

Important Welfare Update:

The Pony Club National Championships Equine Influenza Vaccination Requirement

With the increased number of reported Equine Flu cases across the country, Members are reminded that horses and ponies must be vaccinated in accordance with The Pony Club Equine Influenza Vaccination Policy to attend any Pony Club activities.

The Pony Club Championships:

For The Pony Club Championships at Offchurch Bury, it is strongly recommended that horses and ponies should have either received a booster or the primary course V1 and V2, within 6-months and 21 days prior to arrival at the event in line with the FEI protocol.

All vaccinations must be given at least 7 clear days before arrival at the Championships.

What this means in practice:

If your horse or pony is already vaccinated within the 6-month and 21-day window, NO ACTION is required. If the last vaccination falls outside the 6-month and 21-day window, a booster should be given before attending.

Month of Last Vaccination	Meets Requirement?	Action Needed
August 2026*	Yes	No action (must be ≥ 7 days before attendance)
July 2026	Yes	No action
June 2026	Yes	No action
May 2026	Yes	No action
April 2026	Yes	No action
March 2026	Yes	No action

February 2026**	No**	Booster strongly recommended**
January 2026	No	Booster strongly recommended
December 2025	No	Booster strongly recommended
November 2025	No	Booster strongly recommended
October 2025	No	Booster strongly recommended
September 2025	No	Booster strongly recommended
August 2025	No	Booster strongly recommended

* Important: August vaccinations must still be given **at least 7 clear days before arrival** at any event.

** If your horse or pony was vaccinated in **February 2026**, it may be too early to meet the 6 month and 21-day interval. This depends on the exact vaccination date and the date you attend the Championships. If you are unsure, please email equinewelfare@pcuk.org for advice.

Key Points to Remember:

- Vaccination is strongly recommended to be within 6-months and 21-days of attendance date
- Must be given at least 7 clear days before attending
- If in doubt, book a vaccination now to ensure maximum protection

Please remember that it is a legal requirement for all horses and ponies to travel with their passport.

Date	Primary Course V1 to V2	First Booster V2 to V3
Before 1 st Jan 2024***	21 to 92 days~	7 calendar months~
1 st Jan 2024 and after	21 to 60 days~	120 to 180 days~

*** For the period 1st October 2022 to 31st December 2022 only, lower risk equines may have, with veterinary advice and approval, extended the annual booster period to 15 months if

there was a genuine veterinary shortage of vaccine. The subsequent booster should have been made within 9 months, resulting in 2 booster vaccinations in 2 years and making the 2023 vaccine booster date no more than 24 months from the 2021 due date. Vaccination records which have this extension **clearly approved and annotated by the vet** will be accepted at Pony Club events.

~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.

Checking Passports and Microchip Numbers:

Prior to the Championships, you will be required to upload a copy of your horse or pony's passport including the vaccination page(s) onto the entry system, where it will be checked and approved. (FAQs will be available when entries open to help with this).

On arrival at the Championships, your horse or pony will be scanned to check the microchip number matches the uploaded passport.

You will not be permitted to stay at the event if:

- The vaccination status does not meet The Pony Club's Vaccination Rule requirements.
 - The V1, V2 and V3 vaccination intervals are not correct for the time period in which they were administered.
 - The passport and the microchip do not match.
 - The passport is not available for inspection. Photocopies or screenshots are not accepted.
- (Replacement Passports are permitted)

Please refer to The Pony Club Equine Influenza Vaccination Rule for further information.

Equine Influenza Vaccination Rule

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask your Branch DC, Area Representative, Centre Proprietor, Centre Co-ordinator, or if they cannot help, please ask them to email equinewelfare@pcuk.org.

Kind regards,
The Pony Club Welfare Team

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