

Executive Summary from Judges' Committee Meeting 8 January 2018



- The committee recorded their thanks to Jo Graham for everything that she has done for BD and her significant contribution to judging in the last two years.
- CEO asked if the Committee had any conflicts of interest that needed updating as it is the start of a new year. Board will be informed of any possible conflicts.
- Technical committee generic terms of reference went to the Board in December for ratification in February and will then be sent to all committees.
- Rewards for volunteers in progress. New President's Commendation to be introduced this year.
- A review will be carried out in the autumn on how BD member bodies access BD judges. GDPR regulations will need to be taken into account.
- Tutor Judges day will help form criteria for Examiners and Tutor Judges.
- FEI score sheets – BD has applied for dispensation to alter their score sheets. All venues other than CDIs need to use the BD test sheets and not those from the FEI. Communication from the office will go out to all judges with information on what to do if venues do not have the correct sheets.
- Criteria for Regional and Championship judges to be published in the Spring Newsletter.
- Judges Director to confirm two foreign judges for Winter Championships. No more than one from outside of Europe as a general principle for future Championships.
- IT update – the four phase IT project is continuing:
 - Phase 1 – set up fixtures and schedule system – launched and working well
 - Phase 2 – results and grading – scoping complete and test version imminent.
 - Phase 3 – membership data base – early scoping work started
 - Phase 4 – website – code from web project will be used as a start point to link in with the other three phases.

Committee will feed back to CEO on what needs to be incorporated into the IT system as bolt-on additions at the end of the project.

- Data protection – data audit is underway ahead of the 25 May deadline when GDPR becomes law. Sue Harrison is managing the project centrally and will update with any actions to ensure compliance.
- Since the last meeting eight judges have retired. These will be published in the magazine and BDHQ will send them a thank you letter.
- Discussion on building a video library regionally took place.
- Candidates with dyslexia will be asked to provide evidence of the condition prior to taking their exam to ensure reasonable adjustments are made.
- Judges Convention on 17 April 2018 will go on the website homepage as an event listing / link to book tickets and details provided on the judges' page.
- Opportunity for List 1 and 2A national judges to potentially attend Olympia as an observer for their CPD.
- Hartpury and Hickstead CDI and Olympia to count as official seminars for List 1, 2 and 2A Judges.
- Time allowed for Freestyle tests at the Winter Championships discussed with Show Direct in order for this to be potentially amended in 2019.
- Pilot mentoring system to be reviewed with a view to delivering regionally.
- Exams:
 - Candidates need to stay on current list for a minimum of one year before they are eligible to put their names forward for upgrading.
 - Candidates can apply to see the video from their DVD exam for a £10 fee. A link with a non-sharing policy will be sent.
 - In September 2018 Part 3 will cost £50
 - In January 2019 Parts 1 and 2 will be £25
 - In 2019 FEI exams will take place at Somerford
 - Dates for June for Part 1 and 2 to be published ASAP.
- Dates for Judges Convention 2019 at Addington are being confirmed.
- Collectives on Prelim and Intro tests discussed at Tutor Judges Day.
- Venues will be running pick your own classes to include Para. Training at Regional Seminars on List 3 and above to include paras. Q&A sheet to be made available.
- The next working party on the payment of judges will meet on 7 March.