

Para Dressage Representative (North & West)

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

Specifically, the Para Dressage Representative works with the Regional Committee and Development Officer to support and develop training opportunities in the region for Para Equestrian Dressage riders.

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

Specific Responsibilities

- Develop a range of exciting training opportunities for para riders in the region, working with the DO
- Take and implement a brief from the national BD Para Committee to ensure consistency in approach across the regions
- Support Para Teams representing the region at Home International competitions, acting as Chef d'Equipe where appropriate. Be part of the Regional Team Selection panel.
- Represent Para Training 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 your regional perspective into the national BD Para Committee and attend all regional reps meetings.
- Encourage and motivate riders to develop their dressage skills
- Support the DO in ongoing evaluation of all regional training activities, using this to inform future development
- Support the DO to explore possible sponsorship opportunities in the region
- Develop relationships with RDA within the region.

Person Specification

- Knowledge of affiliated para equestrian dressage and experience of dressage training, either as a rider, owner, trainer or supporter
- Great organisational abilities – this is a hands-on role
- Computer literacy (and access to a computer) – most communications are by email
- Being approachable by anyone
- Approachable, positive, enthusiastic, dynamic and energetic at all times
- 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

- August / September 2022.

For further information, please contact Alex Phillips, Development Officer (North & West) via northandwest@britishdressage.co.uk or 07495 013192.