

G: General Rules – Extract from 2011 BRC Rule Book

G7: EQUINE INFLUENZA

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

G7.1: Vaccinations against Equine Influenza

This Rule applies in respect of any horse or pony which competes in a BRC Area Qualifier or Championship and for Royal Windsor competitions, round 2 onwards.

The horse or pony must have been vaccinated against equine influenza by a veterinary surgeon who is not the owner of the animal, in accordance with the rules set out in this rulebook.

The horse must have received two primary vaccinations which are given not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days apart.

If sufficient time has elapsed, the horse must also have received:

- *a first booster vaccination which is given not less than 150 days and not more than 215 days after the second component of the primary vaccination, and*
- *further booster vaccinations at intervals of not more than a year apart*

None of the vaccinations must have been given on the day of a competition or entry to championship stables if earlier, or on any of the 6 days before the competition or entry to championship stables.

In the event of failure to comply with any of the requirements of this Rule, the horse or pony will not be permitted to take part in any competition to which these rules apply.

G7.2: CHECKING OF PASSPORTS AND EQUINE INFLUENZA RECORDS

For the purposes of determining whether the requirements of these rules have been met, the following documents must be available for inspection in respect of a horse or pony which is taking part in a BRC Area Qualifier or Championship:

- *any passport issued for the horse, or*
- *the full vaccination records for the horse if this is not contained in the passport.*

The identification of the horse or pony must be checked against that contained in the passport. This may be done from the diagram and description of the animal or by microchip.

The vaccination section of the horse's passport must have been completed by a veterinary Surgeon who is not the owner of the horse or pony.

The dates on which the vaccinations were given must comply with the requirements stated in the BRC Rulebook if the vaccination programme was started on or after January 2006. For programmes started before this date, all vaccinations given after 1 January 2006 must comply with the requirements as stated in the BRC rulebook, but errors in the programme relating to the first or annual boosters given before 1 January 2006 may be ignored provide that the two primary vaccinations have been given within the correct time span.

Any alterations to any entries on the vaccination record must have been made, signed and stamped by a veterinary surgeon.

G7.3: Disqualification

Any horse or pony failing the requirements described in these rules will not be permitted to compete.

Any pony/horse that is in a team competition and has been 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 which is disqualified at an Area Qualifier under this rule will be reported to BRC. If that horse is part of a team that has qualified 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.

No refund will be awarded for any disqualified horse/pony

Every effort will be made to ensure that the 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 at any BRC Area Qualifier or Championships. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to ensure that their certificate is valid and it should not be assumed that because a certificate has been accepted at one competition in good faith it would also be accepted at another competition.

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G7.4: FLU VACCINATION CHECKLIST

A copy of the flu vaccination checklist is at Appendix 23 and should be used as follows:

- ***Take the date of the first injection and look this up in column headed INJECTION DATE***
- ***Compare the dates shown in 21 DAYS and 92 DAYS columns with the date in the flu vac record for the 2nd injection, if the date is within the range it is fine, if not it is an invalid record***
- ***Take the date of the second injection and look this up in the column headed INJECTION DATE***
- ***Compare the dates shown in 150 DAYS and 215 DAYS columns with the date in the flu vac record for the 3rd injection, if the date is within the range it is fine, if not it is an invalid record (only if first injection commenced after 1 January 2006)***

G7.5: Dual Names

The name shown on the certificate/passport must be the one that is used on all official competition entry forms. If a stable name is also shown on the certificate this must be signed and stamped by a veterinary surgeon.

G7.6: Allergic ponies/horses & Homeopathic vaccinations

Ponies or horses that, for any reason, are unable to be vaccinated against equine influenza will not be given any dispensation to compete. Homeopathic vaccinations are not acceptable.