

Executive Summary

BD Youth Technical Committee Meeting

4 February 2025

1. Discussion took place around regional team competitions and retention of BD Youth members over the age of 18 and/or riding at higher levels.
2. The committee agreed not to include the D Squad walk and trot test in the Inter Regional competition format.
3. 12 National Academy athletes have been selected for 2025, with the first camps taking place on the 8/9 March and 12/13 April.
4. Discussion took place around the camp dates and venues for Foundation Academy camps in 2025. Applications for the Foundation Academy will open on 1 May and close on 1 August 2025.
5. An update was provided on the development of the new Learning Hub, including Horse Care and welfare training content.
6. British Dressage have partnered with the Scottish Racing Academy to offer new education opportunities to young equestrians, with the delivery of the BD Equine Groom and Senior Equine Groom Apprenticeships now available to those aged 16 and over living and working in Scotland.
7. An update was provided from the first Youth Panel meeting in November 2024, with discussion on the opportunities for Panel involvement at competitions and in BD Youth development.

Date of next meeting – to be confirmed