

Executive Summary

BD Youth Technical Committee Meeting

15 September 2026

1. The committee welcomed new members Alanna Clarke, Hannah Biggs and Jane Critchley representing participation, pathways and performance respectively.
2. An update was provided on the recent launch of Flexi Horse Care assessments. The committee agreed to form a working party to review the positioning and logistics of the Horse Care programme to wider membership and senior riders.
3. The committee discussed feedback from the 2026 regional team competitions and the selection policy requirements for 2027 competitions.
4. The role of team coaches at regional team competitions and COI policy for coaches at Youth competitions is to be reviewed and clarified.
5. Plans proposed for the future version of the U25 Championships competition are being drafted, including suggestions from the committee, and preparations are being made for a tender process for suitable venues to host the competition.
6. Following updates to the Foundation Academy delivery format and application criteria, 50 applications were received for 2026, with 44 athletes selected to attend the Academy camps starting in October.
7. Discussion took place around the plans for a new inclusive coach development programme, developing links with riding centres and groups, and providing BD coaches with the knowledge and understanding to support riders from a range of backgrounds.
8. Positive feedback from the Youth Panel's involvement in social activities at the Youth Home Nations was reviewed and the committee agreed to support the Panel's involvement in similar activities in future.
9. An update was provided on the timelines for recruitment of new Youth Panel members, with the current cohort reaching the end of their first term in November 2026.

Date of next meeting – TBC