

Veterinary requirements for participation of horses in races in Slovakia in 2021

Each horse must be accompanied by an identification document - horse passport.

In the passport, the following vaccinations and examinations must be recorded:

1. Equine influenza vaccination according to the manufacturer's vaccination schedule.

2. Negative Coggins test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) not older than 6 months.

3. Actions against the equine herpes virus infection (EHV):

- With effect **from 15.6.2021**, **every horse must be vaccinated against EHV** (at least EHV-1). A horse that has been given two doses of the vaccine (so-called primary vaccination) has been considered vaccinated in accordance with the vaccination schedule of the manufacturer. This must be recorded in the horse passport.
- **Until 15.6.2021**, if the horse is not vaccinated against EHV (a horse that has only received the first dose is not considered to be vaccinated!!!) must be accompanied with:
 - a) either negative PCR test for EHV not older than 10 days
 - b) or the confirmation by the veterinarian of the clinical examination of the horse without symptoms of EHV infection - not older than 24 hours

Horses from non EU countries must be accompanied also with the health certificate, in accordance with the EU directive 2018/659 on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae.

The veterinary inspection will take place at the race days in Bratislava from 9:00 am on arrival at the racecourse. In case of planned earlier arrival, it is necessary to announce this to Mr. Vladimír Šak (sak@zavodisko.sk, +421 903 700 619) and send a scanned passport pages with all required vaccinations and examinations.