

Parents Check list for Coaches.

Here are some questions to ask yourself when evaluating a potential Coach for your child.

- Is this Coach Certified?
- Is this Coach Insured?
- Does this Coach ask that the student carry insurance?
- Is this Coach well respected in the community?
- Does this Coach practice risk management?
- Does this person coach as a hobby or a business?
- Does the Coach know First Aid, and is able to use it?
- Is the safety of the student a prime concern?
- Is the lesson area safe, contained and free of clutter?
- Is he/she punctual and reliable?
- Do you get the full lesson time?
- Do they constantly cancel lessons on short notice?
- Does this Coach practice good business procedures?
- Does this Coach provide supervision at all times?
- If there are lesson horses, are they in good health and condition?
- Are the horses in the barn well fed on a regular basis, and subject to sound feeding practices?
- Does this coach have a zero abuse policy towards all horses?
- Does this coach have a zero abuse tolerance in regards to drugs and medication for horses?
- Are the lesson horses well mannered and appropriate for your child's ability?
- Does the Coach use correct, well-fitted tack which is in good condition?
- Does this Coach encourage Goal Setting for his/her students?
- Does this Coach follow lesson plans?
- Is this Coach able to demonstrate what they teach?
- Does this Coach regularly update their knowledge?
- Does this Coach understand different learning styles and teach accordingly?
- Does this Coach use teaching aids, such as VCR's, blackboards, diagrams, or use a microphone when needed?
- Is rider fitness, nutrition and mental skills training part of the program?
- Does this Coach relate well to the student with positive feedback?
- Is this person neat, clean and business-like?
- Is this Coach able to communicate well?
- Does this coach challenge the student appropriately?
- Does this coach explain clearly what the student should do?
- Does this coach use warm-up and cool-down procedures for horse and rider?
- Has this coach produced good riders with correct skills?
- Is this coach a good role model for your child?

Please contact Horse Council BC if you have any questions regarding the suggested questions on this checklist.

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