

Senior Rider Training Representative (North & West 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 Senior Rider Training Representative is a member of the Regional Committee which includes a Chairman and representatives for coaching, judges, para dressage, 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 Senior Rider Training Representative works with the Regional Committee and DO to support and develop training opportunities in the region for riders aged over 18, at levels from Intro to PSG.

He/she will also receive and implement briefs/guidance from the BD Training 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 riders in the region, working with the DO to include camps, ridden and non-ridden sessions.
- Take and implement a brief from the national Training Committee to ensure consistency in approach across the regions.
- Support Senior Teams representing the region at Inter-regional and Home Nations competitions, acting as Chef d'Equipe where required.
- Be part of the selection panel for all Senior Team events.
- Represent Senior 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 and events / activities as agreed with the DO.
- Give input from your regional perspective into the national BD Training 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.

Person Specification

- Knowledge of affiliated dressage and experience of dressage training, either as a rider, owner, trainer or supporter
- Great organisational abilities – this is a hands-on role
- Being happy to do the mundane tasks to make it happen as well as the more exciting developmental planning
- Computer literacy (and access to a computer) – most communications are by email
- Being approachable by anyone
- Masses of enthusiasm for your specific subject and the sport of dressage
- 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 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 where agreed with the DO.

Start Date

- March / April 2024.

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