**Steps to Becoming a Coach**

1. Step 1: Learn About the Game.
2. Step 2: Earn a Certificate, Degree, and License, if applicable.
3. Step 3: Gain Coaching Experience.

**What it means to be a COACH at OC Vaulting**

Attributes:

* commands attention and respect from a group of students
* dependable
* composed under pressure
* approachable
* teachable
* learner
* mature
* good role model
* dedicated to our vaulters and program

Training:

* Vaulters developed within OCV: 4+ years of continuous vaulting training + leadership development + assistant coaching under a mentor + independently leading Horsemanship and/or Warm Up Leader for one year + knowledge of AVA rulebook and FEI guidelines + basic lunging training/experience + SafeSport Certification + (Fingerprinting only if 18+ years during training process or required by agency).

-OR-

* Adults without a vaulting background: SafeSport Certification + Fingerprinting (18yrs and over) + assistant coaching under a mentor + knowledge of AVA rulebook and FEI guidelines + basic vaulting experience.

-OR-

* Adults WITH a vaulting background: SafeSport Certification + Fingerprinting (18yrs and over).

Continued Education:

* Monthly Coach Meetings & Vaulting Practice
* Attending Clinics, AVA Education Symposium, etc. when possible
* Shadowing/Auditing more advanced Coaches