



Executive Summary

BD Youth Technical Committee Meeting

9 September 2021

1. 2020-21 Young Professionals Programme cohort have completed the programme, ending with a yard visit with Kate Cowell. The 2021 British Dressage Young Professionals bursary has been allocated, with the £5000 split between two winning candidates and one runner-up, based on their business plans and presentation on the future of BD Youth.
2. The 2021 National Academy was held successfully over the summer, with a three-day residential camp at Kilbees Stud, a Sport Science seminar at Reaseheath College and a further training day at The Talland School of Equitation.
3. 51 Foundation Academy Athletes have been selected for the 2021-22 programme, with camps due to commence in early October. This year's camps will be held at Newbold Verdon, Kelsall Hill and Bury Farm.
4. Young Professionals Programme workshops for the 2020/21 cohort have been successfully conducted online, with face-to-face workshops planned as Covid restrictions ease.
5. Applications are currently being considered for the 2021 intake onto the DiSE programme. Members of the 2019/2020 cohorts have been invited to attend the National Championships at Somerford Park for various training sessions.
6. Assessor standardisation and online content development is ongoing for practical assessments at Introductory to Novice Certificates and online assessment for Intermedia and Advanced Certificates.
7. Following successful BD Youth information talks for riders, parents and workforce held via Zoom, information talks will be held nationally prior to the start of 2022 Squad Assessments in December 2021. Regions will host a combination of in-person and remote squad assessments again for 2022.
8. A successful Youth Home International competition was run at Mount Ballan in Summer 2021, thanks to the efforts of BD Development Officers organising and running the competitions as well as managing regional teams.
9. **Date of next meeting – TBC in early 2022**