

## NGB Support Guidance for the Community Sports Coach Scheme

Sport	<b>Equestrian</b>
<p>NGB deployment focus for the Community Sports Coaches, linked to the NGB player pathway and relevant development initiatives.</p>	<p><b>N.b. This information is being constantly improved – please contact the BEF for an updated version of this document:</b></p> <p>We would recommend targeting the early stages of the BEF Rider Development Pathway – mainly beginner/novice riders initially.</p> <p>We would recommend building on our existing NGB practice of linking schools, disabled organisations, community clubs, LEAs and County Colleges to Approved Riding Schools, Pony Clubs (and Club Centres), Riding Clubs etc.</p> <p>There is considerable scope for opportunity for disabled people. Disabled people may gain particular benefit from involvement with equines, for education and for therapy. There are pathways for many potential enthusiastic riders who happen to have a disability. For example Paralympic Dressage is a Paralympic sport, and we are looking to strengthen opportunities to feed into Regional Paralympic training centres, for which we have a national co-ordinator.</p> <p>For the CSC scheme, the rider development pathway would begin with the provision of a safe and sound introduction over a period of time, leading to positive experiences with equines and sometimes a desire for a lifelong involvement. This lifelong involvement is often underpinned by a real love of horses (with its associated human health and animal welfare benefits). This lifelong involvement in equestrian sport may be either recreational or competitive at various levels, from Pony Club to Riding School/Club to specific disciplines (Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing etc).</p>
<p>Minimum level of NGB coaching qualification for coaches employed through the Community Sports Coach Scheme</p>	<p>Registered BHS Assistant Instructor or above (or similar ABRs/Pony Club qualification)</p> <p>BHS Intermediate Instructor (or on British Dressage database) for Regional Paralympic training</p> <p>Contact the NGB for recommended coaches or to discuss coach identification parameters in your geographical area.</p>
<p>NGB Priority Partnership areas</p>	<p>There are a range of BHS 'Where to Train' Centres and a range of Educational Centres throughout England, which may be particularly strong partners to work with. There are various types of Clubs (as listed above) throughout England. There are forthcoming Regional Paralympic Centres (targeted below World Class Start level).</p> <p>Two key geographical areas that can be built upon or replicated elsewhere are where there are specific pilot schemes linked to school curriculum projects. These are currently at Wormwood Scrubs (North West London) and in Manchester.</p> <p>Contact the BEF for further details</p>
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