



The Role of Regional Representatives at Tournaments

Tournament Organisers, Head Judges, Divisional Judges.

Your Regional Reps would like to extend a helping hand at competitions to ensure we are continually raising the standards of the BFA and promoting positive learning experiences for all our members.

When you have a Regional Rep at your show, you can be comfortable knowing that there are extra ears to listen to and answer questions. Extra eyes to ensure ring party duties are being undertaken properly. Extra hands, to assist and guide people who would like some mentoring in their ring party duties.

To do that, we ask that we have your support and backup in order to protect our volunteers from any negative responses when we try to do our job. If we spot a problem, or a mistake by the ring party while we are watching from outside the ring, we will sensitively approach the divisional judge after the heat has finished to make them aware of what was noticed and offer support for the member of the ring party if required.

If we feel that there is a problem which hasn't been noticed by the judge and needs to be addressed immediately due to the health and safety of the dogs or handlers, we will inform the Divisional Judge.

Ultimately, consistency in the ring party duties is one of the key targets for Regional Reps and we require your support to enable us to achieve this.

To ensure all members know who their Regional Reps are, and what we are here for, we have also attached a flyer that we ask to be visible to the membership at your tournament.

Feel free to let the membership know that we are in attendance, and as long as we are not pre-occupied with racing our own dogs, we will endeavour to provide guidance and support wherever needed.

We hope, by being in attendance at your tournament, we can minimise the questions you are asked as we know that you have so much to do to ensure the smooth running of the day/weekend.

Kind Regards,

BFA Regional Representatives

Regionalreps@bfa.email

V1 February 2025

Regional Representatives 2025 by geographical area

REGION	REPS
Eastern Scotland	Jayne Hodge
North East	Nadiyah Storey
North West	Paul Astbury, Hannah Hay
Yorkshire & Humberside	Lucy Hughes, Jill Longbottom
East Midlands	Kevin Sutton
Midlands	Glen Cole, Nicola Cole
Wales	Katie Walker
Anglia & Cambridgeshire	Becky Pont
South East	Karen Bell, Poppy Blake
South West	Kira Blake, Lenni Emmott

To enable members to identify the Regional Reps at your tournament please click on the links below to access a poster to be displayed at your tournament.

[north reg reps poster.pdf](#)

[midlands reg reps poster.pdf](#)

[south reg reps poster.pdf](#)