

Protocol for Horses traveling in the same horsebox to Multiple courses

It is strongly encouraged for horseboxes to only go to a single racecourse per day. This is to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection being transferred between courses which if it happened risks both racecourses being quarantined.

If in the **rare occurrence** that multiple horses need to be transported together from a **single yard** to more than one racecourse, staff must be divided into specific racecourse teams, kept separate and only enter one racecourse. In this instance, the horsebox driver must travel alone in the cab and have no interaction on the racecourse ie. they are not permitted to exit the vehicle.

The below must be **agreed and approved** (*BHA and both racecourses*) prior to the day of the fixture. Requests on the day of the fixture will **NOT** be permitted.

1. Contact the Covid Helpdesk no later than 1pm the day before the fixture with the following:
 - a. Name of fixtures
 - b. Name of horses
 - c. Name of Horsebox driver and contact detail
 - d. Approximate arrival and pick up times of horses at each course
2. Declare staff as usual for **ONLY** the fixture they will be attending
3. The Horsebox driver should **NOT** be listed on the attendance list as he/she will not be permitted to exit the vehicle while in the horse(s) are being unloaded or collected nor permitted on course on the day.
4. Declared staff should travel separately to the box and teams should not mix.

Arriving on course

1. When the horsebox arrives at Course A, the driver should remain in the horsebox cab while Staff Team A check in at the screening checkpoint. Staff Team A will indicate the driver is only dropping a horse off. (The Checkpoint screening staff will have been notified to the agreed arrangements).
2. Horsebox driver should show photo ID through the closed window to verify ID.
3. Horsebox and Staff Team A will proceed to the unloading area where the driver must remain in the vehicle at all times. Racecourse security will escort or radio to the stable yard of the horsebox arrival and that the driver must remain in the vehicle.
4. After unloading Horse A, the horsebox will depart and head to Course B.
5. Once arriving at Course B, Staff Team B will proceed to the screening checkpoint to indicate the driver will be dropping off only (same process as in points 1-3 above)

Picking up/Return:

1. The horsebox driver must notify staff when returning to pick up the horse. The staff must then notify the checkpoint (via phone/radio/stable manager/etc.) of the horsebox's return.
2. When the horsebox arrives at the checkpoint, the horsebox driver should show their ID through the closed window to be allowed entrance to the loading area.
3. Horsebox should be escorted or security will radio the stable yard.
4. Horsebox driver should remain in the vehicle at all times.
5. Same procedure should take place at the next course.