

BD Youth National Academy Coach Role Description



DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE

The National Academy Coach role is an exciting opportunity to work with and develop BD Youth members on the youth performance pathway.

The National Academy is a Sport England funded development programme run on an annual basis from January to September. Training is delivered in the form of camps and single training days throughout the year, around major competition times. National Academy Coaches will be required to coach on both days of camps held in the first quarter of the year, as well as at any additional training days over summer months.

Coaches may be expected to deliver both individual and shared sessions to selected riders and ridden training will be conducted in approximately 6-8 hours per day. Coaches may be required to monitor rider goals and performance profiling, observe and feedback on test riding, provide feedback on athlete progress and contribute to wider workforce discussions and reviews.

Coaches will also be invited to attend a minimum of 1 meeting per annum at BD headquarters for standardisation purposes.

National Academy coaches will be paid £650 per day, plus travel expenses.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ROLE

Knowledge/Experience

- BD Accredited Coach
- Be a current member of British Dressage – Full (Non-Competing) as a minimum
- Hold and maintain current Safeguarding, DBS and First Aid certificates
- A minimum of 10 years' experience in the sport
- Recent competition results at PSG level or above nationally or internationally
- International competition experience at GP level, as a rider or coach
- Understand the BD Youth Pathway and British Dressage competition structure
- A suitable role model for young professionals and young riders
- Empathetic with young people and enjoy working with young members of all ages

Desirable

- Familiar with IT systems and have access to the internet and computer
- Qualified BD Youth Coach or have completed relevant youth-specific coach development training

Personal Skills / Characteristics

- A thorough knowledge and understanding of affiliated dressage up to GP level
- Strong organisational skills
- Prepared to undertake the necessary administration tasks and responsibilities
- Personable and approachable for young riders, whilst maintaining professionalism
- Passion and enthusiasm for the development of BD Youth members with the ability to inspire others
- Sufficient time available to commit to and undertake all necessary elements of the role

TERMS OF SERVICE

This is an annually renewable role. National Academy coaches will be required to reapply after a term of four years and are subject to maximum of two terms of four consecutive years.