

THE BRITISH HORSE DRIVING TRIALS ASSOCIATION

TRAINING OF PROBATIONARY NATIONAL COURSE DESIGNERS

Entry Qualifications

Before being appointed to the probationary list of Course Designers, candidates must:

- i) Have been CD at a minimum of six Club events with a 3 section Marathon.
- ii) Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the Rules and the duties of a CD.

Training

Following appointment to the Probationary CD list, each candidate will be allocated a Mentor, who will be either on the National CD list or a member of the Competitions Committee. The Mentor will assist the Candidate in finding placements and monitor their progress.

Each Candidate must "shadow" a National CD at a minimum of six National Events, preferably within a minimum of a two year period for continuity of experience. "Shadowing" will entail attendance at a minimum of three CD's pre-event visits, attendance at six National Events to assist in the choice and marking of Marathon routes, lettering the Obstacles and setting out the Cones course. (Note:- "popping-in" to the event for a day or two will NOT count towards cumulative training totals).

National TD's may be considered for fast tracking after completing a minimum of 3 National Events. These officials will have already undergone similar training to a CD, therefore this experience enables them to be fast tracked and they may only need to complete a minimum of 3 events as a Probationary CD.

At the sixth or final training event before completing training, all Probationary CD's must assume the decision making roll at a National or Regional Event, with a National CD in a shadow roll at a National Event, or at a Regional Event either a National CD or TD is acceptable. The purpose of this shadow is to ensure that the correct decisions are taken and that the Probationer has now achieved sufficient competence to warrant promotion.

CD's responsible for training Probationers will submit a short report on each one who has accompanied him/her at the end of each event to the Chair of the Competitions Committee, so that progress can be checked and monitored.

At Regional Events where there is not a National CD or TD in attendance, the PoJ will monitor the Probationer and submit the report.

At the end of the training period, the reports will be reviewed by the Competitions Committee and if these are satisfactory, the Probationer will be elevated to the full National list automatically, even if training is completed part way through a season, and his/her availability as an approved CD then notified to event organisers.

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