



BIOSECURITY POLICY – FEBRUARY 2019

In light of recent advice from the BEF, we will be implementing the following rules for ALL equines coming to the showground. We will be spot checking competitors on arrival. If you are found to be in breach of any of these rules, there will be serious consequences.

1. All horse and ponies must have **Up-To-Date 'Flu Vaccination** and owners must bring their **passports** to prove this. This policy is in line with the rules of British Showjumping, British Dressage, British Eventing, British Carriagedriving, MGAGB and British Riding Clubs. See below for detailed information.

DO NOT TRAVEL AN EQUINE IF A VACCINATION HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED IN THE PAST 7 DAYS

2. We expect all equines to have had their **Temperature Taken Before Leaving Home**. If the temperature is over 38.5 degrees, the animal should not travel to the event.
3. Also, a **Visual Inspection for the other Symptoms of Equine Influenza** should be made before travelling a horse or pony to one of our events. Other symptoms include the following:
 - Cough;
 - Nasal Discharge;
 - Enlarged Glands (under the lower jaw);
 - Conjunctivitis;
 - Depression;
 - Loss of Appetite;
 - Filling of the Lower Limbs.

We would also advise owners to be particularly vigilant if a new horse or pony has come onto their yard, especially those that have been recently imported.

FURTHER INFORMATION

1. Detailed Vaccination requirements:
 - An initial course of 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 between 150 and 215 days after the second injection of primary vaccination;
 - Subsequent booster injections must be given at intervals of not more than one calendar year, commencing after the first booster injection. However, we would strongly recommend against attending an event more than six calendar months after the booster injection.
 - The full course or booster must have been administered at least seven days before the competition.
2. BEF Biosecurity Advice Page: <https://bef.co.uk/Detail.aspx?page=Horse-Health-Biosecurity>

