



REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE – NORTH AND WEST

British Dressage (BD) is the National Governing Body for the Olympic and Paralympic sport of dressage in the UK, with over 18,000 members and 16,500 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 Para Representative for the North & West 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 Para Dressage Representative is a member of the Regional Committee which includes a Chairman and representatives for coaching, judges, senior training, marketing and BD Youth. The Regional Committee work closely with the Development Officer (DO) to develop, support and promote BD activity throughout their region.

Specifically, the Para Dressage Representative works with the Regional Committee and Development Officer to support and develop training opportunities in the region for Para Dressage riders. He/she will also receive and implement briefs/guidance from the BD Para Committee and team at head office and will have the opportunity to provide input from their regional perspective.

Specific Responsibilities

- Develop a range of exciting training opportunities for para riders in the region, working closely with the DO.
- Take and implement a brief from the national BD Para Committee to ensure consistency in approach across the regions.
- Support Para Teams representing the region at Home International competitions, acting as Chef d'Equipe where appropriate.
- Represent Para Training on the Regional Committee and share the responsibility for BD's activities in the region with the rest of the Regional Committee.
- Attend all regional committee meetings.
- Give input from your regional perspective into the national BD Para Committee and attend all regional reps meetings.
- Encourage and motivate riders to develop their dressage skills
- Support the DO in ongoing evaluation of all regional training activities, using this to inform future development
- Support the DO to explore possible sponsorship opportunities in the region
- Develop relationships with RDA within the region.

Person Specification

- Knowledge of affiliated para equestrian dressage and experience of dressage training, either as a rider, owner, trainer or supporter
- Great organisational abilities – this is a hands-on role
- Computer literacy (and access to a computer) – most communications are by email
- Approachable, positive, enthusiastic, dynamic and energetic at all times

British Dressage actively promotes diversity and welcomes applications from all parts of the community. British Dressage actively promotes equality, diversity and inclusion and welcomes applications from all of the equestrian 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 in-person Regional Reps meeting will be held annually near the BD Head Office in Coventry, plus additional conference calls when required.
- Attendance at identified major events and key activities within the region as required.

You will be supported directly by the Regional and Volunteer Manager, the Development Officer and the Regional Committee Representatives.

Term of Office

- Regional Reps may stand for two terms of four years. All Regional Representative roles are subject to a 6-month probation period.

Remuneration

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

Start Date

- Immediately on appointment

For further information or an informal discussion about the role, please contact the North & West Development Officer Nikki Birt, via email at nikki.birt@britishdressage.co.uk, or by calling: 07495 013192.