

## **G7 EQUINE INFLUENZA – PLEASE READ - IMPORTANT**

### **G7.1 Valid Certificates – Vaccination Procedure**

Each horse must have a valid vaccination certificate, which undeniably relates to that horse, completed, signed and stamped on each line by a veterinary surgeon, who is not the owner of the animal. It must state that the horse has received two injections for primary vaccination against Equine Influenza given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. (Only these first two injections need to have been given before the horse may compete). In addition a first booster injection must be given no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second injection of the primary vaccination. Subsequently, booster injections must be given at intervals of not more than 1 year apart, commencing after the first booster injection. None of these injections must have been given within the proceeding 7 days, including the day of the competition or entry into the competition stables. **Annual vaccinations may be given on the same date each year, but this is not recommended.**

### **G7.2 Producing Vaccination Certificates On Demand**

The vaccination certificate must, under penalty of elimination, accompany the horse to all official competitions (See Rule G1.1) and the competitor is responsible for producing it on demand. See also Rule G7.5 below.

### **G7.3 Horses Foaled Before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1980**

Horses foaled before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1980 need not have had the first booster injection (no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second injection of the primary vaccination) – but must have had annual boosters (given within twelve months) thereafter. Horses of all ages should, however, have been given a First Booster if they started or re-started their injections on or after 01 January 1991.

### **G7.4 Allergic Horses & Homeopathic Vaccinations**

Horses, which for any reason are unable to be vaccinated against Equine Influenza, will not be given any dispensation to compete. Homeopathic vaccinations are not acceptable.

### **G7.5 Checking Of Certificates**

**All flu vaccination certificates will be checked at Area Qualifiers and at the Championships before the horse is allowed to compete, and anyone with an invalid certificate may not be permitted to compete. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that their horse has been correctly vaccinated, that the certificate clearly shows this and that it complies with the rules in all respect.** In particular, the horse must be entered under the name shown on the certificate. If this is the stable name, it must be clearly shown on the certificate and endorsed by a veterinary surgeon. **At the Championships, riders whose horses have to be placed into isolation stables as a result of a defective vaccination certificate are liable to be invoiced for the extra cost of the stable.**

**Every effort will be made to ensure that checking at Area Qualifiers is carried out correctly. BRC accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any losses suffered, whether directly or indirectly, due to incorrect checking of vaccination certificates at any BRC Area Qualifier or Championship. It is the sole responsibility of the member to ensure that their certificate is valid and it should not be assumed that because a vaccination certificate has been accepted at one competition in good faith, it will also be accepted at another competition or championship.**