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National Coaching Committee Report for New Brunswick

This year our meeting opened with very good news. The amateur rule has now been changed to include IOB's (Instructor of Beginners). IOB's will be allowed to compete as amateurs as long as they are working in the context of IOB. The new Stable Management in Canada book is now available for sale at \$35.

The new certification program Competition Coach (replacing Coach 1) will be ready for launching in the spring of 2011. It is possible that we could run a pilot evaluation in the fall of 2010. In order for existing Coach 1's and 2's to transfer to the new system they must complete the online MED evaluation. www.coach.ca .There is a 5yr grace period after which ones coaching status will appear as expired.

The Policies and Procedures manuals along with the criteria and rubrics for the new Competition Coach, will be posted as soon as we receive them. The NBEA website will soon have an Education and Coaches area. In the interim Nova Scotia has a good coaches area with many of the downloads on it. There will be a new Equestrian Theory course for Competition Coaches and Competition Coach Specialist (replaces Coach 2) available hopefully in the spring of 2011.

The new system requires candidates to have passed a Rider Level 8. There will not be any riding in the new evaluations. There will be Theory, Training and Mentoring available for candidates. Candidates will be asked to provide a portfolio as a prerequisite to the evaluation. All coaches are encouraged to start a portfolio to include : a resume, training certificates, updating sheets and more (information to follow).

There will be no change to the Rider level program until 2012. Examiners are encouraged to submit suggestions for changes or errors to Ally Sillers or Valerie Phelan. The flat tests at this time may be used or changed at the examiners discretion. Make sure you have a copy of the Examiner CD. Written tests will only be made available when applications are submitted to the office. The new Rider 9 and 10 are being developed. These tests will not be included in the coaching program, they will be more for people who wish to be recognized for Riding/Training skills.

The province will continue to provide updating clinics in conjunction with Rider Levels, examiner /evaluator training and mentoring clinics. In 2010 we would like to present an updating clinic for our coaches. We need to know from you, what type of training to make available.

Day two of our meetings was spent working on the Competition Coach and Specialist Criteria /Rubrics and evaluator training for these. The content will be submitted to NCCP/CAC for approval in a few weeks, and should be functional by April 2010. There will be a 12 month transition period in 2010 from the moment the programs are approved. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Valerie or Ally, we will do our best to answer them and pass them on to National.

Respectfully Submitted

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