



## Endurance GB Equine Influenza Policy

In consultation with the Animal Health Trust and the British Equestrian Federation, Endurance GB have drawn up the following policy with regard to flu vaccination and vaccination records. ***This policy remains in place during the current Equine Influenza outbreak but may be subject to change as this is an ever changing issue.***

The equine's flu vaccination records **must be uploaded with the event entry, emailed to the event organiser, or, in the case of paper entry, forwarded to the Endurance GB event organiser with the event entry.** This applies to national or social rides, training events, etc., where equines are present. **Please note that the vaccination record and identification pages of the passport must be forwarded.**

Equines must undergo a primary course where the first and second vaccinations are no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. **For equines attending Endurance GB events, the vaccination following the second vaccination of the primary course must be carried out within 7 months;** the BEF strongly recommend the window for vaccination being between 150 and 215 days after the primary course. Equines who have undergone the initial 2 vaccinations in the primary course are permitted to take part in the event.

### Vaccination 1

Vaccination 2                    21-92 days after vaccination 1

Vaccination 3                    within 7 months of vaccination 2 (150 to 215 days after vaccination 2 preferred)

Vaccination 4 onwards    within 12 months of the previous vaccination

The vaccination records will be checked for the 4 calendar years preceding the event date.

**3. Equines may not take part in an event until 7 days have elapsed after any vaccination.**

4. The equine's passport must be with the driver of the vehicle on entry to a venue ready for examination and must be taken to the secretary on registration at the event.

**5. Venues may have individual protocols for vaccination and checking, and may put additional criteria in place. These will be detailed in the event information and must also be complied with.**

**6. In cases where equines are unable to be vaccinated for veterinary reasons, these will be referred to the Endurance GB Welfare committee for consultation and advice.**

7. Owners of equines who also compete in competitions overseen by other organisations (ie SERC, the FEI, the Jockey Club, British Riding Clubs, the Pony Club, other disciplines, breed societies, etc) should check that their equine's vaccination records also comply with the criteria set out by those organisations as they may have different requirements.