



FAQS 2012

NORTHERN BYRDS

What is planned for 2012? There will be 2 Camps this year both at Willerby Hill Farm, East Yorks.

Selection competitions, various extra training days, plus lots of competition opportunities will be taking place throughout the year. Northern BYRDS are friendly and welcoming so please do not hesitate to get involved. Keep checking the Northern BD webpage for updates.

How do I become a BYRDS member? Either you (if over 18), or you parent/guardian need to fill out a BYRDS registration form which can be found on the regional webpage.

This is then sent to Leanne Howe at the following email address:

leanne_howe@hotmail.co.uk

Leanne will register your details and keep you up to date with BYRDS activities. You do not have to be a member of BD to join BYRDS but if you are selected for team activities then you and you horse/pony must become full BD members.

Do I have to pay to join BYRDS? NO

What are the BYRDS squads? Riders are assessed by BD trainers as to their level of riding, equitation knowledge and stable management knowledge and put in to a suitable regional squad. There are 4 squads, Fledgling, C, B and A. Once riders are put in to a squad they will receive a squad badge from the RDO or BYRDS rep.

How can I progress through the Squads? The Pre Fledglings squad is the starting block and forms the base of the pyramid that then feeds in to the Fledglings C squad, then B, then A. From these squads riders are able to apply for Nationals BYRDS and from here you can be selected for the Championship squads at Pony, Junior and Young Rider level this is where the International teams are chosen from.

I am riding at affiliated competitions at Medium level. Is there any point in me joining BYRDS? Yes – all our training caters for every level of horse/rider and is conducted by BD trainers who may be involved in BYRDS national training some are judges, BYRDS assessors and all are committed to advancing their own skills as well as developing the skills of others.

I am 24 years old and riding at Novice level. Will I be riding with 10 year olds riding at Novice level? No – we group riders according to their age and level so you will be equally matched.

Who to contact? Sarah Huntridge sarah.huntridge@britishdressage.co.uk

or

Leanne Howe (BYRDS rep) Leanne_howe@hotmail.co.uk

Details are on the BD Northern page and updated on a regular basis.