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Here are some questions to ask yourself when evaluating a potential Coach:

- ✓ Is this Coach NCCP Certified?
- ✓ Does this Coach have an Equestrian Canada Coach License?
- ✓ Is this Coach Insured?
- ✓ Does the Coach know First Aid, and is able to use it? Is their certificate current?
- ✓ Does this Coach require students to be NBEA members, which includes liability insurance?
- ✓ Does this Coach require students to wear an approved riding helmet?
- ✓ Is this Coach well respected in the community?
- ✓ Is the safety of the student a prime concern?
- ✓ Is the lesson area safe, contained and free of clutter?
- ✓ Is he/she punctual and reliable?
- ✓ Do you get the full lesson time?
- ✓ Is the teaching style positive and encouraging?
- ✓ Does this Coach provide supervision at all times?
- ✓ If there are lesson horses, are they in good health and condition?
- ✓ Are the horses in the barn well fed on a regular basis, and subject to sound feeding practices?
- ✓ Does this coach have a zero-abuse policy towards all horses?
- ✓ Are the lesson horses well-mannered and appropriate for your child s ability?
- ✓ Do the horses receive scheduled regular farrier and vet care?
- ✓ Does the Coach use correct, well-fitted tack & equipment which is in good condition?
- ✓ Does this Coach follow the national *LearnTo* curriculum and offer evaluations for students?
- ✓ Is this Coach able to demonstrate what they teach?
- ✓ Does this Coach regularly update their knowledge?
- ✓ Does this Coach understand different learning styles and teach accordingly?
- ✓ Does this Coach use teaching aids, such as videos, white/blackboards, posters/diagrams/graphics, or use a microphone when needed?
- ✓ Is rider fitness, nutrition and mental skills training part of the program?
- ✓ Is this person neat, clean and business-like?
- ✓ Is this Coach able to communicate well?
- ✓ Does this coach challenge the student appropriately?
- ✓ Does this coach explain clearly what the student should do?
- ✓ Does this coach use warm-up and cool-down practices for the horse and rider?
- ✓ Has this coach produced good riders with correct skills?
- ✓ Is this coach a good role model for your child?

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