



British Eventing Equine Influenza Vaccinations Update

In light of the current situation caused by the recent outbreak of Equine Influenza, the British Eventing Sport Committee has decided to make some changes to the vaccination rules (effective from the start of the season 1st March).

Please see below the rules regarding influenza vaccinations and spread of disease with any changes marked in red. The new rules will be effective immediately and will be reviewed as necessary. This has been published widely to members and they have been told to be prepared to have their horse's passports and vaccinations checked.

10.1 Passports

A valid passport and vaccination record

- Must accompany the Horse to all Events,
- Must be available for inspection on collection of numbers,
- Must be produced on request at any other time during the Event.
- Failure to comply with these requirements is a breach of this Rule and the Horse will **only not** be allowed to compete **at the BE Steward's discretion**.

10.2 Vaccinations – National Competitions

10.2.1 No Horse may take part in a BE National Event (which includes entering competition stables) **unless it has a current vaccination against equine influenza which complies with the following conditions:**

- Two injections for primary vaccination, not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days apart, are required before being eligible to compete;
- A first booster injection must be given within seven months after the second injection of primary vaccination;
- Subsequent booster injections must be given at intervals of not more than one year, commencing after the first booster injection;
- **The most recent booster injection must have been given within the six calendar months prior to the horse arriving at the competition.**

10.2.3 The Record of Vaccination(s) in the Horse's passport must be completed by the appropriate veterinary surgeon (who is neither the Owner nor the Competitor of the Horse) in which the record of injection(s) is completed, signed and stamped line by line.

10.2.4 No relevant injection may have been given on the day of competition.

10.5 Horses; Soundness; Infection; Tubing; De-Sensitising

10.5.1 All horses must be sound.

10.5.2 All horses must be free from clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease. Where appropriate, in the case of Equine Influenza, strangles or neurological EHV1 outbreaks, BE, acting throughout in reliance on veterinary advice, may prevent potentially exposed horses from competing at any BE Event. Members are strongly advised to follow the Horserace Levy Board (HBLB) Codes of Practice on Equine Diseases (www.hblb.org.uk/codes.htm) with particular regard to controlling the spread of disease.