

Special Olympics Maine Equestrian Veteran Coach Recertification Requirements

Special Olympics requires all coaches to **recertify every 3 years** in order to coach athletes and attend the Special Olympics Competition.. If you are unsure of your certification status, you may contact Ian Frank IanF@somaine.org or Mike Littlefield MikeL@somaine.org

Recertifications are Due August 1, 2023.

Who Should Recertify? Anyone who has completed a level 1 or higher coaches training hosted by Special Olympics Maine and their 3 year certification has or is going to expire.

Recertification Options for current Level 1 coaches:

Complete the **Online Level 2 Course** (preferably Principles of Coaching since there are no Equestrian Unified Sports events currently offered)

1. Principles of Coaching : (Preferred Option of Special Olympics Equestrian)
–<https://coachtube.com/course/coach-development/special-olympics-certification-course-principles-of-coaching/11813753>
2. Coaching Unified Sports -<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/coaching-unified-sports> (not preferred)
3. Complete an Equestrian Coach Education course offered by another Equestrian Sport Organization (PATH, CHA, ARCH, EAGALA)
4. Complete the Level 1 Equestrian Coach certification course again (not preferred, but it is an option) (This training was offered in April)

Recertification Options for current Level 2 coaches:

These are the Level 3 Options for Recertification Online:

[National Federation of State High Schools \(free\)](#)

[Positive Coaching Alliance \(free\)](#)

[American Sport Education Program \(fee to pay\)](#)

Here are more level 3 options for in-person or online trainings:

- Complete a sport specific tactics course (online or face-to-face)
- Complete online course from the National Governing Bodies (i.e. Soccer =FIFA)
- Responsible Sports and others

- First-Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Course
- Athlete Behavior Characteristics and Strategies to Improve Learning
- Officials Training

Generally, any courses or professional development that help a coach become a better coach will be accepted.

Recertification Options for current Level 3 coaches:

Level 4 – Comprehensive Mentoring: Level 3 coaches have the ability to mentor a new coach for their level 4 certification. Level 3 certification must be achieved prior to completing a level 4 course. Completion of a Level 4 certification will certify the coach as a Level 4 coach and maintain all currently held level 1, 2 & 3 certifications.

Recertification Options for current Level 4 coaches:

Mentor a new coach or... continue your education by accessing offerings from these organizations.

PATH intl. <https://pathintl.org/>

Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) Instructors of Riders with Disabilities (IRD)

<https://cha.horse/cha-certifications/#instructors-of-riers-with-disabilities-certification>

Arenas for Change (ARCH)

<https://arenasforchange.com/>

EAGALA

<https://www.eagala.org/index>

Centered Riding

<https://www.centeredriding.org/>

Equine Affaire

<https://equineaffaire.com/>

***Please submit proof of completion (Name of training completed and date and a copy of any certificates achieved if available (picture of certificate is fine)) Send to lanf@somaine.org and kkennedy@kidsrsu.org where your certification will be kept track of.**