



Requirements for 2024 Stud Season

1. Clitoral Swab – a certificate taken after 1st January 2024 from a recognised Veterinary Laboratory stating that the mare is negative for Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM), Klebsiella, Pseudomonas

2. Cervical Swab – Each mare will require a negative cervical swab taken in the heat in which she is to be covered.

3. EVA Blood

Irish & UK based Mares –

One EVA blood test taken after 1st January 2024 should be negative or have a stable/declining titre before arrival at Ballylinch. **A further blood test taken within 30 days of the first time of covering.** For mares that are seropositive with a stable or declining titre please inform the stud office prior to arrival.

Imported Mares (excluding UK)

One blood test to be taken after 1st January 2024 should be negative for or have a stable/declining titre for EVA. A second blood test taken at least 14 days after arriving in Ireland is required. **A further blood test may be required to be taken within 30 days of the first time of covering.**

NOTE – ALL MARES THAT ARE CHANGING STALLIONS DURING THE SEASON WILL REQUIRE A FURTHER CEM, EVA & EIA TEST BEFORE THE FIRST COVERING BY A BALLYLINCH STALLION.

4. EIA Blood

One negative certificate from an Irish or UK laboratory taken after 1st January 2024, and from their place of origin if arriving from outside Ireland or the UK. A second blood test taken at least 14 days after arriving in Ireland is required if the mare originates outside of the UK or Ireland.

5. Strangles

A negative blood test for Strangles (Strep equi ELISA) is required for all boarding mares before their arrival.

5. Dourine

Mares arriving from Italy and mares which have been in Italy since 1st January 2012 require a negative blood test for Dourine taken a minimum of 14 days after arrival in Ireland.

6. Vaccinations for Equine Herpes Virus must be up to date if the mare is to foal at Ballylinch Stud. The mare should be vaccinated at the 5th, 7th and 9th month of pregnancy. It is recommended that Barren and Maiden mares also receive a primary course of EHV vaccinations and a booster every 6 months.

7. Vaccinations for Rota virus (8th, 9th and 10th month of pregnancy) are required for all mares foaling at Ballylinch.

8. All mares should have received a flu vaccination within 6 months of arrival at Ballylinch. Foaling mares should receive a booster within 4-6 weeks of foaling. This can be done at Ballylinch Stud if required.

9. Passport – the mare's passport or copy of the same should accompany all mares for covering.

Please ensure passports of boarding mares are stamped Not For Human Consumption prior to arrival at Ballylinch, otherwise this will be done on arrival as part of our protocol.

10. All walk in mares require CEM, EVA, EIA and Cervical swab certificates as detailed above, plus a signed contract and passport or copy of passport. Prior notice should be given to Ballylinch Stud office as early as possible or at least 24 hours before covering time is required. **Please arrange with your own vet for Ovuplants or Chorulon to be given to mares walking in- unfortunately it is not possible for Ballylinch to administer these at the covering shed.**