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Information for Applicants

Who attends RDA Coaching courses?

RDA coaching courses are designed for volunteers with equestrian experience who wish to become RDA qualified equestrian coaches. You may have had experience as a rider yourself; you may already be a coach in another equestrian field such as Pony Club, EA or Adult Riding Club, or you may be involved as a volunteer with RDA.

What are the age and riding skill pre-requisites for the Level 2 course?

You must be:

- At least 18 years old at the time of commencing this course
- A currently accredited Level 1 RDAA NCAS Coach of at least 12 months
- Able to ride, or have previous riding experience, and specifically be able to show dressage movements and
 paces found in Para-equestrian Dressage Tests (grades 1, 2, and 3), and be able to ride over a small jump
 of at least 35 cm. Evidence of riding competency can be provided either by:
 - A live demonstration or a video of your riding
 - Written verification of current/previous riding experience from a Level 1 (or above) EA Coach or Level 2 RDAA Coach.

Note: If you have a disability, your case will be considered on its merits.

What does the Level 2 training package contain?

The Level 2 package contains a generic section that is common across all RDA training programs, plus a sports specific section for Riding, Carriage Driving or Vaulting, depending on your chosen equestrian discipline. Each section comes with an information training manual, a workbook for your answers and sign-off sheets for your mentor and assessor.

How long will the Level 2 training take?

It usually takes between 12 - 24 months to complete the Level 2 qualification. This depends on your previous background and how much time you spend training each week. You can take up to two years to complete the qualification and may apply for additional time by contacting your State RDA Office.

Before receiving the Level 2 qualification, you must complete the following requirements in the 12 months before your final assessment:

- Teach for at least 40 hours as a Level 1 Coach in an RDA Centre. Twenty hours of this teaching must be with RDA; the remaining 20 hours can be logged as a qualified coach (if you have this qualification) with Pony Club, EA or Adult Riding Club. To provide evidence of this, log your assistance hours on the Hours of Coaching log sheet (following page).
- Attend or present at two or more half-day coaching workshops conducted by qualified RDA coaches or persons approved by State or National Coaching Committees. Show evidence of this attendance on the **RDA workshop attendance record** sheet (page 6 of this form).

You must also hold a current Workplace Level 2 (Senior) First Aid Certificate from St John/Red Cross or another recognised service provider. To provide evidence of this, fill out the First Aid section on page 6 of this form, and attach a photocopy of your certificate.

In exceptional circumstances, any of the above requirements may be altered at the discretion of the National Discipline Committee or National Coaching Coordinator.

How will you deal with the private information I have included in my submission?

The information gathered on this form is entered into the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) database of registered coaches, maintained by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) in conjunction with national sporting associations and state sport education centres. Coaches will be sent relevant up-to-date information, and may be contacted by the ASC. Your information will not be used or disclosed except in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988.

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Application to Train NCAS RDAA Level 2 Riding Coach



Please read pages 1 and 2 carefully, then complete and submit pages 3 – 6 and the order form on page 9 of this application form to your State Coaching Coordinator for confirmation of your application. Please retain the remainder of the application pages for your reference. Print clearly in **block** letters.

1. Name and contact information

Please provide your name and contact information				
Family name				
Given name				
Date of Birth				
No/Street				
City				
State		Postcode		
Phone				
Mobile				
Email				
RDA Centre				

2. Your mentor

2. Tour mentor				
Who is your agreed mentor, and what is their highest relevant qualification?				
Family name				
Given name				
No/Street				
Phone				
Email				
Relevant qualification				
Your agreed mentor must sign the following statement				
 The applicant meets age and riding ability requirements (see page 2). I agree to be this applicant's primary mentor 				
Signature				
Date	/ /			

3. Signatures

On page 2 of this form, please read about the prerequisites for Level 2. If you meet those requirements, and agree with the following statement, please sign below

I wish to apply to train as an RDA Coach at the above centre and be assessed according to the RDA coach education system.

Signature of applicant:							
Date:	/		/				
	<i>Important:</i> If you are under 18 years of age, your parent or guardian must sign also:						
Parent/guardian							
Signature:							

The President of your RDA Centre must sign the following statement

The management committee of the applicant's RDA Centre supports this application:

Signature of President			
Date	/	/	

State Office use only

Date Received				/	/
	Order Form forwarded to RDAA Yes / No		/	/	
Training material issued by State Office		'es / No	/	/	
Trainee Re	Trainee Registered			/	/
Fees paid	/ /		Receipt no		

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Please print your full name on each page:

Name:

4. RDA experience

Briefly outline your experience in the RDA setting:

5. Details of qualifications

Please outline below any qualifications, both equestrian and other. Include any RDA qualifications you already have and dates of achievement (approx):				
RDA qualifications:				
(e.g RDAA Level 1)				
General equestrian qualifications: (e.g. Pony Club, EA)				
Other qualifications:				
(e.g. Cert IV Workplace Assessment & Training)				

6. Other equestrian experience

The Level 2 qualification requires the applicant must be able to ride or have previous riding experience.(Refer to page 2) Please describe any experience you have working with horses, your experience with horse riding or other equestrian activities.

Please print your full name on each page: Name:

7. Experience with people with disabilities

What practical experience have you had with people with disabilities

8. Special needs

Please specify below any special needs or requirements you may have, especially those that might be relevant to the study and practical aspects of a coach training course.

9. Recognised Current Competency

RDA Coach training courses are accredited with the Australian Sports Commission under the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS). You may already hold an equivalent Australian (or overseas) qualification which covers some (or all) of the RDA coach training competencies. These competencies can be recognised as prior learning for the RDAA coach education system. Please see the RDAA Competency Statements for more information.

If you wish to apply for Recognition of Current Competencies, please provide the following details:

Name of relevant qualification/course:	Date qualification completed:	
Please list competencies that are relevant:		
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Please list competencies that are relevant:		
I wish to apply for Recognise (please attached additional page	Signature:	

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Coach's Code of Ethics Agreement Form

for registration or re-registration to the National Coach Accreditation Scheme (NCAS)

Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia Inc.

I,		of		
	Full Name		Address	
		Address cont.		

am seeking registration / re-registration (please circle) for the following National Coaching Accreditation Scheme qualification:

CAD – Equestrian

Level

Sport

I agree to the following terms:

- 1. I agree to abide by the RDA AUSTRALIA Coach's Code of Ethics (on page 7 of this form)
- 2. I acknowledge that **RDA AUSTRALIA** may take disciplinary action against me, if I breach the code of ethics. (I understand that **RDA AUSTRALIA** is required to implement a complaints handling procedure in accordance with the principles of natural justice, in the event of an allegation against me)

Discipline

3. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include de-registration from the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

Please refer to the *Harassment-free Sport Guidelines* available from the Australian Sports Commission or contact **RDA AUSTRALIA**, if you require more information on harassment issues.

		/ /
Signature	(if under 18, parent / guardian signature)	Date

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Coach's Code of Ethics

1.	Respect the rights, dignity and worth of	• Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of sex, disability, ethnic origin or religion
2.	every human being Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive experience	• All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
3.	Treat each athlete as an individual	 Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each athlete Help each athlete reach their full potential
4. athl	Be fair, considerate and honest with etes	
5.	Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions	 Display high standards in your language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with the sport - this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities
6.	Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes	 Maintain or improve your current NCAS accreditation Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education Provide a training program which is planned and sequential Maintain appropriate records
7. spor	Operate within the rules and spirit of your rt	 The guidelines of national and international bodies governing your sport should be followed. Please contact your sport for a copy of its rule book, constitution, by-laws, relevant policies, eg anti-doping policy, selection procedures, etc Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA)
8.	Any physical contact with athletes should be:	 appropriate to the situation necessary for the athlete's skill development*
9.	Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes*	 This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse Be alert to any forms of abuse directed toward your athletes from other sources while they are in your care
10.	Refrain from any form of harassment towards your athletes*	 This includes sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability You should not only refrain from initiating a relationship with an athlete, but should also discourage any attempt by an athlete to initiate a sexual relationship with you, explaining the ethical basis of your refusal
11.	Provide a safe environment for training and competition	 Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards Ensure equipment, rules, training and the environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes
12.	Show concern and caution toward sick and injured athletes	 Provide a modified training program where appropriate Allow further participation in training and competition only when appropriate Encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required Maintain the same interest and support toward sick and injured athletes

athletes

* Please refer to the Harassment-free Sport guidelines available from the Australian Sports Commission for more information on harassment issues

Coaches should...

- be treated with respect and openness
- have access to self-improvement opportunities
- be matched with a level of coaching appropriate to their level of competence

PLEASE SIGN THE COACH'S CODE OF ETHICS AGREEMENT FORM ON PREVIOUS PAGE

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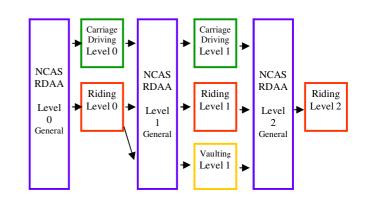
Application to train – NCAS RDAA Level 2 Riding Coach Level 2 Syllabus Order Form & Tax Invoice

ABN 99 116 408 587

Please complete and submit this page to your State Coaching Coordinator who will forward this to RDAA along with your payment. Please print clearly in block letters.

I wish to order:	Amount
Level 2 Riding Manual & Workbook insert	45.00 (inc GST \$4.50)
Postage and Handling	\$10.00
Total Enclosed	

Delivery Address				
Name				
Street address				
Suburb/Town				
State		Postcode		
Daytime Phone				
Mobile				
Email				



RDAA Office Use Only

Received		/	/
Trainee registered		/	/
Training material issued		/	/
Fees paid	/ /	Receipt no	

Payment Details (please tick which is applicable)

Cheque or Money Order: Make payable to Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia Ltd	Credit Card:	
(please enclose with your order)	Type of card 🛛 🗆 Visa 🗖 Mastercard	
Electronic Transfer/Direct Debit:	Card Number / / /	
Bank: National Australia Bank BSB: 083 376	Expiry Date /	
Account Number: 039 16 7449	Name on card	
Name of Account: Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia Limited	Signature	
Under remittance advice please add your full name		

Thank you for your order. It will be mailed to your nominated address within 7 days of processing of payment

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