



USEA EVENTING COACHES PROGRAM

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

for all ECP-Certified Instructors, ECP YEH Instructors, and ECP YEH Professional Horse Trainers

- As a representative of Eventing and a member in good standing of the USEA and the USEA Eventing Coaches Program, I shall endeavor to reflect credit on them through my attitude and actions and shall act always in a professional manner;
- I acknowledge my obligation to uphold the highest standards of professional horsemanship while interacting with both horses and humans, whether at home or in public;
- I acknowledge my membership in the equestrian community and my responsibility to demonstrate respect at all times for my fellow professionals, competition officials, and volunteers, organization members, landowners.
- At competitions, whether participating as an instructor/coach or as a competitor, I shall know and comply with all relevant rules of the USEA, the USEF, the USPC, and, where applicable, the FEI;
- I understand that should I be suspended, placed on probation, or expelled by the USEA, the USEF, the USPC, and/or the FEI, I shall lose my USEA ECP certification status until such time as I am reinstated by the relevant body.
- I shall place my students' and horses' welfare above all else by adhering to safe and well-informed standards of instruction, coaching, riding, training, conditioning, competing, and horse care, handling, and transportation.
- As an ECP-certified instructor, YEH instructor, or YEH professional horse trainer, I base my instruction, coaching, training, competing, and horse care on the classical principles and practices advocated by the ECP program;
- Where the ECP's position is unstated, I shall base my actions as a professional on principles/practices that I and other reasoned and experienced equestrians consider consistent with what is safe, humane, well-informed, and effective;
- When I discover new or new-to-me instruction, coaching, training, competing, and/or horse care practices, I shall evaluate them according to classical principles and invite other qualified instructors, including certified instructors, to do so with me;
- I am committed to developing good judgment in my students about all aspects of riding, training, horse care, conditioning, and competing, including knowledge of and compliance with the rules of competition;
- I understand that students who wish to develop their riding skills or their abilities beyond my own teaching capacity or with other quality instructors or horse trainers should not be constrained from doing so;
- I shall complete all educational and safety-related components required for ECP-certified individuals by the USEF/USEA – for example, the Safe Sport and the Concussion Protocol modules.
- I shall be alert to and protective of the safety and the psychological and physical well-being of children and youth;
- I shall continue to actively seek education in equestrianism and relevant related fields in order both to enrich my own understanding and effectiveness and to share this knowledge with my fellow instructors, my students, fellow trainers, and their horses in accordance with the requirements of ECP's Continuing Education Program and its 4-year cycles.

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date: _____