

Rider Testing FAQ's

Who can test English Rider Exams: Must be an EC Certified English Coach or Instructor

Rider 1-2: Current EC Instructor of Beginners or Coach 1 or higher.

Rider 3-4: Current EC Coach 1 or higher, may be own coach

Rider 5-6: Current EC Coach 1 or higher, may not be own coach

Rider 7-8: Current EC Coach 2 or higher or one approved by the Provincial MCC, may not be own coach

Who can test Western Rider Exams: Must Be an EC Certified Western Coach or Instructor

Rider 1-2: Current EC Western Instructor or Coach 1 or higher, can test own students

Rider 3 : Current EC Western Coach 1 or higher, can test own students

Rider 4 : Two Current EC Western Coach 2's or one Course Conductor, can test own student but not be chief

Intermediate Rider General Component: Current EC Coach 2 or higher, cannot test own student

Intermediate Rider Specialized Component: Current EC Coach 2 or higher with appropriate specialized component, cannot test own students

Are there equivalencies?

Western Rider levels: There are no equivalencies allowed

English Rider Levels: Yes

Pony Club C2: Rider 6, must supply copy of PC Certificate

Pony Club B: Rider 8, must supply copy of PC Certificate

Pony Club A: English Coach 1, must hold RA and HA, must apply within one year of obtaining PCA, must complete the Equine NCCP, MED online evaluation, first aid, CR search, HCBC membership, EC membership,

How do Riders use the programs for High School Credits?

The Ministry of Education has allowed the English and Western Rider programs to be eligible for High School Credits towards graduation under the Occupational program. The Ministry allows this with an expectation of appropriate time put into studying, riding and being tested. Students wanting High School Credits should not be fast tracked through the exams. Please do not wait until June to begin Rider Testing, as this is too late for graduation credits.

Western: The student will be given credit when they successfully complete each level and present their certificate to the High School counselor

Western Rider 1: 2 Credits

Western Rider 2: 2 Credits

Western Rider 3: 4 Credits

Western Rider 4: 4 Credits

Skipping of levels is not allowed.

English: The student will be given credit when they successfully complete each level and present their certificate to the High School counselor

English Rider 2: 2 Credits

English Rider 6: 4 Credits

English Rider 8: 4 Credits

Skipping of levels when using this program for High School Credits is NOT ALLOWED.

Using the Rider Program to become certified as a Coach or Instructor:

English:

Riders using the English Rider 1-8 program to become a Coach or Instructor Candidate:

Instructor: must do Rider 1-6. They may skip the riding portion of Rider 1-5 and just do Rider 6 if they choose, but they must also submit the stable management and written portion of Rider 1-6.

Coach 1: Must do Rider 1-8. They may skip the riding portion of Rider 1-7, and only complete Rider 8 if they choose, but they must also submit the stable management and written portions of Rider 1-8.

Coach and Instructor Candidates are not encouraged to skip levels. The information at each level is designed to produce well rounded, knowledgeable riders as well as providing the stable management information required.

If a student is using the English Rider Program for High School Credits and working towards certification, they must do the riding and the written for all appropriate levels. Bypassing would not be allowed in this case.

Western:

Riders using the Western Rider program to become a Coach or Instructor Candidate:

Bypassing of any Rider Exam is not allowed

Instructor: must do Western Rider 1-4

Coach 1: Must do Western Rider 1-4 plus Intermediate Rider General Component.

Where do I get the forms and paperwork and what do I send in?

All paperwork is available from the HCBC office Coaching Department. Coaches are strongly encouraged to keep master copies on hand to photocopy as needed. We do not give blank exam forms to students or parents.

English: All exams can be mailed to Coaches and are presented on a CD in .pdf format so that the coach can print copies as needed. If you do not have a testing CD, please call the office and request one. Old 1-3 exams are no longer acceptable.

Send in the entire exam, including the front page, written and riding score sheets and payment.

Western: All exams can be mailed or emailed to Coaches. Call the office for copies. We do not give blank forms to students or parents.

Send in the front page of the exam, showing the score and other pertinent information along with payment. Keep the rest of the exam for your files.

What fee do I send in?

English and Western: each exam administration fee is **\$15.00 plus GST**. The student will receive a certificate and badge.

What membership does the student need?

Riders must be Current HCBC members at the time of taking the exam. EC membership is not required.

What other information does HCBC need to process the exam?

We need the correct and current mailing address of the student, correct spelling of name, and HCBC number. Please make sure that the correct Postal Code is included on the paperwork, and be sure that the writing is legible. Please send in complete exams. Send payment along with the completed exam form and this will speed up processing time for the certificates.

Can non EC Certified Coaches test Rider Exams, can non-current EC Coaches test?

No. Tests that are administered by non-current EC coaches will be sent back to the coach. If a non EC coach tests a rider, they will be shredded.