

The British Horseball Association (BHA) is currently following all advice from the British Equestrian Federation (BEF).

You can find daily updates on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/horseballuk/) regarding the Equine Influenza (EI) outbreak and how we are managing it.

Our current vaccination rules are that ANY horses attending ANY BHA run event should have been vaccinated within the last twelve months (but not in the 7 days leading up to the competition). We also strongly advise that you discuss a 6 monthly booster vaccination with your local vet if your annual vaccination has not been carried out in the previous 6 months. This may become a requirement imposed on us by venues.

If your horse is beginning a new vaccination course they must have received at least the first two vaccinations of the primary course – second within 21-92 days of the first, but not within 7 days of competition.

NO unvaccinated horses or those with only the first vaccination of the primary course are permitted to attend ANY BHA run events.

Proof of passport including vaccination record will be required at all League Weekends and Training Events. If you fail to provide this you may be asked to vacate the premises immediately.

Coaches, Horseball Centres and Clubs we HIGHLY recommend you impose the same requirements when running training sessions/ have a go days etc. and share this statement on your own Websites and Social Media pages. You should also be asking to see copies of passports/vaccination records at any events you host/attend.

For general updates on the current outbreak we urge you to check the following links daily:

BHA Facebook page – www.facebook.com/horseballuk/

BEF Website - Horse Health & Biosecurity page –

<https://www.bef.co.uk/Detail.aspx?page=Horse-Health-Biosecurity>

Animal Health Trust website – Latest news – <https://www.aht.org.uk/news>

We will inform the membership via email, website update and social media updates for any changes that will affect our members.

You should send any questions you have to our BHA Welfare Officer Mike Barton – m.bartonBHA@gmail.com