

Foundation Academies 2018

Key Facts



The aim of the Foundation Academies is to develop the training and education of BD Youth riders along a defined pathway towards the National Academy programme. Foundation Academies will comprise of two 2-day camps running at four locations across the UK. Riders must commit to attending both camp dates at the location they have been assigned.

Alnwick Ford	1 & 2 September	3 & 4 November
Keysoe	15 & 16 September	1 & 2 December
The Unicorn Trust	8 & 9 August	22 & 23 October
Reaseheath College / Somerford Park*	11 & 12 August	6 & 7 October

**Please note that the camp on 11 & 12 Aug will be at Reaseheath College and the camp on 6 & 7 October will be at Somerford Park. Riders must commit to being able to attend both locations.*

Each camp across the UK will follow the same standard programme which will include a test riding session with feedback, 30 minute individual training session, shared 45 minute training session, individual practical performance management workshops, performance planning sessions and sports psychology workshops.

Riders who meet the criteria as set out below will be required to submit an application to their BD Youth Rep or RDO for selection by the BD Youth committee. The application deadline is Friday 6 July 2018

Foundation Academy Criteria

- Riders must have attended 3 regional training sessions between 7 July 2017 – 6 June 2018
- Riders to be have been assessed as B, B+ or A Squad in 2018
- Riders to submit 3 rider score sheets from 7 July 2017 – 6 June 2018, including a score sheet from a regional squad assessment in 2018
- Minimum requirement is 68% at affiliated Elementary level, 67% at Medium, 66% at Advanced Medium, 64% at Prix St George/Inter I, 63% at Inter II/Grand Prix. These results must be with the horse/pony on which they wish to participate.
- Combinations to send in their best 3 competition sheets from 7 July 2017 – 6 June 2018
- Result sheets should be from a minimum of two different venues and two different judges
- Regional Reps / RDOs will be required to include a reference for each rider from their region on the application form

- Combinations will be selected by the BD Youth technical committee
- B, B+ and A squad and A Squad Young Horse Champions at the Inter-Regionals will automatically qualify for a place at one of the foundation academies in that year. Riders will still have to apply through their Regional Rep or RDO
- Cost per 2 day camp is £240