

Vaccination Policy 2019 – updated 2023.

Further to the most recent outbreaks of equine influenza, NEDTL has implemented the following policy from the start of the 2019 season. Details of each animal checked is held on the vaccination database, which includes name of owner, name of horse/pony as stated on the passport, unique passport number and dates of vaccinations given.

Every horse/pony brought to any event organised by NEDTL must comply with the vaccination requirements as follows:

1. Vaccinations for equine influenza, including booster injections at twelve months intervals must be entered in the passport which must include a fully completed identification diagram verified by a vet
2. An initial Primary Course of two vaccinations must be given; the second vaccination must be administered within 21-92 days of the first vaccination.
3. The first booster must be administered within 7 calendar months following the date of administration of the second vaccination of the Primary Course.
4. Booster vaccinations must be administered at a maximum of 12 month intervals, the same day in each year being acceptable for these purposes
- ~~5. Horses may compete 7 days after receiving the second vaccination of the primary course~~
5. Horses may not compete within 7 days after receiving *any* vaccination, either as part of a Primary Course or a six-monthly or yearly booster vaccination.

Please note that checks made will include:

- All Horses/ponies to be used in the competition.
- Any additional animals for pairs/teams as allowed under the rules.
- Requests for any animal not covered by the above must, as usual, be made to the event organiser and if approved they would have to meet the above vaccination requirements.
- Any animal with a renewal date during the season.
- Random spot checks may be made.

Update: March 2023:

Horses may not compete within 7 days after receiving any vaccination, either as part of a Primary Course or a six-monthly or yearly booster vaccination.

Since the advent of the Covid Pandemic in 2020, the NEDTL has requested that photos be sent of horses and ponies we know from the database to be due for their yearly vaccination or those which are new to our competitions. We have continued to operate this policy since then, as it works extremely well. We would like to thank all our members and competitors for helping to make this system so successful.