

BD Youth Representative (South & East region)

British Dressage (BD) is the national governing body for the Olympic and Paralympic sport of dressage and a member of British Equestrian. With over 18,000 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 BD Youth Representative is a member of the Regional Committee which includes a Chairman and representatives for coaching, senior training, judges, para dressage and marketing. The Regional Committee work closely with the Development Officer (DO) to develop, support and promote BD activity throughout their region.

Specifically, the BD Youth Representative works with the Regional Committee and DO to develop and support training opportunities and initiatives for riders under the age of 25 in the region.

The Youth Representative will be required to undertake specific duties and tasks as agreed with the DO's and Chair

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

Specific Responsibilities

- Developing high quality training throughout the region in line with the Regional Training Policy and ensure that all activities are fully compliant with BD policy; working with and supported by the DO.
- Implement the Regional Selection Policy in the selection of regional teams and be a part of the selection panel.
- Increase awareness of BD Youth to current members and non-members; working with the DO, Regional and Technical Committees.
- Develop accessible coaching for current and prospective BD Youth riders working with the DO, Regional and Technical Committees.
- Represent BD Youth on the Regional Committee and share responsibility for BD Youth activities with the rest of the Regional Committee.
- Attend all Regional Committee meetings.
- Mentor and support the Regional BD Youth Ambassadors.
- Take and implement a brief from the BD Youth Technical Committee to ensure consistency across the region.
- Attend the BD Youth Regional Representatives Committee who meet twice a year.
- Give input from your regional perspective into the BD Youth Technical Committees.
- Attendance at and acting as Chef d'Equipe at team events as required or appointing a suitable replacement if not available.
- Attendance at and active participation in the planning and management of camps and events.

Person Specification

- Based in the S&E Region, we are looking for two people, ideally located south of the River Thames
- Enthusiasm and passion for the development of the sport of dressage to Under 25's
- Time available to attend relevant meetings, role specific training and major BD Youth events
- An ability to communicate with the U25's and their parents / guardian's
- Approachable, positive, enthusiastic, dynamic and energetic at all times
- Knowledge of British Dressage / BD Youth competition and training
- Great team worker – you'll be part of a team in your region and part of the wider volunteer team within BD.
- Computer literacy (and access to a computer) – most communications are by email and social media
- A knowledge of Safeguarding policies and current regulations is helpful
- Will be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service Check via BD or the BHS (A DBS through another organisation who are not under the umbrella of the BEF will not be accepted) and attend a Safeguarding and Protecting Children course

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 March), 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

- June / July 2022.

For further information, please contact Sharon Walker and Katharine Perry, Development Officers (South & East) via southandeast@britishdressage.co.uk