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## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR B.C DRIVING COACHES**

Coaches should be aware that everyday decisions and choices have ethical implications

### **Safety and welfare**

Coaches should encourage high standards of Safety and Welfare for drivers, driver's support team, horses/ponies, spectators, other coaches, assistants, judges and officials.

Coaches should ensure adequate insurance cover is in place for all aspects of their coaching.

Coaches should ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience, stage of learning and ability of those taking part.

### **Competence**

Coaches should encourage good practice in all areas.

Coaches should confine themselves to practice in those areas to which they are recognised by their member body.

Coaches should ensure that they take part in CPD and maintain effectiveness as a coach.

Coaches should ensure safeguarding guidelines are adhered to and they ensure their safeguarding is up to date.

Coaches should not necessarily be experts in all fields, but, should know of and be prepared to work with, other specialists where necessary.

Coaches should only coach to the level that they are qualified e.g. Level 1 coach only works with an approved level 2 coach or above.

Only qualified driving coaches may advertise themselves as an accredited coach and should stipulate the level of their qualification. A list of accredited driving coaches is available on the B.C website.

### **Confidentiality**

Coaches should not disclose or use personal information unless an agreement has been reached with driver/participants and/or their parent/guardian. Information should be stored in a secure place and should not be shared without the appropriate permission. Such information is covered by the DPA.

## **Integrity**

Coaches should treat participants with respect, dignity and equality, within the context of the sport. Coaches should not compromise a driver by advocating rule breaking, compromising safety or the welfare of the horse.

Coaches should instil good values, encourage respect for opponents and prepare drivers to respond to success and failure with dignity.

Coaches should develop a working relationship based on trust and respect.

Coaches should encourage drivers to advise all their accompanying personnel to adhere to all current B.C rules and in particular those concerning their conduct and welfare to equines.

Any failure on the part of the coach to comply with the provisions of this code could bring the sport in to disrepute.