

Training Regulation for Horse Focus Trainer Education

Preamble

This regulation governs the education and continuing education for certified Horse Focus Trainers. It is based on a credit system (Credit Points, CP) that guarantees the comparability and recognition of educational achievements between different training institutions and promotes continuous competence development.

1. Basic Structure of the Credit System

1.1 Definition of Credit Points (CP)

1 CP corresponds to a workload of 7 hours, consisting of contact time and self-study.

1.2 Modular Structure

The education is structured modularly and includes:

- Mandatory modules (basic education/know and understand all contents of the OA)
- Practice modules (supervised practical work/coaching via WhatsApp)
- Project modules (independent projects/training results with a horse)

1.3 Qualification Levels

The education is divided into the following progressive qualification levels:

- 1. Basic Horse Focus Trainer (30 CP)
- 2. Advanced Horse Focus Trainer (60 CP)
- 3. Professional Horse Focus Trainer (120 CP)
- 4. Senior Horse Focus Trainer (300 CP)

2. Requirements for Individual Qualification Levels

2.0 Basic Horse Focus Trainer (30 CP)

- Mandatory modules (10 CP): Know and understand all videos of the online academy.
- **Practice Module I (10 CP):** Complete all exercises from the videos once with a horse and send selected exercises via video to the instructor. Correct (repeat) if desired by the instructor.
- **Didactics and Methodology (5 CP):** (How do I convey the content to my students?)
- Final project: Exam preparation (5 CP)

3. Recognition of Continuing Education Measures

3.1 Accredited Training Institutions

The Horse Focus Trainer education can be completed at all accredited training institutions. The achievements are mutually recognized.

3.2 Recognition Criteria

Are evaluated with CP based on the following criteria:

- Scope of self-study
- Quality of interaction with the instructor for video analysis purposes
- Continuity
- Exam results

3.3 Continuing Education Certificates

The interaction between instructor and future trainer via WhatsApp serves as proof of the intensive and high-quality training process.

4. Quality Assurance

4.1 Approval as Training Institution

To be approved as a training institution for Horse Focus Trainers, the following criteria must be met:

- Qualified training staff (at least Senior Horse Focus Trainer)
- Suitable infrastructure (seminar rooms, practice areas, horses)
- Quality management system

• Regular evaluation and further development of courses

4.2 Evaluation of Training Quality

All courses are evaluated through standardized participant surveys. The results are incorporated into the regular review of accreditation.

4.3 Continuing Education Obligation for Trainers

Certified Horse Focus Trainers must acquire at least 5 CP per year through continuing education to maintain their status.

Participation in webinars and seminars of one of the recognized NC training institutes counts as continuing education. Dates for annual planning and booking of seminars are sent to you by email upon request and from October 1st each year for the following year on the homepage: www.naturalclassic.de

5. Organization and Implementation of Education

5.1 Course Formats

The education is offered in various formats:

- Block seminars (3-5 days)
- Weekend seminars
- Online modules
- Individual practical supervision

5.2 Examination Requirements

Various examination requirements may be demanded for successful completion of a module:

- Practical examinations with horses
- Written assignments
- Presentations
- Documentation of training sessions
- Oral examinations

5.3 Repetition of Examination Requirements

Failed examination requirements may be repeated twice.

6. Certification and Validity

6.1 Certificates

After successful fulfillment of all requirements of a qualification level, a corresponding certificate is issued.

6.2 Validity of Certificates

The certificates are valid indefinitely, provided the continuing education obligation (5 CP per year) is fulfilled.

6.3 Extension After Interruption

If the annual continuing education obligation is not fulfilled for more than two years, a reactivation continuing education course (10 CP) must be completed.

7. Transitional Provisions

7.1 Recognition of Previous Education

Already completed training components in the field of Horse Focus Training are recognized with corresponding CP after individual examination.

7.2 Entry into Force

This regulation enters into force on April 1, 2025.