**PC Equine Influenza Vaccination Update for 2024**

No horse / pony may attend an activity, compete or be present 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 set out in the Equine Influenza Vaccination Schedule below.

All horses and ponies receiving a new primary course of vaccinations from **1 January 2024** must be vaccinated according to this schedule:

• initial primary course of two vaccinations (V1 and V2) must be given: the second vaccination (V2) must be administered within **21-60** days of the first initial vaccination (V1)

• Horses may attend activities 7 full days after receiving the second vaccination of the primary course (V2).

• A first booster vaccination (V3) must be administered within **120 – 180 days** of the administration of the second vaccination of the primary course.

• Thereafter booster vaccinations must be administered at a maximum of **12 months** intervals.

Horses and ponies must not attend activities within 7 days of receiving any vaccination. 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.

NB: This is the ***minimally appropriate*** booster schedule; it is highly recommended that horses and ponies competing regularly and travelling around the UK and abroad follow an ***optimal schedule***and receive a booster within 6 months +21 days prior to arrival at the event or activity, in line with the FEI protocol.

**BHA (British Horseracing Authority) / Racecourse Requirements**

**Please note the BHA requirements are different to the above.** If taking part in Pony Racing all equines visiting a racecourse on race day must conform with the current BHA vaccination rules, regardless of where they will be sited.

For clarity, the BHA does **not** recognise the vaccination amnesty that was granted at the end of 2022 allowing ponies to have 2 vaccinations within 24 month period (i.e. one after 15 months followed by a 9 month booster).

***BHA*** *rule requires booster vaccinations* ***every 6 months;*** *the* ***FEI*** *rule requires booster vaccinations* ***within 6 months +21 days of attending the event.***