



Para Dressage Coach Program Application

Step I - Application - USEF Para Coach Certificate Program - Now Available through USEF membership portal

APPLICATION is available through USEF membership portal, <https://members.usef.org>. Once signed on, click on Athlete Dashboard, Online Applications, Para-Equestrian, 2024.

Additional Requirements

USEF Safe Sport Online Training.

Cost: Free. (<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/safe-sport>)

USEF Background Check (required)

Cost: \$20. (<https://www.usef.org>) **Click on My USEF in upper right of screen and enter your membership I.D. to access your Member Dashboard. Background Check is located at the bottom of page.**

PERSONAL NARRATIVE:

250-500 words, 12 pt font, letter format with signature, name, date, and address to be submitted with the application on a separate document. It should include the following information:

- 1) Riding, coaching, and competition experience in the equestrian sports of dressage, para-dressage, and/or eventing dressage. List any coaching certification currently held (PATH Int'l., BHS, USDF, USEA). Include your educational background (academic and equestrian courses taken). List any achievements/awards/scores at recognized shows (USDF, USEA).**
- 2) Current training and competition goals (e.g. personal and any athletes you train).**
- 3) Riding/training influences and coaching philosophy.**
- 4) Indicate why this coach certification is important to you.**
- 5) Explain how you will engage with para-equestrian sport beyond an individual athlete, such as giving back through apprentice coach development and overall sport awareness.**
- 6) If applicable, state your case for Fast-Tracking as outlined in the Information Booklet.**

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE LETTER:

250-500 words, 12 pt font, letter format from a dressage coach/mentor with signature, name, date, and address to be submitted with the application on a separate document. This letter should include the following information: the applicant's character, equestrian skills and knowledge, riding and coaching experience and goals, and commitment to the sport.

Mail additional requirements to Laureen Johnson, Director of Para Equestrian at lkjohnson@usef.org.