

Executive Summary
Para Technical Committee Meeting
Date of Meeting: 21 March 2019



1. Review under way on using split reins for double bridles in able bodied competitions.
2. Launch of Para Judges Pathway has gone well with another three judges enrolled and already learnings on board for the process going forward.
3. RDA celebrate their 50th anniversary during RDA Nationals Championships, 12-14 July 2019. Support requested from BD and it's hoped to have our Team GBR riders involved and an open invite is extended to the BD para community. We will also have a fully manned BD Para gazebo present throughout.
4. Planning for future growth within para and to create resource to support the increase (2019 planning, 2020 development and potential roll out of initiatives), the committee will grow with two additional roles; Para Youth Rep and Para Coaching Rep, advertised shortly.
5. Rule on riding in (by someone other than the competitor) - there is a discrepancy between BD able bodied rules, FEI and para. Work with the Sport Operations Committee and Manager will be carried out for clarification.
6. 2020 planning - dates for the Gold Semi finals at Wellington need to be considered given the planning for our senior gold riders preparing for Paralympic selection.
7. Accidental contravention of anti-doping regulations was discussed following a recent social media post about a rider sharing a coffee with a horse. Clear benefit in raising the profile of accidental contraventions – how to avoid innocent mistakes and cross contamination.
8. Significant good work has been done in collaboration with the Dispensation Panel (out of committee). All Grade I - III riders can now apply for dispensation for a supporter to lead them around the arena and remain close by whilst the test is ridden, at all levels now up to and including National able-bodied Championships. Additionally, the use of a support rider for a G I – III competitor will be formally included in the rule book for 2020. There remains an exclusion to the standard 30 minutes rule for the Summer Gold Championships only (based on safety and managing arena walks that are combined with young horse arena walks).
9. Para Winter Championships 2019/2020. A full wash up was held and feedback discussed. The 2020 Winter Championships will be a standalone event 20-23 February. Full briefing on the format for this Championship in 2020 will follow.
10. A 'how to' guide to go out explaining eligibility for and requirements to compete in a CPEDI. There is significant work to still be done to grow Bishop Burton and support the new Keysoe (potentially now 1-3 October).

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Date: 23 March 2019