

Executive Summary from Para Committee Meeting 5 February 2018

- BD Para is proud to announce a three-year sponsorship from Equissage Pulse. Equissage will be the headline sponsor for all para activity, grass roots to gold championships, and all that falls in between.
- BEF funding is available through Sport England for the development of entry level activity; the purpose being to stimulate those new to para (classified riders only). RDA will initially explore which centres they can enthuse to run the fully funded training days, will feed back to the committee, and we will then examine how we can take forward with BD HQ taking the lead in supporting these BEF funded, RDA hosted, training days. Superb step forward in both the BD/RDA partnership.
- Detailed update from World Class, outlining the significant work being done with the full Podium and Podium Potential squads both in formal training and in home visits and additional work. International plans were provisionally briefed as were the outline logistics for WEG.
- Equissage Para Winter Championships – Myerscough - 104 tests booked for the four day Championship. Logistics, timings, support, prize givings, et al were discussed in detail. Whilst unable to cover para regional reps expenses to attend, should they wish to travel and support, Myerscough has kindly invited them to join the VIP buffet on either of the championship days (Friday and Sunday).
 - Rider meetings – Director will be on hand on Friday and Saturday, and having checked entries, this will enable all grades, all riders, to have the opportunity to share views etc. With many of the Sat riders stabling on the Friday evening, one formal rider/member meeting will take place on the Friday with time tbc once test times and prize givings are confirmed.
 - Equissage Winter Championships will be live streamed. BDHQ will liaise internally to share logos etc and links via social media.
- Discussion around current 2018 rules concluded that silver riders will be informed that up to six (of the 12 required) points can, this year, be taken from 2* results (i.e. Bishop Burton).
- With the alignment of qualifying periods to fall in line with able bodied, there will be transitional arrangement for the next winter qualifying period (i.e. it will be shorter as the 1 Dec 18 will be the start of the 2019 SQ period). Riders will be kept fully informed.

- Equissage Summer Championships – Solihull 2018. The inclusion of a hosted RDA ID only championship was further discussed and meetings planned to develop the schedule, logistics and promotion of the day.
- Para judge training was discussed, with a suggestion of trying to include at the Equissage winters. A para judges seminar combined with an RDA judges day will be explored as an option. The offer of para judge testing at the BD Lemieux Nationals will be investigated, as will any need for FEI judge training/refresher at Hartpury/Bishop.
- BD Para presence at the RDA National Championships – agreed. Manning, podium squad rider presence and logistics now being looked at in detail.
- National Convention - embracing the 20 year celebration theme, the committee is keen to offer suggestions of how we can use this unique event to further promote (and demystify) the world of para and offer suggestions to the Training Committee.

PARA DRESSAGE DRAFT COMPETITION STRUCTURE 2019+

- Para qualifying dates aligned with able bodied qualifying periods.

Winter Championships



Summer Championships – Gold



Combinations may only compete at one semi final. No limit on horses per rider. Qualification dependant on confirmed numbers on the revised 2019 Championship programme. Number per semi to qualify for Finals to be announced. Wild cards may be used. To compete at Wellington, qualifying points to be achieved before the close of entries for Wellington.

Summer Championships – Silver and Bronze

