

NEDTL TRAINING POLICY (Updated 2023)

1) Statement:

It is the intention of the NEDTL to have a structured Training Policy.

2) General:

It is a NEDTL requirement that all competitors are assessed before they enter any NEDTL competition. This assessment is carried out in accordance with BC Guidelines. The NEDTL Assessment Policy can be found on the website at www.nedtl.co.uk and further information about the BC Assessment procedure can be found at www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk.

Many types of training have been organised in the past and the following table would appear a reasonable balance of what is practicable.

3) Range of Training Provided:

	Type	Description	By NEDTL	By BC	By Specialist
1	Absolute Beginner	Just started, may need individual instruction.	Yes		Yes
2	Novice in first year of competing	Indoor competitions useful introduction, plus indoor training opportunities.	Yes		
3	All levels	To cover Dressage, Obstacles and Cones for drivers and grooms. Training to be organised outdoor and/or indoor.	Yes		Yes
4	Assessments	To be arranged individually at driver's own home or at an outdoor training event.	Yes		Yes
5	Stewards	Time keeping and Obstacle judging. This can be on-site, given by experienced members or at a formal BC Clinic.	Yes	Yes	
6	First Aid	Basic Life-Support recommended.			Yes
7	Dressage judging	For Club Events at a BC Clinic.		Yes	
8	Course Building	BC recommends a refresher course every two years.		Yes	
9	TDs	BC recommends a refresher course every two years.		Yes	
10	Scoring	Use of Computer scoring programme.	Yes		Yes
11	Child Protection	Very specialised.		Yes	Yes
12	Juniors	Via BC Young Drivers Group or NEDTL.	Yes	Yes	
13	Para-equestrians	Specialised.			Yes

The club has a significant resource of experience and members are welcome to contact the Training Co-ordinator to discuss their training needs. For further details of the Club's UKcc coaches, please look on the Website under 'Information – Coaches'. For details of UKcc coaches in other areas of the country, please look on the BC website. For any new or novice driver who so desires, an experienced, Open level driver can be appointed as a mentor, to be available for help and assistance as required. Please contact Jane Wilson to organise this.

4) Training Facilities:

Training is occasionally arranged to tie in with outdoor events. Where indoor training space is available, opportunities are provided to all categories of driver.

5) Contacts:

Assessments - Pat Cooper
(and Para-equestrians)

Driver training - Jane Wilson, Training Co-ordinator.

BC/External Courses (Judges, Course Builders, TDs etc) - Sue Oddie

6) Costs

The Club Policy is to run all training activities at cost and where possible to seek funding from outside sources to minimise these costs. The Club ethos is that training does not need to make a profit, but should not run at a loss. It is of course recognised that any driver is able to arrange their own training and we wholeheartedly support this.