**Guidelines regarding Writers for the British Dressage National and Winter Championships**

• Applications **MUST** be made through British Dressage by the pre-announced date to the Training and Education Department Hannah.james@britishdressage.co.uk

• Everyone who applies should be an experienced writer, reliable and easy to contact.

• Priority will be given to listed BD Judges and Trainee Judges, then to members, and if there is a need for more to non-members.

• Applicants should state the day/s on which they are available to write, which judge list they are on (if any) and the levels at which they have previously written.

• Trainee Judges will generally be allocated to lower classes than listed Judges and the higher listed Judges should generally get the higher classes but applicants should not stipulate that they will only write at the higher levels.

• Judges are discouraged from bringing their own writer because many people want to write and it is only fair if everyone who is qualified to do so gets an equal opportunity.

• The aim should be that (approximately) applicants get the same ratio of classes to days on which they are available, although applicants must understand that this is not always possible especially when writers drop out nearer the event.

• Applicants should accept that many more writers apply for the higher classes of which there are relatively few so some may get offered a lower level class.

• Writers need to have legible handwriting and should understand when not to talk. Neither should they be too demanding about the classes for which they want to write. Any of these things may mean that they do not get offered classes.

• Although List 1 Judges may write for International Judges it is not thought appropriate that they should write for National Judges as it could be disconcerting for the judge.

• This document should be considered in conjunction with the Guidelines for Writers

information located on the BD website:
**http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/judging_volunteering/writing**