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Further details about EHV vaccination for racing in France

Last week we told you about the mandatory EHV vaccination required to race in France next year. (See the article [here](#) on NTFMUSE.) Some trainers have asked for clarity about details of the vaccination intervals required by France Galop. The BHA has issued the following guidance:

Vaccination Protocol

The vaccination protocol will be the same as the protocol for vaccinations against Equine Influenza:

- The horse must have received two primary vaccinations which are given not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days apart
- If sufficient time has elapsed, the horse must also have received a booster vaccination which is given not less than 150 days and not more than 215 days after the second component of the primary vaccination
- Further booster vaccinations at intervals of not more than a year apart (or such lesser times as the Authority may, in an emergency, decide) Booster vaccinations at six months are not required, though these may be administered in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations if deemed appropriate by a trainer's veterinary surgeon.

The horse must have been vaccinated against Equine Herpes Virus by a veterinary surgeon, and the vaccination must be licensed for use in UK.

Stand-Down period following vaccination

France: none of the vaccinations must have been given on the day of a race in which the horse is declared to run or on any of the 4 days before the race.

Great Britain: none of the vaccinations must have been given on the day of a race in which the horse is declared to run or on any of the 6 days before the race. This Stand-Down period applies to all vaccinations, including Equine Herpes Virus.

Failure to comply Horses arriving on racecourses in France that have not been correctly vaccinated against Equine Herpes Virus will not be permitted to run.

This Rule has not yet been published in the France Galop Rules of Racing. The requirements of the Rule will be made effective 3 months after publication. The BHA will communicate the date of publication as soon as it is made aware.

BHA fast track disciplinary procedures have started

In the September/October edition of our printed newsletter, we reported on the start of a trial of a new fast track BHA disciplinary procedure for certain offences. This is a result of recommendations made by Christopher Quinlan QC in his report on the BHA's disciplinary procedures and structure in 2016; it is used in other sports to avoid delays and unnecessary cost.

Common occurrences such as failure to notify gelding operations, and breaches concerning vaccination, passport and identity checks are examples of the types of cases which may be accelerated, although each case's suitability will be judged on an individual basis. The first cases to be dealt with by fast track have been announced today. Fast tracked cases will then be concluded administratively by an independent Disciplinary Panel, without the need of an oral hearing or any participants to travel and incur additional costs.

Handling cases in this manner will also free up resource within the BHA's Regulatory department to assist in ensuring that more complex cases are resolved more quickly, the need for which has been identified as a key requirement for the department.

If any NTF member receives the offer of a fast track procedure and would like to discuss it, then please ring Dawn Bacchus at the NTF office.

Horses running in Hunter Chases for a Permit Trainer

We have asked the BHA for further clarification about the restrictions on horses switching between runs in normal handicap chases and Hunter Chases. This is because the rule refers only to runs for a licensed trainer.

The BHA has confirmed that if a horse has run in a Hunter Chase after 1st January 2018 for a permit trainer, then the horse is restricted to Hunter Chases for the remainder of the season. It cannot run in a handicap if moved to a licensed trainer because the restriction stays with the horse.

Rule changes

Dispensation from rule requiring runners on Flat turf to be fully shod

There has been a minor change to the rule in (B) Schedule 4. From 1st January 2018, in exceptional circumstances only, the Stewards may use their discretion to allow a horse to run even if it has not entered the Parade Ring fully shod.

Two weeks left to tell us about your great team for a chance of winning £4000

So often now trainers attribute successes on the racecourse to the great team they have in the yard. On the back of this the NTF created the Lycetts Team Champion Award and there are now two weeks remaining to submit nominations.

We sent you a brochure in September containing a detailed explanation of the Award, a full copy of The Winning Approach, and a sample nomination form. All these documents are on the [NTF website here](#). Use the downloadable nomination form on the website for your entry, which must be with us by **1st December 2017**. The winners will be presented with their awards at the NTF AGM on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at the Institute of Directors in London.

Our aim is to praise the best managed yards and showcase the positive results of developing a team that works well together. We are supporting trainers by developing a framework of best practice called The Winning Approach, which forms the basis of the judging criteria for the Award. Together we can improve stable staff recruitment and retention rates by promoting the most successful ways in which racehorse trainers manage their staff and encouraging wider adoption of those practices.

This project is jointly funded by the Racing Foundation as part of its £1m investment in people development within racing.

Last of the 2017 regional meetings tomorrow

Tomorrow at Newbury Racecourse we hold the final regional meeting in this autumn's series. As well as items on Stewarding, declaration of wind operations and race planning, Grant Harris, CEO of the British Racing School, will be there to talk about the School's activity and answer your questions.

Central South	Tuesday 21st November	Newbury Racecourse, 1.30m
Committees and Council	Tuesday 5 th December	London

Invitation from the All Party Parliamentary Group on Racing and Bloodstock

Laurence Robertson MP, Joint Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Racing & Bloodstock would like to invite NTF members to attend the APPRG's Christmas Party on Monday 18th December 2017 in Dining Room B of the House of Commons from 7pm.

The event is being kindly sponsored by Ladbrokes Coral. It will be attended by representatives of horse racing, the betting industry, the media, and parliamentarians from both Houses and others. Laurence hopes that you can join him and Anne Marie at what is always a lively and enjoyable evening.

If you would like to attend, please contact Anne Marie Robertson, Office Manager to Laurence Robertson on 0207 219 4196.

Regulation deadlines

- Pension auto enrolment staging dates
 - **Up to February 2018** for businesses started since April 2012
- **By the end of 2017** – original Racing Admin website will close.
- **30th October 2017** – New non-runner rules take effect: trainer's non-runner percentage, 2-day stand down for Vet Certificates; increased fine for non-runners after 9.00am
- **1st November 2017** – in handicaps, if after raising of weights, a horse rated 1lb or 2lbs above the rating band is set to carry more than 10.7 (flat) or 12.7 (jumps), the weights will be lowered so the top weight carried 10.7/12.7 and other weights lowered accordingly. Amateur races on flat – 12st.
- **1st January 2018** – minimum ratings applies to all non-two year old Group 1 and non-novice Grade 1 races.
- **1st January 2018** – when extending declaration deadline, each trainer with a declaration will be deemed to have declared only one horse
- **1st January 2018** – microchip number on any horse under trainer's care must be checked against the number in the passport
- **1st January 2018** – a horse may not be made a non-runner on a self-cert once the Declaration Sheet on the racecourse has been signed.
- **1st January 2018** – trainer becomes responsible for notifying the BHA when a mare in their care is pregnant.