

Flu vaccination rules for competing at Area and National Championships

PLEASE READ THE FLU VAC RULES SHOWN BELOW AND MAKE SURE YOUR HORSE'S CERTIFICATE COMPLIES WITH THE RULES IN EVERY RESPECT.

BRC equine influenza rules are based on the British Horseracing Authority Rules (BHA formerly The Jockey Club Rules).

A flu calculator can be found within the BRC Handbook at Appendix 13. <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook>

Susie / Lynn will check all certificates submitted but please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure your horse has a valid certificate that fully complies with the BHA Rules in all respects.

The certificate will have to be presented at all BRC Official Competitions.

Equine Influenza - Valid Certificates – Vaccination procedures

*Each horse must have a valid vaccination certificate, which undeniably relates to that horse, completed, **signed and stamped** on each relevant line by a veterinary surgeon, who is not the owner of the animal. It must state that the horse has received the appropriate course of injections against Equine Influenza as follows:*

Primary Vaccination: *Two injections, the 2nd between 21 days and 92 days after the 1st.*

First Booster: *An injection between 150 days and 215 days after 2nd primary injection.*

Annual Booster *An injection not more than 1 year after the preceding injection.*

Only the first two injections need to have been given for the horse to compete.

*None of the vaccinations may be given within the **preceding 7 days**, including the day of the competition or entry into competition stables.*

Annual Boosters may be given on the same date each year, but this is not recommended.

Note: Where Passports are used as the flu' vaccination record, the horse description must be verified by a vet or authorised member of a breed society.

If the passport does not contain the full vaccination history then, to comply with rule above, the flu vaccination certificate must also accompany the pony/horse to all BRC Qualifiers and Championships.

Checking of certificates at BRC competitions is very stringent and the BRC Handbook says the following:

Full vaccination histories and drawings will be checked at all Area Qualifiers and at all Championships before the pony or horse is allowed to compete, and anyone with an invalid certificate will not be permitted to compete. Any pony/horse that is in a team competition that is disqualified at an Area Qualifier cannot be replaced, the team will have to continue as a team of three, or if already a team of three, will have to compete as individuals only, if there is an individual competition.

Any pony/horse disqualified at an Area Qualifier under this rule will be reported to the BRC Office. If that team qualifies for a Championship then the disqualified pony/horse cannot be replaced with a reserve for that Championship and the team must remain a team of three.

It is worth remembering

There is now a legal requirement for a valid passport to accompany the horse when travelling to any competition.