

# PATH International Riding Certification Subcommittee

# **Subcommittee Purpose**

**The Riding Certification Subcommittee** upholds and promotes PATH International's accepted industry standards pertaining to all levels of the PATH Intl. Therapeutic Riding Instructor certification in accordance with the evolution of the EAS industry. The subcommittee's primary functions are to:

- Review and update all materials related to riding workshops and certification processes as needed
- Assess instructor criteria for relevancy and update criteria as necessary for all levels of riding certification
- Review and propose certification policies and procedures to ensure objectivity, exactness and appropriateness as required
- Consider and approve or deny instructor candidate appeals on a case-by-case basis to uphold fairness of certification evaluations
- Develop training and education for workshop faculty and certification evaluators annually

### **Subcommittee Regulations**

At the beginning of each calendar year, the subcommittee chair and staff liaison discuss the annual objectives for the subcommittee and agree on those assignments and projects that best meet the association's needs, given its strategic priorities.

Decisions should be made in a democratic manner on the basis of full information and free discussion. The subcommittee chair takes part in the discussion but his/her primary job is facilitating open discussion leading to a conclusion or decision.

# **Subcommittee Makeup**

Members must meet the minimum requirements of:

- Be a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Level Riding Instructor or higher in good standing
- Have access to secure e-mail
- Attend scheduled conference calls and communicate with the subcommittee chair and members in a timely manner
- Attend the PATH Intl. national conference and participate in the committee forums



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 Accept the responsibility of tasks and provide feedback to the subcommittee in a timely fashion in between calls

The subcommittee chair is appointed by the PATH Intl. staff liaison. The chair of the subcommittee is responsible for identifying and recruiting members, with the input of the staff liaison, during his/her tenure as chair.

### **Term Limits**

- The subcommittee chair serves a one-year term and may be invited by the PATH Intl. staff liaison to serve an additional one-year term. Chairs may serve four one-year terms on the subcommittee as members and then serve an additional one or two years as chair.
- Subcommittee members serve one-year terms. Subcommittee members may be asked by the PATH Intl. staff liaison to serve up to four one-year terms.
- Total service on a subcommittee (combining subcommittee membership and chair responsibilities) shall not exceed six years on any one committee.

#### **Staff Liaison**

PATH Intl. Director of Credentialing