



2026 Breeding Requirements

THE HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD'S CODES OF PRACTICE WILL BE STRICTLY APPLIED WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Prior to being covered, all mares will be required to have successfully completed the following tests:

1. **Negative clitoral swab** for CEMO, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (capsule types 1, 2, & 5) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* tested at a Horserace Betting Levy Board Designated Laboratory. LOW RISK MARES require:

Before first time of covering:

One negative clitoral swab test and **one** negative endometrial swab test taken after **1st January 2026** with the latter taken during oestrus. Swab test results must certify negative culture or PCR results for **Taylorella equigenitalis (CEMO), Klebsiella pneumoniae (capsule types 1, 2, & 5) and Pseudomonas aeruginosa** by a Horserace Betting Levy Board Designated Laboratory (UK) or other National Approved Laboratory in Ireland or France. **Swab certificates from laboratories in other countries will not be accepted, unless the Laboratory is accredited by the HBLB Laboratory Approval Scheme, following quality assurance testing.**

HIGH RISK MARES are defined as those who have had previous contact with CEMO or who originate from countries outside France, Germany, Ireland, Italy and the United Kingdom. Prior to arrival at the stud, these mares must have two negative clitoral swabs taken after 1st January 2026 and at least 7 days apart, and one negative endometrial swab (grown aerobically and microphillically or PCR tested) taken after 1st January 2026 during the oestrus prior to service. Swabs must be tested by HBLB designated laboratory.

Subsequent walking in:

Repeat negative endometrial swab, to be cultured or PCR tested as above, for each subsequent oestrus period.

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2. **Negative blood test for EIA (Equine Infectious Anaemia)** taken after 1st January, 2026. Any mare that has been outside of the UK and Ireland in the last 12 months will require additional EIA testing as detailed overleaf.
 3. **Negative blood test for EVA (Equine Viral Arteritis)** taken after 1st January, 2026. Any mare that has been outside of the UK and Ireland in the last 12 months will require additional EIA testing as detailed overleaf.
 4. **Completion of a health declaration** by the originating stud, stating that the mare has not been known to be in contact with any infectious disease (eg. Strangles, Equine Influenza, Salmonellosis, EHV outbreaks) for less than 6 months.
 5. **Copy of passport** sent via email including front page, vaccinations and markings

Tweenhills further require:

EQUINE INFLUENZA AND TETANUS VACCINATIONS must be up to date in accordance with the BHA guidelines.

All horses boarding at Tweenhills or being covered by Tweenhills stallions must have correct entries in their passport stating they have received the first two Flu and Tetanus vaccinations of a primary course and a booster vaccination within the last 6 months before cover.

EHV 1-4 (RHINOPNEUMONITIS) VACCINATIONS

It is compulsory requirement for all pregnant mares that are boarding and/or foaling at Tweenhills to be vaccinated against EHV 1-4 during the 5th, 7th and 9th months of pregnancy, with the correct entries made in the passport. Proof of these vaccinations must be forwarded to Tweenhills prior to the mare's arrival. All mares entering the foaling unit require a pre-arrival negative nasopharyngeal swab for EHV within 5 days of arrival.



MARES ORIGINATING FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND

EVA- All mares originating from outside the UK and Ireland will require two negative blood tests, the first to be taken within a 28 day period prior to arrival in the UK, with the second to be taken at the boarding stud, a minimum of 14 days after arrival and before the mare is released from isolation.

EIA- One negative test to be taken no more than 14 days before the mare enters the UK. A second negative test must be taken no less than 14 days after arrival in the UK and within 21 days of any subsequent cover until a final blood test has been taken a minimum of 60 days after the mares arrival in the country. Retesting will be required if the mare is represented for covering later in the season.

Any mare arriving from Germany or Italy with a foal at foot will require a blood test for EIA to be taken from the foal a minimum of 14 days after arrival in the country.

PLEASE NOTE

If a mare is changed from one stallion to another during the course of the breeding season a new clitoral swab, endometrial swab and EVA test will be required. These should be taken no sooner than seven days after the mare was last covered by the original stallion.

Additional swabbing and/or other tests may be required in certain circumstances and the Stud reserves the right to retest any mare it deems high risk before proceeding to cover the mare. The results of such test(s) may take up to fourteen days to come through from the laboratory and all costs will be charged to the owner.

ALL CEM CLITORAL SWABS MUST VERIFY THAT THE SWAB HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE CLITORAL FOSSA AND SINUSES. CERTIFICATES THAT DO NOT CONTAIN THE CORRECT WORDING MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED OR THE TEST MAY BE REPEATED AT THE OWNER EXPENSE.

It is of the utmost importance that mares should be kept separate from all non-thoroughbreds with the exception of foster mares providing that they have been fully tested as per these Regulations. If this is not the case, it should be reported to the Stallion Stud well in advance of covering.

For any further information please refer to HBLB code of practice <http://codes.hblb.org.uk/> or Newmarket Stud Farmers Association Breeding Regulations: <https://nsfa.org.uk/information/>