



Competitions & Board Director Voluntary Board Position

About British Carriage Driving

British Carriage Driving (BCD) is the national governing body for the sport of carriage driving in Great Britain. We support affiliated clubs, national competitors, oversee competitions and championships, promote safety and welfare, and work to develop and sustain the sport at all levels. We are members of British Equestrian, the national federation governing all horse sports in Great Britain.

We have an annual turnover of c£150,000 and balance sheet reserves of c£250,000.

We are seeking a Director and Competitions Lead to join our board and drive forward the competition structure within Great Britain.

Purpose of the Role

The Director & Competitions Lead is a full and active member of the BCD Board (Council) and has specific responsibility for:

- Competition strategy and development
- Council liaison to various committees
- Supporting long-term competition sustainability
- Oversight of the BC National Championships

This is not an administrative role. It is a strategic and practical role focused on developing a consistent and sustainable competitive structure.

Key Responsibilities

1. Board Leadership & Governance

- Act as a full Director of BCD, contributing to strategy, risk management, and decision-making
- Oversee all aspects of competition within Great Britain
- Ensure competitions align with BCD values and reputation

2. Competition Strategy & Planning

- Develop a clear competition calendar avoiding major clashes of dates - including national and club-level events where possible

- Liaise with event organisers to facilitate the running of events
- In depth knowledge of all aspects of the sport – including the Rule Book and all guidance documents
- Liaison with Officials Leads on promotion pathways for probationary officials
- Liaison to Rules Committee in Rule Book development
- Supervision of Points League and National Championship qualifications
- Working knowledge of myClubhouse and scoring systems

Person Specification

Essential

- Experience in competition carriage driving
- Strong communication skills
- Strategic but practical mindset

Time Commitment

- 12 Board meetings per year. - 1 in person AGM and 11 virtual
- Flexible working between board meetings with upwards of 2 extra meetings per month (online)
- Accessibility to assist with queries as required

Why Join Us?

- Play a key leadership role in the national governing body for carriage driving
- Key role in maintaining the competition aspects of the sport
- Join the BCD Council team and make a big difference to our sport

The role is voluntary, with no remuneration and no expenses (unless by prior authorisation of the Chair). Interested candidates can speak to the current Competition Lead, Patti Atkinson or any other members of the BCD Council or Office team for further information.

Applicants should send a covering letter and CV to the Chair, Andrew Counsell, at email@britishcarriagedriving.co.uk

Applications close on 14th July 2026.