



AUSTRALIAN CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY COACHING SCHEME

ACDS Coaching Accreditation Scheme

Preamble

This program takes a competency based assessment approach. This program is not a learning program whereby inexperienced candidates can work through a syllabus to obtain the skills required of a carriage driving coach.

Candidate Coaches must have considerable carriage driving and horsemanship experience and skills prior to the assessment. Candidate Coaches will be able to demonstrate these skills to a Coach/assessor(s) in a clinical environment.

To become an ACDS Coach the candidate must complete the following steps:

Step 1: Complete the application outlining the carriage driving and horsemanship skills they have and be accepted by the ACDS Coaches Panel.

Step 2: Complete the Australian Sports Commission 'Beginning Coaching General Principles' online - (applicants with coaching qualifications obtained through another equestrian or sporting association may be exempt from this requirement).

Step 3: Obtain a **Working with Children Check** from the state or territory in which you reside.

Step 4: Achieve the core units of competency.

The core units of competency are:

1. Plan and prepare a coaching program (carriage driving).
2. Ensure safety –self, clients, volunteers, spectators and equines (carriage driving).
3. Horses – carriage driving.
4. Harness –carriage driving.
5. Carriage – carriage driving.
6. Coach carriage driving skills –singles/multiples.
7. Implement strategies for performance improvement – carriage driving.
8. Prepare carriage drivers for competition.

The Candidate Coach accompanies and assists the Coach Assessor(s) at one or more coaching clinics. The Candidate Coach is required to undertake a number of tasks and complete worksheets for each unit. The Coach Assessor assesses the competency of the Candidate Coach by completing a checklist for each unit. The Coach Assessor provides feedback to the Candidate Coach.



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To be accredited to coach multiple combinations the Candidate Coach must be assessed coaching these combinations.

Coach Assessors will also be accredited to coach and conduct assessment on the multiple combinations they have demonstrated competence in.

The Coach Coordinator will advise of the outcome of the assessment. An appeals process is available.

Definitions

1. ACDS Federal Coach Coordinator – Federal Council appointment. Oversee ACDS Coaching Scheme. Convene Federal Coach Panel, be point of appeal for Candidate Coaches and report to Federal Council.
2. ACDS Coaches Panel – Federal Coach Coordinator and any two of the Federal Convenors (CDE, Dressage, Endurance, Show Driving, and Historical). Appoint Coach/assessors, review applications for candidate coaches, and appoint Coaches upon completion of all Coach Scheme requirements. Hear appeals.
3. ACDS Coach/assessors – Appointed by ACDS Coaches Panel. Identified for their coaching experience, horsemanship, carriage driving and communication skills. Coach Assessors must complete the Australian Sports Commission 'Beginning Coaching General Principles' online. Mentor and conduct coach assessment of Candidate Coaches.
4. ACDS Candidate Coaches – completed application identifying extensive carriage driving and horsemanship skills and accepted by ACDS Coaches Panel. Completed the Australian Sports Commission 'Beginning Coaching General Principals' online Will then undertake the ACDS Coaching Accreditation Scheme.
5. ACDS Coach – Candidate Coach who has successfully completed all requirements of the ACDS Coaching Program and approved by ACDS Coaches Panel and ratified by ACDS Federal Council.

Note: Coach Assessors and Coaches and Candidate Coaches must be ACDS members (minimum ACDS Officials membership).

Beginning Coaching General Principles

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/coaches/education/generalprinciples>

Working with Children Check

https://www.nationalcrimecheck.com.au/police-checks-individuals/resources/working_with_children_checks_in_australia

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