



2026 EQUINE PROFESSIONAL APPLICATION for COACHES / INSTRUCTORS / TRAINERS

(BE A MEMBER & RENEW EARLY)

Membership in your Provincial Equine Association (PTSO) enables you to apply for low cost broad coverage insurance for approved coaching, instruction or training activities.

Acera Insurance is the official insurance broker of most Equine Associations in Canada.

Questions about this Insurance Program must be directed to Acera Insurance Services.

- This program is for **COACHES, INSTRUCTORS OR TRAINERS** who are members in good standing of their Provincial Equine Association and have reached the age of majority with either a minimum of 5 years riding experience or are certified/registered/licensed by an approved authority.
 - Coverage is extended to insure employee/volunteer assistant instructors who are at least 16 years of age with a minimum of 3 years riding experience provided they are operating under the direction of an insured Coach meeting the above qualifications.
 - Individuals or Corporate Entities under Contract to you are not insured.
 - The Insurance price starts at only \$375. and provides:
 - \$ 10,000. on owned Property other than buildings (higher limits available)
 - \$ 50,000. per Horse, \$250,000. per incident/aggregate if liable for horses of others in your custody
 - \$ 1,000,000. on Tenant Legal Liability on responsibility for rented premises
 - \$ 5,000,000. on Coach/Instructor/Trainer Liability including Injury to Participants
 - Crime coverage as follows:
 - \$ 10,000. Employee Dishonesty – Form A
 - \$ 2,500. Broad Form Money & Securities
 - \$ 2,500. Money Orders and Counterfeit Paper Currency
 - \$ 2,500. Depositors Forgery
 - In addition to coaching, instruction and training, the insurance includes the following:
 - School horses
 - Breeding
 - Clinics arranged or hosted
 - Transportation of horses belonging to other people
 - Training of horses (excluding pari-mutuel racing)
 - Schooling Shows for students
- Coverage for Boarding may be added. Refer to the Application.
- Commercial activities not mentioned above are EXCLUDED under this program. We will be pleased to arrange coverage for non-qualifying operations under other programs we administer. Please call our office for assistance.

NOTE: This policy contains a Communicable Disease Exclusion.

For lower cost "Certified" insurance rate you must be both "certified" and "current"

Coverage is not effective until both the completed, signed & dated Application and the payment are received.

Optional Coverage:

1. Higher limits are available for Non-Owned Horses in your care, custody or control. Refer to the Application.

Other benefits also available are:

1. **Equi-Care** for horse mortality / medical / surgical
2. **Commercial Equine Liability** for high risk activities.
3. **Horse & Livestock Trailers (Physical Damage)**
4. **Weekly Accident Indemnity**

Coverage Enhancements:

1. Coverage automatically includes Professional Liability (Claims Made) with a \$100,000 limit per claim / \$100,000 annual aggregate.
2. Coaches as incorporated entities with a maximum of 2 employed Coaches is available as an option. Please contact our office if you are other than a sole proprietor.
3. Coverage is included if you have a Booth/Kiosk at Trade Shows, Fairs, Exhibitions for the promotion of your business.

Western Provinces and Territories:

Acera Insurance Services Ltd.
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TF 1 800 670 1877 **F** 1 888 822 6115
E agri@acera.ca **W** acera.ca/equine

Ontario and Provinces Eastward:

Acera Insurance Services Ltd.
241 Main Street South, Newmarket, ON L3Y 3Z4
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Name of Applicant (must be an individual): _____

Business Operation: ☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Joint Venture ☐ Limited Company ☐ Incorporated Company

If other than Sole Proprietor, contact our office

Mailing Address: _____
STREET CITY PROVINCE POSTAL CODE

Primary Phone: (____) _____ Secondary Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____ Website/Social Media Link: _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Are you a current member of your provincial equine association (HCBC, AEF, SHF, MHC, OE, NBEA, IHC, ENS, NLEA, EAY) ☐ Yes ☐ No

****IMPORTANT – Provincial Equine Association Membership (PTSO) is required in order for insurance to be valid****

What Provincial Equine Association are you a member of? _____ What is your current Membership #: _____

Do you hold insurance with another insurance company ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Who was the previous insurance company: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Are all of your students a Member of their Provincial Equine Association (PTSO): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you use a Waiver: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attached is an 'example' of an Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability Form. We strongly urge you to have this or a similar form signed by everyone of your clients and keep on file as a matter of prudent risk management.

How many years riding experience do you have: _____

Are you currently Registered / licensed by EC? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Registered Coach ☐ Licensed Coach ☐ EC Number: _____

Are you required by contract/Agreement to add someone as Additional Insured? If so, provide their full name and address and reason (i.e. Landlord) they are being added (if more than 2 additional insured's please use separate page).

PLEASE NOTE Unable to add Additional Insureds with USA mailing address

Legal Name: _____ Reason: _____

Mailing Address: _____
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Legal Name: _____ Reason: _____

Mailing Address: _____
STREET CITY PROVINCE POSTAL CODE

Do you provide ANY equine activities, operations, services and/or sales to the USA: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, please describe: _____ Annual Revenue: \$ _____

Have you had any insurance claims in the past 5 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If Yes, Provide details: _____

Have you ever been Cancelled, Declined or Refused Insurance: ☐ Yes ☐ No. If Yes, Provide reason: _____

Are you involved in any of the following activities: Equine Assisted Learning, Public Trail Rides, Pony Rides, Wagon Rides, Goat Tying, Pari-Mutuel Racing? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please contact our office for a separate application.

Do you provide any other equine services NOT shown in this application: ☐ Yes ☐ No. (IE: Equine First Aid/Massage)

If YES, please Describe: _____ Annual Revenue: \$ _____

PREMIUM PAYMENT

- NOTE:**
- Payment is required in order to make coverage effective.
 - Cheque must be payable to Acera Insurance Services Ltd.
 - If you want to pay by Credit Card, please contact our office.



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PREMIUM CALCULATION

Base Premium \$ 425

I am Current **"and"** Certified by one of the following: ☐ BHS ☐ CANTRA ☐ CHA ☐ CVA

☐ Canadian Pony Club (Level A or higher only) ☐ Other-specify: _____

I am Current **"and"** Certified by ☐ NCCP ☐ EC Licensed Coach

Discount -\$50.00 - \$

Level of Accreditation: _____ How long have you been certified in years: _____

☐ NONE OF THE ABOVE

If "none" add \$650 \$

Do you have current First Aid/CPR? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No" add \$250 \$

What disciplines do you Coach/Instructing: _____

Coverage for mounted archery and mounted shooting is not available under this program

What is your Gross Annual Coaching / Instructing Revenue: \$ _____

Do you transport non-owned horses? ☐ Yes ☐ No What is your gross annual revenue \$ _____

Do you train non-owned horses? ☐ Yes ☐ No What is your gross annual revenue \$ _____

Do you Lease horses? ☐ Yes ☐ No What is your gross annual revenue \$ _____ How many horses do you lease? _____

Do you Board Non-Owned Horses? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes" please select one of the following:

1. Boarding up to 10 horses belonging to others Add \$275
2. Boarding of 11 to 15 horses belonging to others Add \$425
3. Boarding of 16 or more horses belonging to others (\$15 per horse) _____ X \$15 + \$425 \$

What is the Maximum value per Non-Owned Horses is: \$ _____

\$50,000 maximum per non-owned animal & \$250,000 maximum any one occurrence/annual aggregate

Included

- Increase to ☐ \$50,000 per animal & **\$500,000** per occurrence & aggregate Add \$150
- Increase to ☐ **\$100,000** per animal & **\$1,000,000** per occurrence & aggregate Add \$250
- Increase to ☐ **\$250,000** per animal & **\$1,000,000** per occurrence & aggregate Add \$350 \$

Do you Officiate (Judge/Steward)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" add \$150 \$

Do you provide Equine First Aid Instruction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" add \$250 \$

Do you rent your property to third parties for equine shows or to other equine coaches?

Any other rental activities must be approved

☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes" add \$100 \$

If yes to rent your property, what is your gross annual revenue \$ _____ (maximum revenue is \$25,000)

****NOTE: Third party renting your property must carry \$2,000,000 Liability Limit and add as Additional Insured****

Do you organize Shows / Competitions that include participants who are **NOT** my students? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- If, Yes indicate how many days of the year are involved? (Cost is \$175/day) _____ day(s) X \$175 \$
- List the date(s) of all Shows / Competitions: _____

If other than a sole proprietor, we can include a maximum of 2 employees under your policy

If "Other" add \$200 \$

- If other than sole proprietor, please contact our office for Coach Supplement Application

Coach Tack: \$10,000 base limit, \$500 deductible, Replacement Cost ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tack Means: bridles, bits, halters, harness, saddles and equipment used for training horses including martingales, nosebands, blinkers, figure eights, coolers, fly sheets, night sheets, ice boots, bell boots, interfering pads and boots and similar equipment, shanks, muzzles, cribbing bibs and straps, whips, saddle pads, bandages (pain, elastic or cotton), tack boxes and trunks, hayracks (made of rope), manure baskets, cooler racks, foot lockers, medicines, grooming equipment and supplies. **Excluding** vehicles

If "Yes" add \$65 \$

- Increased Tack limit (maximum increase to \$15,000) **Statement of Values Required** \$ _____ @ \$4.50/\$100 \$

TOTAL PREMIUM \$

ADD PST IF APPLICABLE

NOTE: If Policy is cancelled, the Minimum Retained Premium is \$375 or \$50% of the total premium whichever is greater.

AB = 0% / BC = 0% / MB = 7% / NB = 0% / NL = 15% / NS = 0% / NT = 0% /
ON = 8% / PE = 0% / SK = 6% / YT = 0%

\$

TOTAL INCLUDING PST \$

Applicant Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____



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Frequently Asked Questions

- Q1. Why do I need insurance if I use a waiver?
- A1. Waivers (more commonly now referred to as Release and Acknowledgments) are a good idea and if they are legally sound they can go a long way to reduce your loss in the event of a law suit. Use of a release form is strongly encouraged as a Risk Management measure. They contribute to the lower cost of insurance by avoiding and reducing losses. Visit the equine section of our website to access risk management information on this and other related topics at www.acera.ca/equine.
- Q2. Can I insure my assistant coaches under this policy?
- A2. Yes. Student coaches, assistant coaches or people involved in a coach mentoring program are all treated the same way by your policy. These people are automatically covered under your policy but are subject to certain requirements. They must be 16 years of age or older with a minimum of 3 years riding experience and must be operating under your direction. If they act outside your direction during a coaching session, there is no coverage.
- Q3. Do I have to purchase extra coverage if I lease a facility year round for my coaching/instructing/training activities?
- A3. No. The coaches policy covers you during your coaching activities and if you own or lease premises year round.
- Q4. I do not own any school horses but sometimes I arrange for horses to be available to my students that are owned by someone else. The horses may or may not be insured by their owner. Am I covered for this?
- A4. Yes. Under the law, your responsibility is the same when you make arrangements for a school horse and when you actually provide the school horse.
- Q5. Why should my clients/students obtain membership in their Provincial Equine Association?
- A5. We strongly recommend that all equine industry participants maintain membership in their Provincial Equine Association to take advantage of the many membership benefits, including insurance.
Several reasons why your clients/students should consider insurance include:
- Accident Insurance is readily available and will protect your clients/students in the unlikely event that they suffer an injury while participating in your lesson program. Parents will be keenly interested in protecting their children but this is a good idea for everyone.
 - Some of your clients/students will either own/lease or borrow a horse from you or someone else. Therefore, Liability insurance for them will potentially become very important. The sooner they become aware of their risk exposures the better.
 - This coverage, and much more, are available to your clients/students by joining their Provincial Equine Association.
- Q6. Are barn staff hired under Contract covered by my coaching insurance policy?
- A6. No. If barn staff are independent contractors (not registered with Canada Revenue Agency as employees of your business), they are not covered by your policy. We are pleased to offer these independent equine professionals a separate policy designed specifically for grooms. Please contact our office.
- Q7. Are commercial equine operations insured under this policy?
- A7. The intent of this policy is to, first, insure your coaching and instruction activities. The following may be accommodated under the Policy:
- Boarding of an equine
 - Equine Shows or Competitions
 - Clinics
 - School Horses (owned, leased or owned)
 - Training of Horses
- Q8. I have heard that equine coaches across Canada from all disciplines are being offered the opportunity to obtain a License Coach Status. What is this and why should I consider it?
- A8. Your Provincial /Territorial Equine Association (PTSO) in collaboration with Equestrian Canada - the National Sport Organization (NSO) are implementing Federal Government mandated guidance to protect athletes in all sports, including equine, from Harassment and Abuse. In partnership with your Provincial / Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO), we support those coaches who have taken a professional approach to obtaining a credential, including this status program. For coaches who wish to attend Equestrian Canada sanctioned competitions with their clients, "status" will soon be required. More information can be found on your PTSO website and the website of Equestrian Canada.
- Q9. Does my policy cover me for liability claims arising from COVID-19 or other communicable disease?
- A9. No. Underwriters at Northbridge General Insurance Corporation have embedded a specific exclusion in the wording related to this. The Exclusion and response to the pandemic is consistent with what we are seeing from Insurers around the world

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

(AR-0103)

For Participants Over the Age of Majority in the Province or Territory in which the Equine Activities are Provided by the Host

WARNING: THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY!

Every Person Must Read and Understand this Waiver Before Participating in Equine Activities

The following waiver of all claims, release from all liability, assumption of all risks, agreement not to sue and other terms of this agreement are entered into by me (the Participant) with and for the benefit of: _____,

its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, business operators, agents and site property owners or lessees (collectively the "Host"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "Equine Activities" includes but is not limited to, competitions, tournaments organized and/or operated by the "Host" or riding instruction, coaching and training provided by the "Host" to the Participant.

Initial Each Item below after Reading and Understanding each item:

- ____ 1. I am aware that there are inherent dangers, hazards and risks (collectively "Risks") associated with "Equine Activities" and injuries resulting from these "Risks" are a common occurrence. I am aware that the "Risks" of "Equine Activities" mean those dangerous conditions which are an integral part of "Equine Activities", including but not limited to:
 - (a) the propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and to potentially collide with, bite or kick other animals, people or objects;
 - (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, tremors, vibrations, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals and hazards such as subsurface objects;
 - (c) the potential for other participants to behave in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to themselves or others, including failing to act within their abilities to maintain control over an equine.
 - (d) the potential of natural or man-made hazards being present that can cause me harm, including communicable disease.
- ____ 2. I freely accept and fully assume all responsibility for all "Risks" and possibilities of any and all personal injury, sickness, disease, medical payments, death, property damage or loss resulting from my participation in "Equine Activities".
- ____ 3. I agree that although the "Host" has taken steps to reduce the "Risks" and increase the safety of the "Equine Activities", it is not possible for the "Host" to make the "Equine Activities" completely safe. I accept these "Risks" and agree to the terms of this waiver even if the "Host" is found to be negligent or in breach of any duty of care or any obligation to me in my participation in "Equine Activities".
- ____ 4. In addition to consideration given to the "Host" for my participation in "Equine Activities", I and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns (collectively my "Legal Representatives") agree:
 - (a) to waive all claims that I have or may have in the future against the "Host";
 - (b) to release and forever discharge the "Host" from all liability for any personal injury, death, property damage, or loss resulting from my participation in the equine activity due to any cause, including but not limited to negligence (failure to use such care as a reasonably prudent and careful person would use under similar circumstances), breach of any duty imposed by law, breach of contract or mistake or error in judgment of the "Host"; and
 - (c) to be liable for and to hold harmless and indemnify the "Host" from all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs demands, including court costs and costs on a solicitor and own client basis, and liabilities of whatsoever nature or kind arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in "Equine Activities".
- ____ 5. I agree that this waiver and all terms contained herein are governed exclusively and in all respects by the laws of the Province or Territory of Canada in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host". I hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that Province or Territory of Canada and I agree that no other court can exercise jurisdiction over the terms and claims referred to herein. Any litigation to enforce this waiver will be instituted in the Province or Territory of Canada in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host".
- ____ 6. I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver in its entirety. I understand that this agreement represents the entire agreement between myself and the "Host", and it is binding on myself and my "Legal Representatives".
- ____ 7. I confirm that I have reached the age of majority in the province in which I am participating in "Equine Activities".

Please Print Clearly

Participant Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Tel # _____

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal _____

(Signature of Participant) Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____

(Print Name of "Host" Witness to Signing and Initialing)

(Signature of "Host" Witness) Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

(AR-0103)

For Participants Under the Age of Majority in the Province or Territory in which the Equine Activities are Provided by the Host

WARNING: THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY!

The Parent/Guardian Must Read and Understand this Waiver Prior to Infant Participating in Equine Activities

The following waiver of all claims, release from all liability, assumption of all risks, agreement not to sue and other terms of this agreement are entered into by me on behalf of the Infant Participant named below with and for the benefit of: _____

_____, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, business operators, agents, and site property owners or lessees (the "Host"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "Equine Activities" includes but is not limited to riding instruction, coaching and training provided by the "Host" to the Infant Participant.

Initial Each Item below after Reading and Understanding each item:

- ____ 1. I am the Parent/Guardian of the Infant Participant and am executing this waiver on behalf of the Infant Participant in my capacity as Parent/Guardian and with the intent that this waiver be binding on myself and the Infant Participant for all legal purposes.
- ____ 2. I am aware that there are inherent dangers, hazards and risks ("Risks") associated with "Equine Activities" and injuries resulting from these "Risks" are a common occurrence. I am aware that the "Risks" of "Equine Activities" mean those dangerous conditions which are an integral part of "Equine Activities", including but not limited to:
 - (a) the propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and to potentially collide with, bite or kick other animals, people or objects;
 - (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, tremors, vibrations, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals and hazards such as subsurface objects; and
 - (c) the potential for other participants to behave in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to themselves or others, including failing to act within their abilities to maintain control over an equine.
 - (d) the potential of natural or man-made hazards being present that can cause me harm, including communicable disease
- ____ 3. I freely accept and fully assume all responsibility for all "Risks" and possibilities of any and all personal injury, sickness, disease, medical payments, death, property damage or loss resulting from the Infant Participant's participation in "Equine Activities".
- ____ 4. I agree that although the "Host" has taken steps to reduce the "Risks" and increase the safety of the "Equine Activities", it is not possible for the "Host" to make the "Equine Activities" completely safe. I accept these "Risks" and agree to the terms of this waiver on behalf of the Infant Participant, even if the "Host" is found to be negligent or in breach of any duty of care or any obligation to myself or the Infant Participant in the Infant's participation in "Equine Activities".
- ____ 5. In addition to consideration given to the "Host" for the Infant Participant's participation in "Equine Activities", I and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns, as well as the Infant Participant and his/her heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns (collectively our "Legal Representatives") agree:
 - (a) to waive all claims that the Infant Participant has or may have in the future against the "Host";
 - (b) to release and forever discharge the "Host" from all liability for personal injury, death, property damage, or loss that I, the Infant Participant, or our "Legal Representatives" might suffer as a result of the Infant Participant's participation in "Equine Activities" due to any cause, including but not limited to negligence (failure to use such care as a reasonably prudent and careful person would use under similar circumstances), breach of any duty imposed by law, breach of contract or mistake or error in judgment of the "Host"; and
 - (c) to be liable for and to hold harmless and indemnify the "Host" from all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs demands, including court costs and costs on a solicitor and own client basis, and liabilities of whatsoever nature or kind arising out of or in any way connected with the Infant's participation in "Equine Activities".
- ____ 6. I agree that this waiver and all terms contained herein are governed exclusively and in all respects by the laws of the Province or Territory of Canada in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host". I hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that Province or Territory of Canada and I agree that no other court can exercise jurisdiction over the terms and claims referred to herein. Any litigation to enforce this waiver will be instituted in the Province or Territory of Canada in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host".
- ____ 7. I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver in its entirety. I understand that this agreement represents the entire agreement between the "Host", myself as Parent/Guardian, and the Infant Participant, and it is binding on myself, the Infant Participant and our "Legal Representatives".

Please Print Clearly

Infant Participant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Tel # _____

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal _____

(Signature of Parent/Guardian of Infant Participant)

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

(Print Name of "Host" Witness to Signing and Initialing)

(Signature of "Host" Witness)