

## BD Youth Representative (Wales)

British Dressage (BD) is the National Governing Body for the Olympic and Paralympic sport of dressage in the UK, with over 17,000 members and 15,500 horses competing at 2,500 fixtures every year. We offer competition, training, and participation activity for riders at all levels, from grass roots to elite level. We currently have an exciting opportunity to join our network of volunteers as Youth Representative for the Wales Region, and we are looking for an individual with the knowledge, expertise and passion to help us continue to develop the sport at regional level.

### Role Description

The BD Youth Representative is a member of the Regional Committee which includes a Chairman and representatives for coaching, senior training, judges, para dressage and marketing. The Regional Committee work closely with the Development Officer (DO) to develop, support and promote BD activity throughout their region.

Specifically, the BD Youth Representative works with the Regional Committee and DO to develop and support training opportunities and initiatives for riders under the age of 25 in the region.

He/she will also receive and implement briefs/guidance from the BD Youth Technical Committee and team at head office and will have the opportunity to provide input from their regional perspective back.

### Specific Responsibilities

- Developing high quality training throughout the region in line with the Regional Training Policy and ensure that all activities are fully compliant with BD policy; working with and supported by the DO.
- Implement the Regional Selection Policy in the selection of regional teams.
- Increase awareness of BD Youth to current members and non-members; working with the DO, Regional and Technical Committees.
- Develop accessible coaching for current and prospective BD Youth riders working with the DO, Regional and Technical Committees.
- Attend all Regional Committee meetings.
- Take and implement a brief from the BD Youth Technical Committee to ensure consistency across the region.
- Attend the meetings with the BD Youth Regional Representatives who meet a maximum of twice a year.
- Give input from your regional perspective into the BD Youth Technical Committees.
- Part of the Selection Panel for all BD Youth team events – acting as Chef d'Equipe at these events as required, or appointing a suitable replacement if not available.

### Person Specification

- Based in the region
- Enthusiasm and passion for the development of the sport of dressage to Under 25's
- Time available to attend relevant meetings, role specific training and major BD Youth events
- An ability to communicate with the U25's and their parents / guardian's
- Approachable, positive, enthusiastic, dynamic and energetic at all times
- Knowledge of British Dressage / BD Youth competition and training

- Great team worker – you'll be part of a team in your region and part of the wider volunteer team within BD.
- Computer literacy (and access to a computer) – most communications are by email
- A knowledge of Safeguarding policies and current regulations is helpful
- Will be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service Check via BD and attend a Safeguarding and Protecting Children course

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 plus additional conference calls when required.
- Attendance at identified regional youth events as required.

#### **Term of Office**

- Regional Reps may stand for two terms of four years.

#### **Remuneration**

- The post is voluntary, but expenses to attend meetings will be paid.

#### **Start Date**

- May/June 2026

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