

Equine Influenza – summary of requirements for trainers

1. Introduction

Firstly, may we start by conveying huge thanks to trainers and their teams for your outstanding response in ensuring biosecurity requirements communicated to date following the resumption of racing.

The situation remains exceptionally fluid, but we have hope this summary document provides clarity regarding the various protocols that we have put in place so far.

2. Raceday Runners

2.1. All runners at the racecourse during this time, and until further notice, require the below information on arrival:

- a) **Compliant EI vaccines within SIX calendar months** of the race date, recorded in the horse's passport, as required by the Rules and signed by a veterinary surgeon.
- b) **Equine Influenza Health Declaration Form (EIDF)** attached at [annex 1](#), which details the horse's temperature on the morning of arrival to the racecourse.

In addition to 2.1 (a) and (b), trainers of runners from outside Great Britain are also required to provide the following:

- c) In addition to 2.1 (a) and (b), a **PCR Form** is required for all runners from outside Great Britain, confirming a negative result for Equine Influenza from a nasopharyngeal swab (PCR), taken during the 72 hours prior to the horse's entry into the racecourse stables. All documentation should be emailed to equine@britishhorseracing.com AND presented again in person when the horse arrives at the racecourse.

2.2. BHA Veterinary Officers (VOs) and Equine Welfare Integrity Officers (EWIOs) will ensure all documentation is in place and within parameters before permission will be given to unload the horse onto racecourse premises.

2.3. In a situation whereby a trainer has more than one horse on horse transport and,

- 2.3.1. One horse arrives with a high temperature, or signs of EI - ALL horses on the transport will not be allowed entry onto the racecourse.
- 2.3.2. One horse arrives without a PCR form - this horse will NOT be permitted entry on to the racecourse. However, any other horses on the same transport with complete documentation within the required parameters will be permitted entry, provided the VO is satisfied that none are showing signs of EI.
- 2.3.3. One horse arrives with insufficient vaccination requirements - this horse will NOT be permitted entry on to the racecourse. However, any other horses on the same transport with complete documentation within the required parameters will be permitted entry, provided the VO is satisfied that none are showing signs of EI.

It is the responsibility of the trainer to ensure a horse (i) arrives healthy within parameters, (ii) arrives with all current documentation completed and (iii) is transported off the premises if it is non-compliant.

- 2.4. Please note that racecourses have been reminded that they are subject to BHAGI 7.2 3. (b), in relation to cleaning requirements for racecourse stables. Level 1 cleans are sufficient for compliant GB runners, Level 2 for non-GB horses.

3. Overnights and travel companions

- 3.1. For horses arriving the night before a race fixture, or arriving more than FOUR hours prior to the FIRST race, the trainer is required to submit 2.1 (a) copy of passport front page including horse name and ID/microchip number along with vaccination pages, (b), and (c), for non-GB horses, prior to arrival via overnights@britishhorseracing.com
- 3.2. The Clerk of the Course (COTC) is required to provide the duty Veterinary Officer at the race fixture with details of all overnights as soon as bookings are received (by 1pm prior to the raceday Rule (c) 42).
- 3.3. Only once this documentation has been checked and approved by the VO on duty will the horse(s) be permitted entry to the racecourse stables. Point 2.3 scenario applies to all overnights and early arrivals.
- 3.4. Travel companions must only come from licenced yards and must be compliant with 2. (a), (b), and (c) for non-GB horses. Point 2.3 scenarios apply to all travel companions. Procedure for overnights and early arrivals applies if arriving day before racing.
- 3.5. Racecourses are also required to comply with cleaning requirements for overnight stabling, as per point 2.4 above

4. Gallopers

- 4.1. Gallopers are permitted (from 'cleared' yards) on British racecourses from Monday 18 February 2019. At this time, and until further notice, racecourses are required to inform the BHA of all racecourse gallops.
- 4.2. As per raceday runners/overnights, all horses must comply with 2.1 (a), (b) (and also (c) for horses from outside Great Britain). The COTC is responsible for receiving gallop bookings, obtaining the appropriate documentation from trainers of all gallopers, and for notifying the BHA.
- 4.3. Only once approval is received from the BHA Equine Health and Welfare department and the EIDF form (2.1 (b)) has been checked on arrival to the racecourse by the COTC, may the horse(s) be permitted entry to the racecourse/unloaded from transport to perform a gallop. Point 2.3 scenarios applies to gallopers.
- 4.4. Racecourses are also required to comply with cleaning requirements for gallopers, as per point 2.4 above (Level 1). For gallopers, Level 2 cleaning is required.

5. Hunter Chasers

- 5.1. Hunter Chase runners from licensed yards are required to have the paperwork detailed in points 2.1 (a) and (b). Any non-GB horses AND GB horses from non-licensed yard, also require 2.1 (c) submitted 72 hours prior to arrival on course. These should be submitted in accordance with sections 2 (Raceday Runners) or 3 (Overnights) as appropriate.

- 5.2. The COTC is required to ensure adequate segregation of these runners in the racecourse stables, due to the difficulty in tracking these horses' location history. Hunter Chasers from licensed GB yards do not require segregation. Point 2.3 scenarios apply to Hunter Chasers.
- 5.3. Please note that all stables occupied by Hunter Chase runners are subject to Level 2 cleans as detailed in BHAGI 7.2 (3) post event, with the exception of those from licensed trainers' yards.

6. Sales Horses

- 6.1. Racecourses operating horse sales have been informed that all horses arriving on site must comply with 2. (a), (b) and (c) regardless of origin, but with a negative PCR taken within 96 hours of the horse's arrival at the venue. This applies to GB and non-GB horses.
- 6.2. Please note that all stables occupied by sales horses are subject to Level 2 cleans as detailed in BHAGI 7.2 (3) post event.

7. Horses at Equine Events (e.g. Hunt Horses, Parade Horses, Shetland Ponies, Police Horses, Shire Horses, RoR and RDA etc)

- 7.1. All equine events as detailed in BHAGI 3.1 are not permitted until further notice, apart from RoR parades taking place at Cheltenham and Aintree Festivals 2019.
- 7.2. These parade horses are subject to requirements laid out in 2. (a), (b) and (c) regardless of origin, i.e. GB and non-GB horses. Direct liaison with COTCs will take place prior to the event as to operational requirements.

8. Pony Racing

- 8.1. PRA events do not take place on British licenced racecourses until 20 April 2019. We have informed the PRA of the requirements for their herd, i.e. vaccination within SIX calendar months of race date, restricted movement unless necessary and controls are in place at point-to-point tracks.
- 8.2. Pony Club races will be permitted on racecourses but not on racedays. Pony Club ponies will not be permitted to enter any racecourse stables and, as per raceday runners, all ponies must comply with 2.1 (a), (b).

ANNEX 1

Health Declaration Form
Equine Influenza

Name of horse: _____

Trainer: _____

Date temperature taken: _____

Time temperature taken: _____

Temperature

This horse's temperature was taken before it travelled to the races. It's temperature was recorded as: _____ C

Declaration

This form is to certify that I, the Responsible Person for this horse, declares that the horse has not shown any clinical symptoms of Equine Influenza within the previous 14 days. I acknowledge that I need to present this form, together with the horse's passport, to the BHA equine welfare staff at the racecourse stable office.

The horse's passport will be checked to ensure that the horse has been vaccinated within the past six calendar months of the race/event date.

Responsible Person Name: _____

Signature: _____

*****NB. This form must be provided to the racecourse stable office IN ADVANCE of the animal being unloaded from its transport.*****