

Coaching Representative (North & 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 Coaching Representative is a member of the Regional Committee which includes a Chairman and representatives for coaching, judges, para dressage, 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 Coaching Representative works with the Regional Committee and Development Officer to support and develop training opportunities in the region.

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

- Support the Development Officer in developing exciting training opportunities for coaches in the region
- Represent coaching 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 Training Committee
- Take and implement a brief from the national Training Committee to ensure consistency in approach within the region
- Work with like-minded coaches to develop and enhance coaching skills
- Help identify and set up suitable training opportunities to assist coaches achieve UKCC Level 2 & 3 qualifications
- Assist coaches in the region with their CPD
- Encourage and motivate coaches in your region to develop their coaching skills
- Continue developing a clear understanding of the UKCC qualification and its benefits to our coaches of the future, sharing that knowledge through your regional role
- Support the DO in ongoing evaluation of all regional coaching activities, using this to inform future development

Person Specification

- Being a coach yourself or have a good understanding of coaching
- 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.

Start Date

- March / April 2024.

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