

# British Horseball Association Coaching

Coaching requirements. Updated 27/1/25



To become a BHA approved Coach, you must hold the following qualifications:

- **British Horse Society 2-Day Initial First Aid Course qualification, 3-day at work First Aid course or recognised First Aid qualification**
- **Enhanced DBS Check**
- **British Horse Society approved Safeguarding course qualification**
- **British Horseball Association Coach Membership\* (or alternative)**
- **British Horseball Association Coaching Course qualification certificate\* (or alternative)**

- **British Horse Society 2-Day Initial First Aid Course qualification OR 3-day at work First Aid course**

We recommend the BHS 2-Day Initial First Aid Qualification to Horseball Coaches.

The British Horse Society offers a 2-Day Initial First Aid Course which is a recognised qualification to become a BHA approved Coach. You can find numerous dates and venues across the UK where you can do this course online here (scroll down to next courses) - [First aid | The British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](https://www.bhs.org.uk) the price of this varies between £135-188. Please see the BHS Website for more info.

A First Aid 3-Day at work Qualification is also accepted. The 3-day at work course you can find many options online, or you may be able to do this through your current employer. Prices will vary.

First Aid in Sport via St. Johns Ambulance is another accepted qualification.

If you currently hold another First Aid Qualification not listed above, please contact us with details on if this is accepted for BHA Coaches.

- **Enhanced DBS Check**

You can get an Enhanced DBS check through the BHA. Please email [Compliance@BritishHorseball.co.uk](mailto:Compliance@BritishHorseball.co.uk) to apply for this; you will be sent a secure link to complete this online. The cost is payable at the time of application and is ~~£55~~. **The BHA are currently offering enhanced DBS checks for BHA members at a discounted rate of £25. Please email for further details.**

If you already have an Enhanced DBS check within the last 3 years you do not need a new one, please email a copy of this to Emma Berry; the BHA Compliance lead, at the above email address.

- **British Horse Society approved Safeguarding course qualification**

Virtual Safeguarding Courses are now available with the British Horse Society. You can find a date and time to suit you here: [Safeguarding | The British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](https://www.bhs.org.uk) the price of this varies from £0-£49.99. Please see the BHS Website for more info. You can also do the same course with the Pony Club - [Safeguarding Training | The Pony Club \(pcuk.org\)](https://www.pcuk.org)

- **British Horseball Association Coach Membership\* (or alternative)**

You must join the British Horseball Association on a Coach Membership (£50).

\*For 2025 this is offered free of charge for British Horseball Association members already joined on a Full Player membership (Youth/Senior only).

- **British Horseball Association Coaching course qualification certificate (\*or alternative)**

To obtain the British Horseball Association Coaching Course qualification you must complete Level 1 Assistant Coach and Level 2 Club Coach of the BHA Coaching Development Pathway.

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- For 2025, we accept Level 1 Assistant Coaches as Club/Team Coaches providing they are up to date with 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, Safeguarding & DBS.

*In future this may be updated to Level 2\*\*.*

Please keep an eye on the website for all future BHA Coaching course dates – [www.britishhorseball.co.uk](http://www.britishhorseball.co.uk).

**\*Or alternative:** Members who completed the BHA Coaching Course qualification prior to 2023 and Members who completed the UKCC Level 1 Horseball Specific Course already hold the equivalent of the BHA Level 2 Coaching Qualification.

Members can apply via a Recognition of prior experiential learning to fast track to Level 2 without the need to complete Level 1.

**\*\*Members who have completed Level 1 can apply via a Recognition of prior experiential learning to Fastrack to Level 2 status without the need to complete the additional course.**

PLEASE NOTE: The British Horseball Association are working with British Equestrian to gain accreditation on the BHA Coaching Development Pathway. In line with this we reserve the right to run mandatory add on sessions for all BHA run courses in the future if the awarding body require this.

PLEASE NOTE: The British Horseball Association does not insure you or your Club for any Horseball Coaching, unless otherwise specified, and all approved Coaches are advised to seek their own Insurance.