



Safe Sport Standards

Across the country, at *every* level of *every* sport, everyone has the right to feel safe and to participate in an accessible and inclusive sport environment, free from maltreatment, discrimination and regardless of ability, race, gender identity and expression, sex and sexual orientation.

To do our part, ENS Board-approved, safe sport standards have been implemented in our programs. All Scotia Series **coaches/instructors/trainers, officials and person responsible*** are required to comply with our standards prior to their first competition. Adult athletes are strongly recommended to comply and by 2027, will be required to have standards in place.

*A Person Responsible applies to the person (parent/guardian or trusted family friend) responsible for a junior-aged athlete at a competition when their coach is not present.

Standards	Coach/Instructor	Official	Person Responsible	Adult Athlete
Criminal Records Check or Child Abuse Registry	Required	Recommended	N/A	N/A
Safe Sport Training	Required	Required	Required	Recommended in 2026 Required in 2027
Concussion Training	Required	Required	Required	Recommended in 2026 Required in 2027
Current ENS/PTSO Membership	Required	Required	Required if handling equine	Required

Training Options:

Two free-of-charge on-line modules provided by the Coaching Association of Canada:

1. Safe Sport Training – approximately 90 minutes
2. Making Headway in Sport Concussion Awareness training – approximately 95 minutes.

[Create or log-in](#) to your account to complete your modules.

If you have an EC Sport License, you may have already completed these or EC safe sport/concussion modules.

Screening Options:

Coaches/instructors/trainers have two screening options:

1. Criminal Records Check, (vulnerable sector required for applicants born before 1986) - completed at your local police/RCMP detachment or online at MyBackCheck.com - Fees may apply.
2. [NS Child Abuse Registry Check](#) (free of charge)

We are here to help! If you require assistance, please contact us at nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca or call us, toll-free at 1-800-263-2410.

Thank you for doing your part in ensuring an enjoyable and safe sport experience for everyone!



Criteria	Standard/Training	Equestrian NS Board of Director	Scotia Series Coach	Scotia Series Person Responsible	Scotia Series Adult Athlete	NCCP Coach	Coaches Accessing Programs (i.e. Kidsport)	EC/Scotia Series Official
Membership	Equestrian Nova Scotia	Current and in Good Standing	Current and in Good Standing	Current and in Good Standing	Current and in Good Standing	Current and in Good Standing	Current and in Good Standing	Current and in Good Standing
Equestrian Canada	Sport License or Coach Status	N/A	Recommended	N/A	N/A	Coach Status	Recommended	Sport License
Screening	Criminal Records Check (Including Vulnerable Sector Check* where applicable)	Required	Required	N/A	N/A	Included in Coach Status Requirement	Required	Child Abuse Registry Check Recommended (NS Community Services)
Safe Sport Training Online Module (free of charge)	Choice of: Preferred - Equestrian Canada (EC) Fostering Healthy Relationships or Coach Association of Canada (CAC) Safe Sport	Required	Required	Required	Recommended in 2026 Required in 2027	Included in Coach Status Requirement	Required	Required
Concussion Training Online Module (free of charge)	Choice of: Preferred - EC Concussion Awareness Module or CAC Making Headway In Sport	Required	Required	Required	Recommended in 2026 Required in 2027	Included in Coach Status Requirement	Required	Required
Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility Training	Modules available through many resources, including: 1. Coach.ca, Sport Safety Tab 2. WomenandSport.ca 3. csiatlantic.ca	Required	Recommended in 2026. Required in Future	Recommended in 2026. Required in Future	Recommended in 2026. Required in Future	Recommended in 2026. Required in Future	Recommended in 2026. Required in Future	Recommended in 2026. Required in Future
Insurance	Coverage	Covered through Equestrian NS Policy	Professional Liability Commercial General Liability (Ensure appropriate coverage with provider)	ENS Membership Excess Insurance Coverage	ENS Membership Excess Insurance Coverage	Professional Liability Commercial General Liability (Ensure appropriate coverage with provider)	Professional Liability Commercial General Liability (Ensure appropriate coverage with provider)	Personal Coverage with provider or included in event Certificate of Insurance as Additional Insured (check with event)
Optional Training	Respect in Sport Online Module (www.respectgroupinc.com)	Respect in the Workplace	Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders/Workplace	Respect in Sport	Respect in Sport	Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders/Workplace	Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders/Workplace	Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders
	Mental Health First Aid (www.mhfa.ca) or Recreation for Mental Health (www.recreationns.ns.ca)	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended***	Highly Recommended***	Highly Recommended***	Highly Recommended***	Highly Recommended***	Highly Recommended
	First Aid/CPR (Mandatory for NCCP Coach Certification)	Standard First Aid/CPR	Standard First Aid/CPR	Standard First Aid/CPR	Standard First Aid/CPR	Standard First Aid/CPR	Standard First Aid/CPR	Standard First Aid/CPR

* Vulnerable Sector Check will require a letter from Equestrian NS available to download at equestriannovascotia.ca/SafeSport

** Vulnerable Sector Check required if born before 1986

*** NCCP Professional Development Opportunity

Download a Vulnerable Sector Check Letter [here](#).

For information on Equestrian Canada's Safe Sport program and compliance requirements, go to their [ECAMPUS](#).

To learn how to take Safe Sport training such as Fostering Healthy Environments and Concussion Awareness modules, [click here](#).

Other courses listed above as CAC are found through the [Coaching Association of Canada's Locker](#)