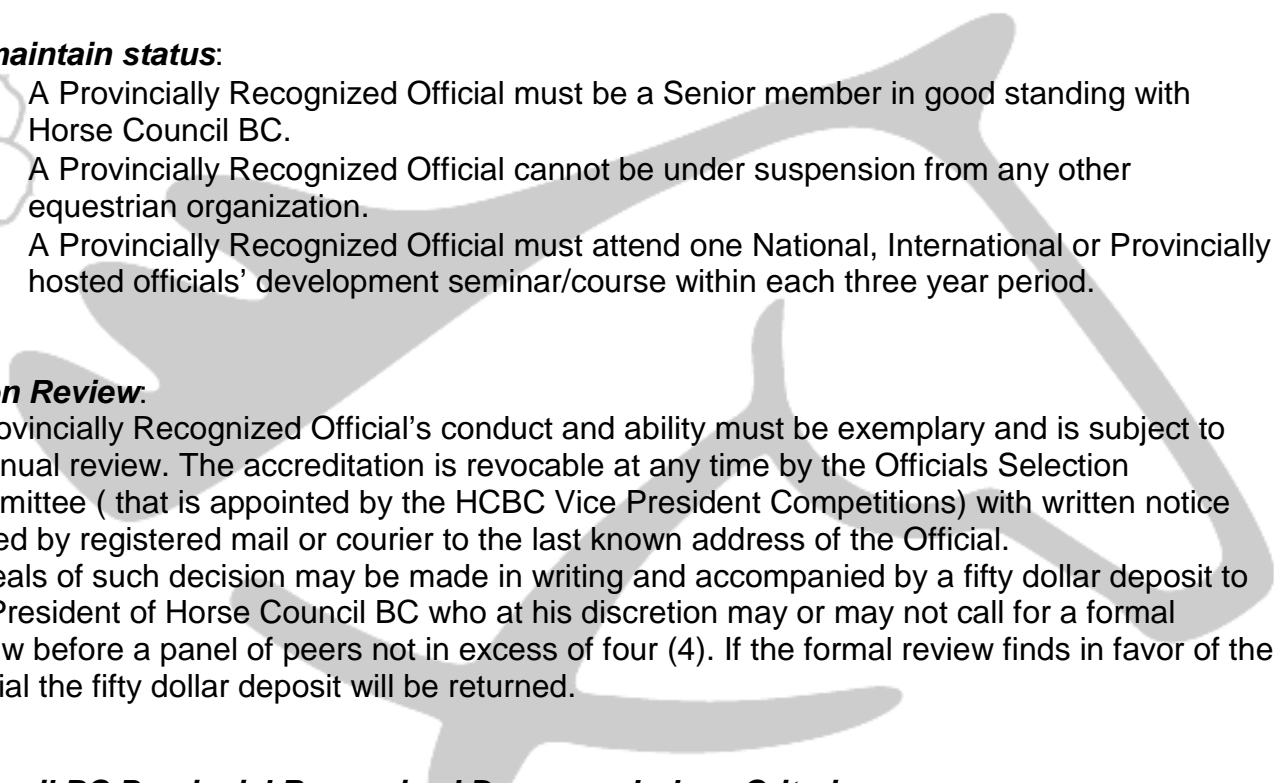
Advantage of Provincial Accreditation:

- Provincial Accreditation allows an individual to officiate at HCBC Recognized Events and local competitions under the scope of the HCBC Officials License in British Columbia.
- The names of all current accredited Provincially Recognized Officials are published on our web site and in the Horse Industry Guide under the Competition Officials. .
- Provincial Recognized Officials are eligible for the HCBC group insurance program through CAPRI for competition officials.

Horse Council BC Policies Governing Provincially Recognized Officials (PRO)

- A Provincially Recognized Official is accredited only within the Province of British Columbia.
- Penalties for contravening HCBC rules or rules as laid out by club or breed group and/or HCBC Coaches and Officials Discipline policies will be determined by a panel of peers as established by the Horse Council BC Vice President of Competitions.
- Provincially Recognized Officials are independent Contractors and may hold multiple cards with other equestrian organizations.

To maintain status:

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- A Provincially Recognized Official must be a Senior member in good standing with Horse Council BC.
 - A Provincially Recognized Official cannot be under suspension from any other equestrian organization.
 - A Provincially Recognized Official must attend one National, International or Provincially hosted officials' development seminar/course within each three year period.

Designation Review:

A Provincially Recognized Official's conduct and ability must be exemplary and is subject to continual review. The accreditation is revocable at any time by the Officials Selection Committee (that is appointed by the HCBC Vice President Competitions) with written notice served by registered mail or courier to the last known address of the Official.

Appeals of such decision may be made in writing and accompanied by a fifty dollar deposit to the President of Horse Council BC who at his discretion may or may not call for a formal review before a panel of peers not in excess of four (4). If the formal review finds in favor of the Official the fifty dollar deposit will be returned.

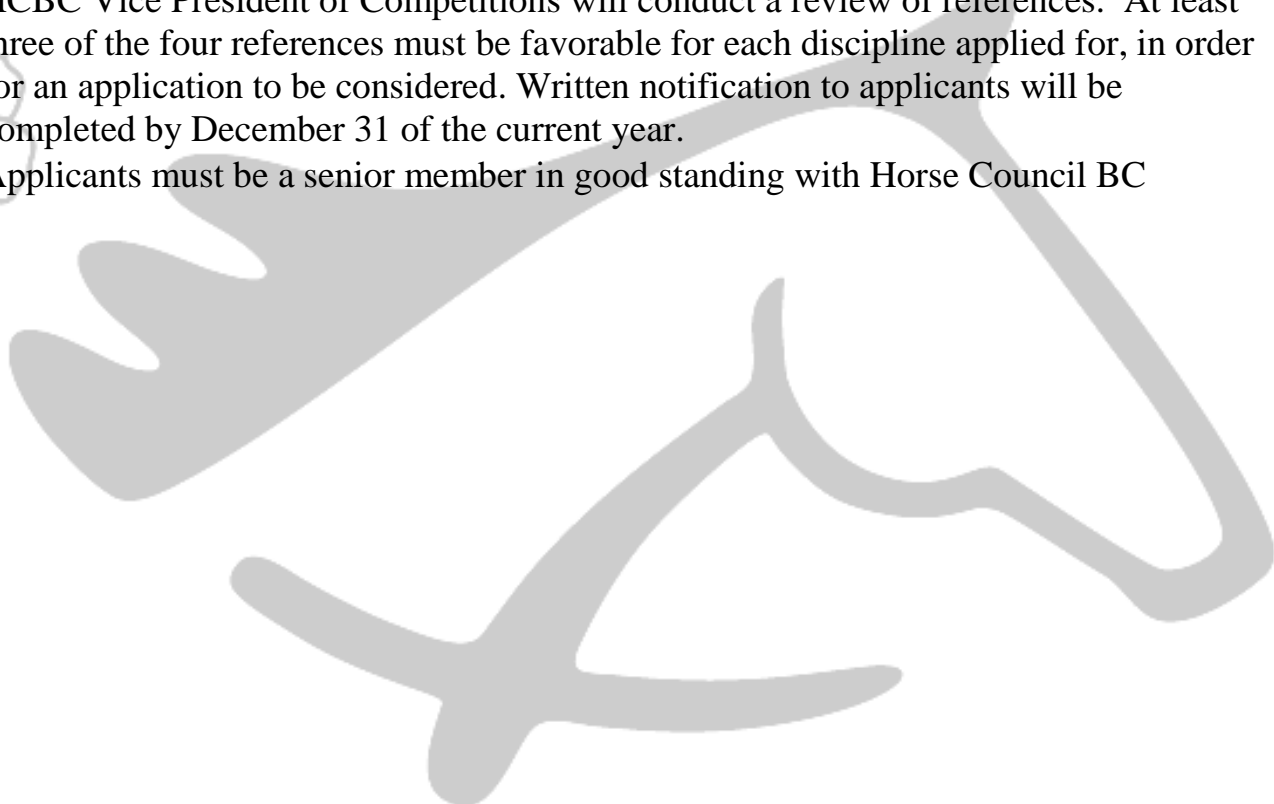
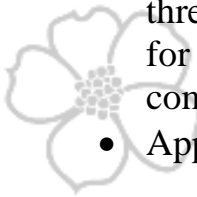
Horse Council BC Provincial Recognized Dressage Judges Criteria

- The Horse Council BC Provincial Recognized Officials application form must be used.
- The applicant must be a senior Horse Council BC member in good standing.
- Of the four references, two must be certified Dressage judges of Senior Basic status or higher from any national equine federation, and the other two must be Horse Council members in good standing.
- The applicant must have competed in competitions. Please list competition name, location date, and level competed at.
- Applicants must attend and be evaluated at a Horse Council BC approved judges clinic. Please include a copy of the evaluation report.

ALL PROVINCIAL RECOGNIZED DRESSAGE OFFICIALS MUST ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMAINING CURRENT AND NOTIFYING HORSE COUNCIL BC OF CLINICS ATTENDED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

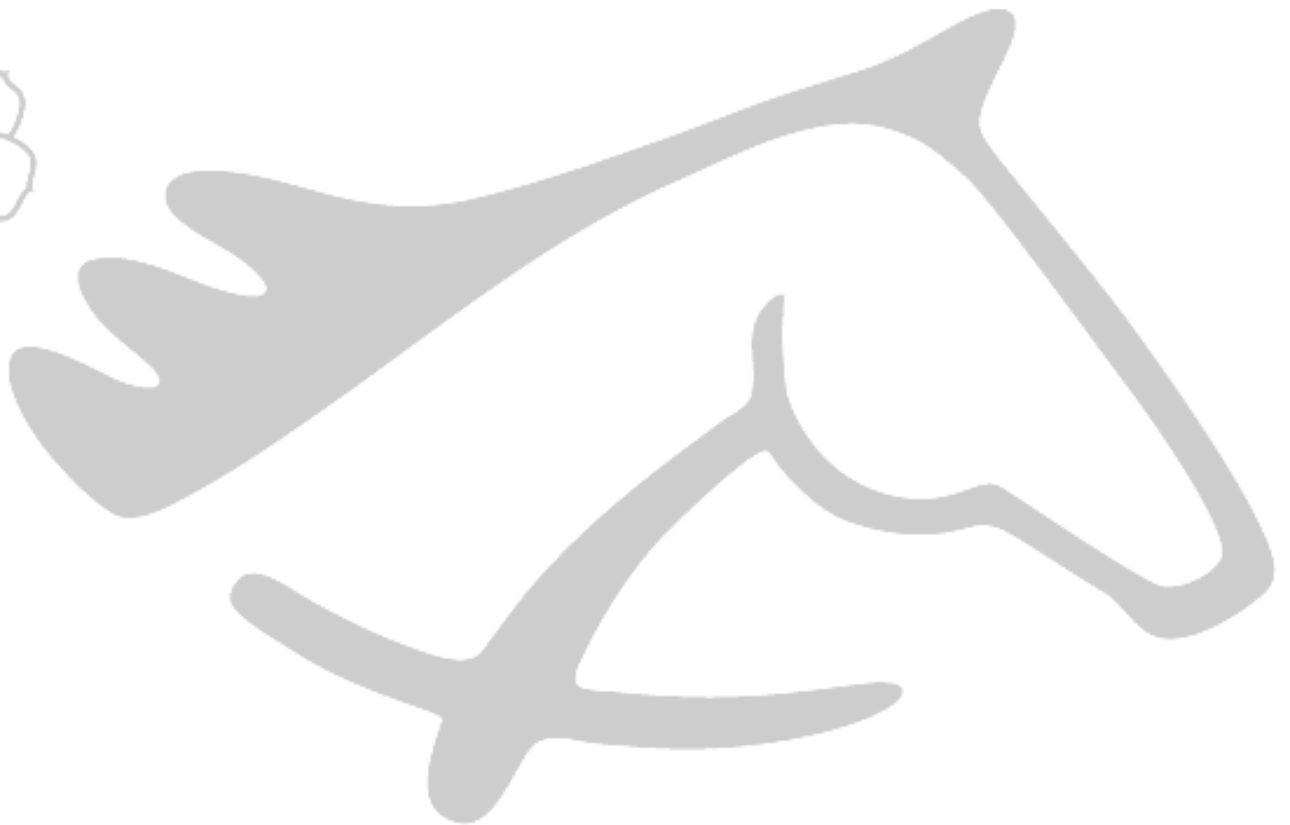
Application Process:

- Complete and return the Provincial Recognized Officials application form that is available from the HCBC office prior to October 15 of the current year. Include the names and mailing addresses of four sponsors, preferably for each discipline applied for. **At least two of the four sponsors must be certified officials. All sponsors must be members in good standing of their provincial and/or national equestrian federation.** Sponsors should be active in the horse industry.
- Upon successful completion of the application and exam a panel established by the HCBC Vice President of Competitions will conduct a review of references. At least three of the four references must be favorable for each discipline applied for, in order for an application to be considered. Written notification to applicants will be completed by December 31 of the current year.
- Applicants must be a senior member in good standing with Horse Council BC

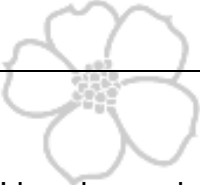


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2. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: Give your experience as an owner, breeder, trainer, instructor, rider/driver in each division applied for. (Use separate sheet if necessary).



References: List a minimum of four references recognized in the equestrian community as qualified/knowledgeable in the divisions you have requested. At least two of the references must be certified officials.

Name.....	Address/Email.....	City.....	Postal Code
			

I hereby apply for accreditation in the Horse Council BC Provincial Recognized Officials program. I understand that accreditation as a Provincial Recognized Official is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Horse Council BC Vice President – Competitions Officials Selection Committee, to individuals whose equestrian experience and personal character merit the honour. As a judge I shall honestly, fairly and impartially evaluate each equine exhibited to me under the guidance of the rules for that particular division. My conduct and ability as a judge must be exemplary and is subject to continual review and that the designation is revocable by the Officials Selection Committee.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please send completed application to:
 Horse Council BC
 Attn: Manager Competition and Sport
 27336 Fraser Hwy
 Aldergrove, BC V4W 3N5

Phone: (604) 856 4304 or 1 800 345 8055 Fax (604) 856 4302 Email: COMPETITION@HCBC.CA

