



Equestrian Coach Safe Sport Standards

Dear Coach:

I am writing to you with regards to our safe sport standards for coaches/instructors/trainers of a student/athlete applying for Kidsport NS funding. Kidsport is a wonderful program that assists many children across the province in all sports and I am so pleased to see that children are accessing this funding so they can enjoy horseback riding!

Over the past several years, national and provincial sport organizations have been asked to ensure that their sport is a positive and healthy environment for all participants by implementing safe sport standards in our programs, from participatory to high performance. As such, we are now asking all coaches/instructors/trainers whose students/athletes apply for Kidsport to have minimum safe sport standards in place. They include:

1. Equestrian NS membership;
2. Submission of Current criminal records check or NS Community Services Child Abuse Registry Check to Equestrian NS;
3. Two free-of-charge on-line modules 1. Safe Sport training and 2. Concussion Awareness (Making Headway in Sport) training. These two modules can be completed in less than 2 hours each. They can be accessed by logging in or creating an account with the Coaching Association of Canada at <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login>

I recognize that this will take some time to complete. Therefore, applications will be approved as long as the coach/instructor/trainer is a current Equestrian NS member. If you need to renew/join us, you can do so at <https://horsenovascotia.ca/Membership-Types> or download an application and submit that way. Please let us know when you have completed that to avoid any delay in the current Kidsport application. We will then advise the funding agency that the application can go through the approval process.

Prior to subsequent application approvals, please complete the other standards as outlined above and advise us when they are completed. Thank you in advance for your commitment to safe sport! Take care!

Kindest Regards,

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