



English Learn to Ride Program Evaluators

The Equestrian Canada Learn to Ride program is a national program based on current standards of riding and the Canadian Long -Term Equestrian Development model. The English Learn to Ride program includes levels 1-10. The purpose of the program is to produce well-rounded horsemen and women, who are able to care for and ride their horses in a correct, safe manner.

The Learn to Ride program is based on the Equine Canada English Rider Handbooks, Stable Management in Canada book, additional resources (such as the Developing Equestrians Guidebook) and a set of evaluations. The manuals outline the basic horse and stable management knowledge as well as expected riding skills for each level of certification. The Equestrian Canada English Rider Handbooks and Stable Management in Canada are available from the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation or Equestrian Canada.

The evaluation forms are available to trained and approved evaluators from the NSEF. Evaluators must be trained to conduct Rider evaluations, and be current Equestrian Canada coaches/instructors, as follows:

English Rider Level 1-2 Evaluators

- Equestrian Canada current certified Instructor or Coach
- May be evaluated by own certified Instructor or Coach
- May be evaluated by a single evaluator

English Rider Level 3-4 Evaluators

- Equestrian Canada current certified Competition Coach, Competition Coach Specialist or High Performance Coach
- May be evaluated by own certified Competition Coach, Competition Coach Specialist or High Performance Coach
- May be evaluated by current Instructor of Beginners with Jump module (if not their own student)
If candidates are NOT doing Jump Module, then a current Instructor of Beginner may evaluate (if not their own student)

English Rider Level 5-Evaluators

- Equestrian Canada current certified Competition Coach, Competition Coach Specialist or High Performance Coach
- Evaluators may not evaluate their own students.

English Rider Level 6-7 Evaluators

- May be evaluated by a current trained Certified Competition Coach, Competition Coach Specialist or High Performance Coach
- If an a evaluator was approved in the prior system to evaluate at any level, they need only to be current and presented with the new paperwork in a training event to be eligible to evaluate the same levels in the new system.
- Evaluators are approved only after they have attended two training events. One may be a classroom presentation of the levels and one event must be to shadow a Rider Level evaluation completing their own set of marking papers to the satisfaction of the Mentor Evaluator (who is a transitioned evaluator at that level. The candidate evaluator may shadow two evaluations as an option.
- Evaluators may not evaluate their own students.



English Rider Level 8 Evaluators

- May be evaluated by a current trained Certified Competition Coach Specialist or High Performance Coach
- If an evaluator was approved in the prior system to evaluate at any level, they need only to be current and presented with the new paperwork in a training event to be eligible to evaluate the same levels in the new system.
- Evaluators are approved only after they have attended two training events. One may be a classroom presentation of the levels and one event must be to shadow a Rider Level evaluation completing their own set of marking papers to the satisfaction of the Mentor Evaluator (who is a transitioned evaluator at that level. The candidate evaluator may shadow two evaluations as an option. It is highly recommended that a CC Master Evaluator for this level mentor the evaluator.
- Evaluators may not evaluate their own students.

English Rider 9-10 Evaluators

- To be evaluated by two evaluators – Current Certified CCS or HP, one of which to be discipline specific according to elective of candidate
- **Transitioning from Old System - If an evaluator was approved in the old system to evaluate at any level, they need only be current and presented with the new paperwork in a training event to be eligible to evaluate the same levels in the new system; except where additional training is noted.**

Note: All evaluators must have had a full overview of the Rider Level Program 1-10 presented to them prior to any testing. The list of approved evaluators is to be maintained in the provincial office and all evaluation organizers must use a current approved evaluator.

With each revision released, evaluators must attend a provincially approved review to establish a new provincial list of approved evaluators.

DO NOT JEOPARDIZE A CANDIDATE'S RESULT BY NOT BEING A CURRENT APPROVED EVALUATOR, OR BY NOT USING THE MOST CURRENT TEST SHEETS, FORMS AND WRITTEN TESTS.

Official evaluation forms and written tests for each rider level can be obtained from the NSEF. These forms are only available to approved evaluators.