

## AMENDMENTS TO THE VACCINATIONS CODE

### Equine Influenza vaccination requirements

From 01 January 2022, the primary course and booster interval schedule for Equine Influenza vaccinations will be amended as follows:

	CURRENT INTERVAL	INTERVAL FROM 1 JANUARY 2022
<b>V1</b>		
<b>V2</b>	21 – 92 days	21 – 60 days
<b>V3</b>	150 – 215 days	120 – 180 days
<b>BOOSTER</b>	Not more than 1 year apart	Not more than 6 months apart

The European Horserace Scientific Liaison Committee (EHSLC) Board approved the above changes to vaccination protocols in October 2019, following consideration of advice from experts in equine infectious disease.

As communicated by the BHA in November 2019, it was initially proposed that the harmonisation changes come into effect from January 2021, subject to consultation with participants in each racing jurisdiction, which was subsequently delayed by the BHA due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The harmonised EHSLC primary course and six-monthly booster intervals will be published in the Rules of Racing from **01 January 2022**, with the BHA and Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB) taking a coordinated approach to implementation (please see below details of implementation and transition from current intervals to new).

Please note that the new primary course and booster intervals were implemented in both France and Germany on 05 May 2021, so horses entered to race in these jurisdictions must be compliant with the new requirements.

### **Primary course intervals**

- Primary course intervals are only required for horses that have not yet been administered a primary course or are required to re-start a new primary course.
- Horses that have a compliant primary course and compliant subsequent boosters up to and including 31 December 2021 **do not** have to re-start the vaccination process.
- Any horse starting a new primary course up to and including 31 December should continue with the current intervals, even if V2 and V3 are administered in 2022.
- Any horse starting a primary course from 01 January 2022 must comply with the new intervals.

### **Six-monthly boosters**

- Boosters should be administered no more than six months apart, according to calendar months rather than a fixed number of days. For example, a horse that is fully vaccinated on 01 January would require a booster on or before 01 July.
- We ask that trainers seek to move to the new vaccination schedule as soon as practicable. However, to help trainers implement the changes with minimal disruption to training, horses should be fully compliant with the new requirements by 01 January 2023.
- This means that before 01 January 2023, race entry will not be refused on the ground of having not yet commenced six-monthly boosters.
- As of 01 January 2023, an Entry for a Race, or a Confirmation of Entry in respect of Early Closers, will not be accepted for any horse unless it has a correct vaccination record.
- To be clear: all horses must have a compliant vaccination record by 01 January 2023 (i.e.) all horses must have been administered a booster within six months of 01 January 2023.
  - Horses which are due an annual booster between 01 January 2022 – 30 June 2022 will require a booster vaccination between 01 July 2022 – 31 December 2022 in order to be compliant by 01 January 2023.
  - Horses which are due an annual booster between 01 July 2022 – 31 December 2022 will be compliant by 01 January 2023.
  - **NB** horses which are vaccinated on 01 July 2022 will be due their next booster on or before 01 January 2023.
- As under the existing Rules, there is no minimum interval for boosters.
- Horses which do not have a compliant vaccination record as of 01 January 2023 will be required to re-start. Horses which have an interval of over six months between boosters will be required to re-start.

### **EHV Vaccinations**

There is **no requirement** for the administration of EHV Vaccinations under the BHA Rules of Racing. This is reviewed on a regular basis by the BHA Veterinary Committee.

### **Questions**

In the first instance, please email [equine@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:equine@britishhorseracing.com) for all questions relating to vaccinations. For urgent questions, please call the Equine Health and Welfare Department on 020 7152 0090.

## **REWORDING OF RUNNING REQUIREMENTS CODE (PARAGRAPHS 6 & 7)**

### **Health requirements – Equine Influenza (Paragraph 6)**

A rewording of the existing Rule to clarify that a horse must be vaccinated in accordance with the Vaccinations Code.

The Rules already prevent any horse that is not correctly vaccinated from entering the racecourse stables, so this change is for consistency only.

Maintain rider declarations at 60 minutes prior to the race (as opposed to 45 minutes pre-COVID).

**Applications for authorisations and fixtures for meetings – Regulation 62**

Amend to 1 July the deadline by which applications for authorisations and fixtures for meetings must be made to the Point-to-Point Authority Office, and adjust to £300 (including VAT) the accompanying application fee.

**Horse eligibility**

**Regulation 32 (iii).** Adjust the deadline for registering Hunter Certificates to 12pm on the Thursday before Entries Open, rather than Friday.

**Regulation 34.** Prevent a horse that started the season running in a Point-to-Point and subsequently ran under rules from returning to Point-to-Point in the same season.

**Regulation 34 (iii) and (iv).** Extend for another year the trial of the 28-day rule for movement from Under Rules to pointing.

**Judge – Regulations 25 (i) – (iii)**

Permit the Judge to correct their raceday decision within five days of the race (subject to BHA confirmation) and enable the BHA to correct the decision within 14 days of the race, in line with the position under Rules.

*For more information on the Point-to-Point regulations, please see the Guides and Downloads section at <https://www.pointtopoint.co.uk/>.*