

# BRITISH DRESSAGE



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NATIONAL CONVENTION  
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Addington Equestrian  
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# WELCOME

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## **Welcome to the 2023 British Dressage National Convention**

I am delighted to welcome you all to this year's National Convention, sponsored by LeMieux and NAF, and hosted in partnership with Equestrian Management Agency.

We are proud to present some of Britain's biggest names in the sport at this year's event, as we come together to celebrate 25 years of British Dressage.

We are delighted to have none other than double Olympic Champion Charlotte Dujardin headlining this event, alongside dressage legend Carl Hester, fellow Team GB medallists Gareth Hughes and Laura Tomlinson, and several other special guests. It is our privilege to welcome the iconic Valegro to the party as well, as we take this chance to reflect on the incredible success that Great Britain has enjoyed over the last two and a half decades.

With six sessions to watch each day, I hope that all of you enjoy this unique opportunity to learn from some of the biggest names in our sport and find something to take home to your training.

Great Britain has become one of the leading lights in dressage, with our training methods and welfare standards at the forefront of producing happy and successful horse and rider partnerships. All of our hosts are shining examples of how to bring people and horses together in harmony and I am looking forward to watching them in action in the arena this weekend.

My thanks go to Abby Newell of Equestrian Management Agency for being integral in creating such a special 25th anniversary event, as well as to Carl, Charlotte, Laura, Gareth, and all of the other guest presenters and riders.

Our grateful thanks also go to host venue Addington Equestrian and our partners NAF and LeMieux, for their valued contribution and support for this year's National Convention.

We hope that you all have a memorable weekend.

**Jason Brautigam**  
**Chief Executive of British Dressage**



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# 25 Years of Success



British Dressage celebrates 25 years since it was founded as the sport's National Governing Body, and has seen the sport develop and flourish. Unprecedented international competitive success has been enjoyed alongside rider, judge and coach training and inclusion for a new generation of dressage enthusiasts.

## 1998

- First full year of BD competition as an independent National Governing Body

## 2000

- First Petplan Equine Area Festival Championships
- Para riders win team and four individual golds at the Paralympic Games in Sydney

## 2003

- British Dressage passes the 10,000 members milestone
- Senior team wins European Championships team bronze medal on home soil at Hickstead

## 2004

- Para team wins gold medal and four individual golds at the Paralympic Games in Athens (below)



## 2008

- Great Britain wins team and four individual gold medals at the Paralympic Games in Beijing

## 2007

- British Dressage passes the 12,500 members milestone
- UKCC coach education programme and qualification launched

## 2009

- British Dressage launches the Young Professionals Award
- Paras win team and four individual golds at European Championships in Kristiansand, Norway
- Senior team wins European Championships team silver medal on home soil at Windsor



Carl Hester wins the Shearwater Young Horse Championship on Valegro (left)

## 2006



## 2012

- Seniors win team gold medal at the Olympic Games in London (below right)
- Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro win individual gold, Laura Tomlinson (née Bechtolsheimer) and Mistral Hojris win individual bronze
- Para team wins team and four individual gold medals at the Paralympic Games in London (above right)

## 2011

- Senior team wins gold medal at the European Championships in Rotterdam
- Para riders win team and seven individual golds at the European Championships in Moorseele, Belgium

## 2010

- Para riders win team and six individual gold medals at the World Equestrian Games
- Senior team wins silver medal at WEG, Kentucky, USA





## 2021

- British Dressage launches new brand identity and merchandise
- Seniors win team bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Tokyo
- Charlotte Dujardin wins individual Olympic bronze medal with Gio
- Para riders win team gold and two individual gold medals at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo



## 2022

- British Dressage passes 17,500 members milestone
- New judge education system launched, in partnership with Black Horse One
- BD apprenticeship scheme introduced, in partnership with Sport Structures
- Lottie Fry wins two individual gold medals in Herning to become World Champion

## 2023

- British Dressage reaches record high of 18,600 members & 17,000 horses
- BD launches Para Academy initiative to support the development of Para athletes
- Senior team wins gold medal at the European Championships in Riesenbeck
- Annabella Pidgley wins two individual gold medals at the Young Rider European Championships



## 2020

- British Dressage launches new Horse Care programme

## 2019

- Foundation Academy graduates selected for first British Dressage National Academy
- Paras win individual gold at the European Championships in Rotterdam

## 2018

- BD launches Youth Academy initiative to support the development of U21 riders
- Paras win two individual gold medals at the World Equestrian Games in Tryon
- Lottie Fry wins World Championship for Young Horses on 7YO Glamourdale
- Lottie Fry also wins individual gold at the U25 European Championships on Dark Legend



## 2017

- British Dressage launches Associated Championships
- Para riders win team and five individual gold medals at the European Championships in Gothenburg

## 2016

- British Dressage launches My Quest competition alongside Team Quest
- Seniors win team silver medal at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro
- Charlotte Dujardin wins individual Olympic gold with Valegro
- Para riders win team and six individual gold medals at the Paralympic Games

## 2013

- British Dressage moves to new head office in Meriden, Coventry
- Charlotte Dujardin wins two individual gold medals with Valegro at the European Championships in Rotterdam
- Para riders win team and six individual gold medals at the European Championships in Herning
- Phoebe Peters wins two individual gold medals with SL Lucci at the Pony European Championships

## 2014

- British Dressage granted charitable status
- Team Quest series is launched for grass roots competitors (below)
- Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro win the World Cup title in Lyon and two individual gold medals to become World Champions at the World Equestrian Games in Normandy
- Para riders win team and three individual gold medals at WEG



## 2015

- 15,000 members milestone passed
- New competition structure launched with Gold, Silver, Bronze sections
- Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro win the World Cup title in Las Vegas and two individual gold medals at the European Championship in Aachen
- Para riders win team and two individual gold medals
- Pony team wins gold medal at the European Championships and Phoebe Peters also wins two individual gold medals with SL Lucci (above)



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Today's presenters will be working with a number of horse and rider combinations from Young Horse through to Grand Prix, as they demonstrate the training techniques that have taken them to the top of the world.

We hope you enjoy this unique occasion to learn from some of the best riders, trainers, and judges in the sport of Dressage



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# SATURDAY

10.30am - Masterclass begins  
Young Horses

Charlotte Dujardin

11.15am - Novice level

Laura Tomlinson

12.00am - Through the Judges Eye

Maria Colliander

12.45pm - Awards British Dressage

13.00pm - LUNCH BREAK

14.00pm - Medium and Advanced Medium

Gareth Hughes

14.45pm - PSG / Inter 1

Gareth Hughes

15.30pm - Grand Prix

Charlotte Dujardin

16.15pm - Hayley Watson Greaves

Freestyle demo and the retirement of Squeak.

16.45 - Valegro and Carl Hester

17.15pm - Close

SCHEDULE



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# SUNDAY

10.30am - Young Horses

Charlotte Dujardin

11.15am - Novice level

Laura Tomlinson

12.00am - Through the Judges Eye

Maria Colliander

12.45pm - Awards British Dressage

13.00pm. - LUNCH BREAK

14.00PM - Valegro and Carl Hester

14.30pm - Medium and Advanced Medium

Gareth Hughes

15.15pm - Working in hand

Ryan Shannon

16.00pm - PSG / Inter 1

Gareth Hughes

16.45pm - Grand Prix

Charlotte Dujardin

17.30pm - Close

SCHEDULE

## **Charlotte Dujardin**

Charlotte Dujardin CBE is an elite British dressage rider, triple Olympic Gold Medallist at the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Games, former European Champion, World Champion and holds all three World Records in the sport of Dressage. With Valegro, Charlotte held the complete set of the available individual elite dressage titles; the individual Olympic freestyle, World freestyle and Grand Prix Special, World Cup individual dressage and European freestyle, and Grand Prix Special titles. She is the first, and to date only rider to hold this complete set of titles at the same time. At present, she is part of the current Great Britain team for Team Dressage and has a string of upcoming dressage horses, all competing successfully at their respective levels. With three gold medals and one silver medal, Charlotte is also Great Britain's most successful Olympic equestrian.

## **Carl Hester**

One of Britain's most renowned dressage riders and trainers, Carl Hester MBE is a six-time Olympian and multi-medallist at European and world championships, and Olympic Games. He is also the holder of more than 65 British Dressage national titles and is the superpower behind the record-breaking partnership of Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro. Few will forget Carl Hester's memorable performance aboard Uthopia as part of the London 2012 gold medal winning team, after which was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2013 New Year Honours for services to equestrianism.



## **Gareth Hughes**

Gareth Hughes has recorded more than 60 National and International titles with memorable wins both in the UK and abroad. Gareth is a member of British World Class Podium Squad with numerous Nations Cup wins and has been a long-term stalwart of the team, contributing to medal success at both European and World Championships. Gareth also attended the 2021 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, as the British team reserve and became British National Champion a year later.

## **Laura Tomlinson**

As one of Britain's most successful riders, Laura Tomlinson boasts an impressive career as a multi-medalled athlete. Laura was a member of the gold medal winning team at the London Olympics in 2012, where she also won an individual bronze medal with her long-term partner Mistral Hojris. Together with 'Alf', Laura achieved no fewer than four team championship medals and five as an individual. Laura balances being an elite sportswoman with being a mother to her four children, an impressive feat that she describes as a 'delight.'







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