

EQUINE INFLUENZA RULE

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 preceding 7 days, including the day of the competition or entry into the competition stables.

2. Producing Vaccination Certificates on Demand

The vaccination certificates must, under penalty of elimination, accompany the horse to all official national competitions and the competitor is responsible for producing it on demand.

3. Horses foaled before 1st January 1980

Horses foaled before 1st 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 12 months) thereafter.

4. Minor Discrepancies in Certificates

A minor discrepancy in the record of injections which, in the opinion of a veterinary surgeon, constitutes no health hazard, may be overlooked and the horse permitted to compete but the circumstances must be noted on the horse's vaccination certificate. The horse must then be re-vaccinated in accordance with the current regulations and the horse's vaccination certificate correctly amended before it may compete again.

5. Allergic Horses and 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.