

Information for Coaches and Coach Candidates:

RESPECT IN SPORT

We know many of you are working towards Equestrian Canada Registered Status or Coach Licensed Status; this is a heads up regarding the Safe Sport training required.

The #1 course to take is Sport Manitoba's "Respect In Sport for Activity Leaders". This course is mandated by Sport Manitoba for every coach (includes trainers who work with people) in the province, regardless of any association you may be certified with, or associated with. The Coaching Association of Canada (through CAC's Locker) has a similar course, as does EC (through their ECampus), but even if you choose those options you are still required to take Respect in Sport to meet Manitoba guidelines.

Please check MHC's page (link below) for details on how to access this course and ensure it uploads to Sport Manitoba/MHC's records. Any queries, please email the office at mhc.admin@sportmanitoba.ca

<https://manitobahorsecouncil.ca/Becoming-a-Coach>

A FEW OTHER THINGS OF IMPORTANCE TO COACHES

- If/when you apply for an EC Coach Status, the MHC office still has to keep a record of your currency status so any time you renew your Criminal Record Check, First Aid, Respect In Sport etc., please also send copies to the office. All renewable items are on a 3-year term to match EC's records.
- MHC is undergoing a major transition to move its coaching records to a digital database linked to the MHC membership database, which also links 2 or 3 items with EC on a daily basis. The database will produce an up-to-date Coaches Directory solely for Manitoba.

Going through our paper coach files, we have noticed many "holes" in our records where renewals may have been done (or not done); in any event many coaches are not current with documents, as well as not being current with PD points in the Locker. We urge you to check your own portfolios and renew where necessary! As we move to digital records, coaches will be required to be up-to-date with Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector, Respect In Sport, First Aid, and either Making Headway or EC's Concussion Course. If any of these courses have not been taken within the past 3 years, the coach file does not meet MHC's Safe Sport guidelines for coaches, and on the new Coach Directory the coach will be marked as "not current".

- At the same time as the Coach Database, MHC's website is undergoing a major transition and the plan is that the Coaching support pages will become easier to navigate.