

in two individual championship classes (warm up classes and pairs not included). Competitors who qualify the same horse in three championship classes will be required to choose which championship classes they will contest at the Championship. This must be declared to the Official Steward at the qualifier.

#### **G6.4: Mares in Foal**

Mares in foal may not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with a foal at foot.

#### **G7: EQUINE INFLUENZA**

##### **G7.1: Vaccinations against Equine Influenza**

This rule applies in respect of any horse or pony which competes in a BRC Area Qualifier and Championship.

The horse or pony must have been vaccinated against equine influenza by a veterinary surgeon who is not the owner of the animal, in accordance with the following rules:

The horse or pony must have received a primary injection followed by:

- a second primary injection which is given not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days after the first
- a first booster injection which is given not less than 150 days and not more than 215 days after the second primary injection
- further annual booster injections at intervals of not more than a year apart.

If the current vaccination programme started AFTER 1 January **2013**:

- the first two primary injections must be correct i.e. the second given between 21 and 92 days after the first
- the first booster must be given between 150 and 215 days after the second primary injection
- all annual boosters must be correct.

However, any errors with first booster (which should be given 150 – 215 days after the second primary injection) or annual booster given BEFORE 1 January **2013** may be ignored provided that:

- the first two primary injections are correct i.e. the second given between 21 and 92 days after the first
- all annual boosters given AFTER 1 January **2013** are correct.

Leap years will be ignored for an annual booster, but for the two primary injections and first booster injection, the days must be counted and therefore a leap year would interfere with the correct number of days between injections.

Horses may compete at BRC Competitions providing that they have had the first two primary injections. No injection should have been given on any of the 6 days before a competition or entry to championship stables.

In the event of failure to comply with any of the requirements of this rule, the horse or pony will be disqualified and not permitted to take part in any competition to which these rules apply.

##### **G7.2 Checking of Passports and Equine Influenza Records**

Horses must be presented in a bridle to the flu vac checker at Championships and where applicable Area Qualifiers. For the purposes of determining whether the requirements of

these rules have been met, the following documents must be available for inspection in respect of a horse or pony which is taking part in a BRC Area Qualifier or Championship.

- any passport issued for the horse and
- the full vaccination records for the horse if this is not contained in the passport

The identification of the horse or pony must be checked against that contained in the passport or on the flu vaccination record. This may be done from the diagram and description of the animal or by microchip providing that the microchip number has been recorded in the passport or flu vaccination record.

The vaccination section of the horse's passport must have been completed by a Veterinary Surgeon who is not the owner of the horse or pony.

The dates on which the vaccinations were given must comply with the requirements as stated in G7.1.

Any alterations to any entries on the vaccination record must have been made, signed and stamped by a veterinary surgeon.

### **G7.3 Disqualification**

Any horse or pony failing the requirements described in these rules will not be permitted to compete.

Any pony/horse that is in a team competition and has been disqualified at an Area Qualifier will be reported to the BRC Office and cannot be replaced with a reserve; the team will have to continue as a team of three, or if already a team of three, will have to compete as individuals only, if there is an individual competition.

No refund of entries or stable fees will be awarded for any disqualified horse/pony.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the checking at area qualifiers is carried out correctly. BRC accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any losses suffered, whether directly or indirectly, due to incorrect checking at any BRC Area Qualifier or Championships. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to ensure that their certificate is valid and it should not be assumed that because a certificate has been accepted at one competition in good faith it would be accepted at another competition.

### **G7.4: Flu Vaccination Checklist**

A copy of the flu vaccination checklist is in CR Appendix 13 and should be used as follows:

- take the date of the first injection and look this up in the column headed INJECTION DATE
- compare the dates in 21 DAYS and 92 DAYS columns with the date in the flu vac record for second injection, if the date is within range it is fine, if not it is an invalid record
- take the date of the second injection and look this up in the column headed INJECTION DATE again
- compare the dates in 150 DAYS and 215 DAYS columns with the date in the flu vac record for third injection (first booster), if the date is within range it is fine, if not it is an invalid record (unless the two primary injections were before 1 January **2013**)
- leap years are not recorded in the checklist, so you may need to adjust the date to take the extra day into account.

### **G7.5: Names on Passports**

The name shown on the passport/flu vaccination record must be the one that is used on all official competition entry forms. If a stable name is also shown on the passport/flu vaccination record this must be signed and stamped by a veterinary surgeon. ***If a horse is unnamed in the passport, any name may be used, but either a microchip must be present or the markings page correctly filled out for the purposes of identification.***

### **G7.6: Allergic ponies/horses & homeopathic vaccines**

Ponies and horses that, for any reason, are unable to be vaccinated against equine influenza will not be given dispensation to compete. Homeopathic vaccines are not acceptable.

## **G8: ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **G8.1: Qualifying**

In a competition where an Area Qualifier is compulsory, no team or individual is eligible for the championships unless they have qualified in front of a judge(s) at the relevant qualifying competition. This rule does not apply to a nominated team reserve, although it is recommended that all reserves have competed at an Area Qualifier for the relevant discipline. If only three riders start the Area Qualifier, one of the reserves may take the fourth place unless the team of three is as a result of a disqualification of the fourth rider. (See Rules G5.4 and G7.3). HC entries will not be accepted for any Championships.

### **G8.2: Numbers to Qualify**

Full details of the numbers that can qualify per competition are at CR Appendix 10 and are dependent upon the number actually participating (i.e. must have actually started) in the Area Qualifier, for this purpose any team or individual competing HC are disregarded.

### **G8.3: Evaluating Individual Qualifiers**

For Dressage, Riding Test and Horse Trials competitions the numbers of individuals to qualify will depend on the number of arenas used according to the table in CR Appendix 9, where the maximum number of permitted competitors allowed per arena is listed. (It is understood that arenas are allocated by the organiser at close of prelim entry, therefore, the number of arenas permitted will be based on this figure regardless of the number of starters on the day of the competition).

**Example:** For a competition using Prelim 12, which allows a maximum of 32 competitors in one arena, if there are 1 to 32 competitors doing the test then only one arena should be used, if there are 33 to 64 competitors then two arenas should be used and if more than 64 competitors then four arenas should be used. If the organiser wishes to use more arenas than appropriate for the number of competitors entered, they may do so but the qualifiers will be evaluated by combining results from each arena to give the effect of all competitors being in the same arena. An example of the calculations is at CR Appendix 11.

## **G9: STABLING AT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **G9.1: Reservations**

Where stabling is available at the Championship venue, it must be reserved and paid for at the time of entry. Stabling cannot be guaranteed after close of entries (i.e. within 21 clear days of the Championship date). After this time, a late stable booking page will be uploaded to the stabling website. A £10 late fee will be incurred per stable, per night. At this stage no special requests such as permanent stable will be accommodated.