

## The Pony Club Equine Influenza VACCINATION RULE 2022

The Pony Club Equine Influenza Rule is aligned with the British Equestrian (BEF) policy alongside other member bodies including British Dressage, British Eventing and British Showjumping.

*Events that are held at some venues may be subject to additional rules. e.g. any horse / pony entering a licensed racecourse property must comply with the vaccination requirements as set by the British Horseracing Authority. Similar restrictions apply in the cases of Polo venues.*

To protect the health of other competing horses and the biosecurity of the venue, the following rules will apply to all Pony Club Competitions:

### 1. Passports

A valid passport and vaccination record:

- must accompany the horse / pony to all events
- must be available for inspection by the event officials
- must be produced on request at any other time during the event

2. No horse / pony may compete (or be present at the event as a companion) unless it has a Record of Vaccination against equine influenza completed by the veterinary surgeon who gave the vaccination, signed and stamped line by line, which complies with the Minimum Vaccination Requirements.

### 3. Equine Influenza Vaccination Schedule:

- An initial primary course of two vaccinations must be given: the second vaccination must be administered within **21-60 days** of the first vaccination.
- Horses may attend gatherings 7 days after receiving the second vaccination of the primary course. (for clarity: no horse or pony may compete on the same day as a relevant injection is given or on any of the 6 days following such an injection)
- The first booster must be administered within **6 calendar months** following the date of the administration of the second vaccination of the primary course.

- Booster vaccinations must be administered at **a maximum of 12 months intervals** however horses competing at Area level and above, including Grassroots Regional Championships and the final of the Spring Festival competitions, must have received a booster **within the 6 months +21 days** (but not within the 7 days) before arrival at the competition.
- Horses that received the primary course prior to **1 January 2022** should be permitted to have an interval of up to 92 days between the first and second vaccination of the primary course and for the first booster an interval of up to 7 months following the date of the administration of the second vaccination of the primary course.
- Horses that received the primary course prior to 1 January 2005 are not required to fulfil the requirement for the first booster, providing there has not been an interval of more than 12 months between each of their subsequent booster vaccinations.