

2026 Para Academies Application Document



The aim of the Para Academy programme is to develop the training and education of BD Para riders along a defined pathway towards the Podium Potential Pathway programmes. Para Academies will comprise of two 2-day camps. In order to accept a place as a Para Academy Athlete, riders **must be able to** commit to attending both camp dates at the location/s below.

Location & Dates

Venue	Camp 1	Camp 2
Fir Tree Farm, Newark (NG23 7EJ)	23 - 25 October 2026	23 – 25 April 2027

Para Academy Criteria

- Have not been on any BEF World Class programmes (P3, P2, P1) in the last 4 years.
- Have not competed at a CPEDI3* in the last 4 years.
- Combinations to submit their best 3 affiliated competition results from 31 July 2025 – 1 August 2026.
- Results should be from a minimum of two different venues and two different judges, with a minimum percentage of 60% gained in both results.
- Results can be gained in any of the para sections/ qualifier tests within the bronze, silver, and gold BD Para format. **Freestyle scores can NOT be used.**
- Results can be gained in a 1 and or 2* CPEDI.
- There is no age limit for applicants.
- Combinations will be selected by the BD Para Technical Committee following references from Development Officers/Regional Para Representatives.
- To ensure accessibility, places will first be allocated to the top one or two applicants per grade, with remaining places awarded to the highest scoring combinations not yet selected. In the event there are no applicants from a specific grade, these places will be awarded to the overall highest scoring combinations and will not be done on a grade specific basis.
- Selected applicants will be contacted by week commencing 15 August 2026 by the BD Para International Officer.

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Terms and Conditions

- Full payment of £350 per 2-day camp will be due 28 days prior to the date of each camp. (This is inclusive of costs for training, stabling and rider catering).
- Cancellations received no less than 14 days prior to a Camp will be refunded minus a 10% admin fee.
- Cancellations made less than 14 days prior to a camp are non-refundable/transferrable unless the place can be filled, in which case a full refund (less a 10% admin fee) may be given.
- Amendments to bookings in the 7 days prior to the event are non-refundable and changes are subject to the organisers' discretion.
- Riders who are accepted onto the programme and subsequently change horses between the point of application and the first camp, for reasons such as injury, may be permitted to attend the camps with the alternative horse following assessment of individual circumstances. Combination changes will be subject to the alternative horse demonstrating an ability to achieve the minimum performance criteria. Decisions will be at the discretion of the BD Para Technical Committee and priority will be given to combinations already achieving minimum performance criteria.
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Please complete and return the application form to natasha.pearce@britishdressage.co.uk (Para International Officer) before midnight on Friday 31 September 2026. There is no guarantee that late applications will be considered.

Postal applications can be sent to the below address

FAO: Para International Officer.

British Dressage, Meriden Business Park, Copse Drive, Meriden, West Midlands CV5 9RG.

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Rider Information:

Please ensure that all contact details are correct, and information supplied is accurate at date of application. Updates may be made to applications following their submission, up to the close of applications on 31 September 2026.

Riders under the age of 18 require parent/guardian permission to apply.

Rider Name:				Membership Number:	
Rider Age:		Rider Grade:		Competition Level:	
Horse Name:					
Horse Age:		Horse Height:		Horse Sex:	
Region:		Telephone: (parent if under 18)			
Email: (parent email if under 18)					
Address:					

Results:

Please list your best three para affiliated competition scores at 60 % or above achieved between 31 July 2025 – 1 August 2026. These must be listed on your BD rider records.

	Result 1	Result 2	Result 3
Score:			
Test:			
Date:			
Judge:			
Venue:			

Please identify below the level at which you and your horse are training:

Level of Training:	
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'Why I would like to be accepted onto the Para Academy' – *briefly detail in no more than 100 words*

Declaration

I understand that by completing this form I commit to attending **both** camps and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Signed: Date:

Parent / Guardian Signature (for under 18's):

..... Date: