



Judges Representative

British Dressage (BD) is the national governing body for the Olympic and Paralympic sport of dressage and a member of British Equestrian. With over 17,000 members and over 2,300 days of competition a year, BD aims to be the most respected and successful organisation for people passionate about dressage.

Our role is to develop the sport in the UK at all levels and enable riders of all abilities, from grassroots to the international stage, to fulfil their potential and achieve their goals, through a comprehensive range of training and competition opportunities.

Role Description

The Judges Representative is a member of the Regional Committee which includes a Chairman and representatives for senior training, coaching, para dressage, marketing and BD Youth. The Regional Committee work closely with the Regional Development Officer to develop, support and promote BD activity throughout their region.

Specifically, the Judges Representative works with the Regional Committee and Regional Development Officer to support and develop judge training opportunities in the region.

He/she will also receive and implement briefs / guidance from the BD Judges Committee and team at head office and will have the opportunity to provide input from their regional perspective back.

Specific Responsibilities

- Support the Regional Development Officer (RDO) in developing exciting training opportunities for judges in the region
- Represent Judging on the Regional Committee and share the responsibility for BD's activities in the region with the rest of the Regional Committee
- Attend all regional committee meetings
- Give input from a regional perspective into the national BD Judging Committee. Attend Regional Representatives meetings twice a year
- Take and implement a brief from the national Judging Committee to ensure consistency in approach across regions
- Help identify and set up suitable training opportunities to assist judges aiming to upgrade
- Assist judges in the region with their CPD
- Encourage and motivate judges in your region to develop their judging skills
- Support the RDO in ongoing evaluation of all regional Judging activities, using this to inform future development

Person Specification

- A BD listed judge who has experienced judging at a variety of levels, ideally including Regional Championships or Area Festivals
- Ideally a list 3a or above, but if not will have a high level of technical knowledge and understanding
- Being approachable and comfortable supporting judges at any stage of their judging career
- Great organisational abilities – this is a hands-on role
- Computer literacy (and regular access to a computer) – most communications are by email
- Enthusiasm for judging and the sport of dressage
- Enough time available

British Dressage actively promotes diversity and welcomes applications from all parts of the community.

Time Commitment

- A minimum of four Regional Committee meetings per year (at least one per quarter), these meetings will be a mix of virtual and in-person.
- One Regional Reps meeting a year to be held centrally near the BD Head Office in Coventry (normally in early November), plus additional conference calls when required (at least 2/3 per year).

Term of Office

- Regional Reps may stand for two terms of four years.
- All Regional Representative Roles are subject to a 6 month probation period.

Remuneration

- The post is voluntary, but expenses to attend meetings will be paid.

Start Date

- January 2021.

For further information, please contact Jo Byrne, Northern Regional Development Officer via northern@britishdressage.co.uk or 07783 791191.