

## Executive Summary

### BD Youth Technical Committee Meeting

21 January 2021

1. Discussions were held around the impact of Covid-19 on squad assessments. Online formal squad assessments will be permitted due to exceptional circumstances in 2021. A protocol for online assessment will be produced for regions and Assessors.
2. Foundation Academy camps began in October 2020, with second camps at all venues postponed due to Coronavirus restrictions. Proposals for the completion of the Academy programme were discussed and it was agreed that decisions on completion models would be made once more information about sport resumption is available.
3. National Academy programme start has been postponed to Summer 2021, but no dates have been confirmed.
4. Youth Coach and Assessor training has been delivered successfully online and CPD opportunities will be made available to new Youth Coach and Assessors, in the form of sitting-in with experienced Assessors, once online formal squad assessments begin.
5. Young Professionals Programme has been delivered online since April 2020, with one day of content and a yard visit yet to complete face-to-face for the 2019/20 cohort. 11 dressage riders have been accepted onto the 2020/21 cohort, due to begin with an online induction day on 27 January.
6. DiSE programme content is currently being delivered entirely online with guest speakers, alongside virtual 'home-visits' with student mentors.
7. Haddon Training has paused the AASE programme for three months and hope to resume their camp-based learning programme in March/April 2021.
8. The possibility for Youth Rider Skills Tests to be hosted online in 2021 was discussed, to assist riders in achieving selection criteria for regional team competitions and further rider development despite Coronavirus restrictions.
9. Further development of Horse Care online content is ongoing. Practical assessment requirements will be revisited once regional operational structure is completed and activity resumption is possible.
10. **Date of next meeting – 8 April 2021**