



## **The UK Coaching Certificate in Equestrian Sport**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is the United Kingdom Coaching Certificate in Equestrian Sport?**

All member bodies of the British Equestrian Federation have worked together to produce a United Kingdom Coaching Certificate in Equestrian Sport. The UKCC is a UK wide, 5 level framework for endorsing qualifications providing a framework for coaches working at all levels in all environments.

The UKCC will ensure that equestrian coaches are delivering safe, high quality, rider centred coaching. Ultimately this will lead to success by helping to raise performance standards and increase enjoyment of riding and all equestrian activities ensuring that the UK becomes recognised as a world leader in coach development.

The UKCC qualifications are being developed across all sports and equestrian is one of the first 21 priority sports to be leading this initiative.

#### **How will the UKCC benefit equestrian coaches and instructors?**

- Enhance coaching skills, linked to the equestrian pathway
- Raise the profile of and further professionalise equestrian coaching
- More flexible coach centred training programmes
- UK wide recognised qualifications linked with other sports
- Provides a benchmark for employers and deployers of coaches
- Core coaching skills are recognised and are transferable between sports
- A UK wide endorsement of top quality, safe coaching
- A clearer and more structured pathway in equestrian coaching with increased opportunities for personal and career development
- It will encourage you to be the best you can be

#### **How will the UKCC benefit equestrian sport?**

- Coach education will be at the cutting edge
- Access to expert advice and support from both sports coach UK and the BEF
- There will be a consistent standard of coach education between and within equestrian disciplines as well as other sports across the UK
- UK coaching will be recognised as world class
- Great education and coaching will result in great sporting success for participants and performers

#### **What happens now?**

Within Equestrianism, many of you will already be working and practicing as coaches and hold related teaching or instructing awards. Your qualifications and experience gained to date will be accredited and valued in the process of transferring to attaining a UKCC.

### **What will happen to my existing qualification?**

Your existing qualifications are still recognised and valid. Each member body is putting in place a transfer mechanism to the UKCC Qualification. Registration for the qualification and training is via your member body and they should be contacted in the first instance.

### **Who should I contact?**

Please contact your member body and state your interest. You will be sent an information leaflet and information on how to proceed

### **How will I register?**

You will register via your member body.

### **How will I achieve the qualification?**

Via a variety of means - most member bodies will provide training and workshop days for you to attend which will be supported by workbooks and a learning resource. You will attend specific assessment days conducted by trained assessors from your discipline. You will be expected to demonstrate coaching skills and knowledge and be gathering together evidence in your coaching log book.

### **What will I receive at the end of my UKCC course?**

Upon successful completion of any level of the UKCC, coaches will receive a nationally recognised, certified qualification. Your qualification is awarded in partnership with the BEF's independent awarding body, Equestrian Qualifications Limited in England and Wales and the Scottish Qualifications Authority in Scotland.

Below is the list of Coaching Development Officers who you can contact to receive more information:

- Association of British Riding Schools - Duncan Brown – 01736 369440
- British Dressage - David Holmes – 02476 698830
- British Eventing - Sarah Hamlyn – 02476 698859
- British Show Jumping Association - Nicky Fuller – 02476 698800
- British Horse Society - Margaret Linington-Payne – 01926 707700
- The Pony Club - Nicola Fitter – 02476 698300
- British Equestrian Vaulting - Jenny Leggate or Ann Hunt - contact Ann on 01764 682268
- British Horse Driving Trials Association - Andrew Counsell – 02476 419078
- British Reining - Pauline Brimson – 01453 547666
- Endurance GB - Larissa Whiley – 02476 698863
- Scottish Equestrian Association - Muriel Colquhoun or Karen Murray – 01475 540687
- Riding for the Disabled Association - Maggie Bradley – 0845 6581082
- British Horseball Association - Mary Pettifor – 01159 664574
- Mounted Games Association GB – TBC
- UK Polocrosse Association - Jane Wright Roberts – 01226 765126

- Equine Qualifications Ltd - Linda Haworth - contact via BHS central office (01926 707700)