

Ballylinch Stud – Requirements for 2018 Stud Season

1. Clitoral Swab – a certificate taken after 1st January 2018 from a recognised Veterinary Laboratory stating that the mare is negative for –

- a) Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) b) Klebsiella c) Pseudomonas

2. Cervical Swab – Each mare will require a negative cervical swab taken in the heat period in which she is to be covered. This can be taken at Ballylinch Stud if required. All mares may be checked by the resident vet before covering.

3. EIA & EVA

Irish & UK based Mares –

One EIA blood test taken after 1st January 2018 should be negative.

One EVA blood test taken after 1st January 2018 should be negative for or have a stable/declining titre before arrival at Ballylinch. For mares that are seropositive with a stable or declining titre please inform the stud office prior to arrival at Ballylinch.

Irish and UK based mares that have been mixed with imported (non UK) mares should have EVA and EIA blood samples retaken not less than 12 days after arrival of the last imported mare.

Imported Mares (excluding UK)

One blood test to be taken after 1st January 2018 negative for EIA, and negative for or have a stable/declining titre for EVA, and also a second blood test taken at least 12 days after arriving in Ireland.

It is essential that imported mares, including those from the UK, are shipped with similarly certified mares (negative or stable/declining titre for EVA) and do not travel with non-thoroughbreds.

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. 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.

5. Virus Abortion vaccinations 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 Barren and Maiden mares also receive a primary course of EHV vaccinations and a booster every 6 months.

6. Flu and Tetanus vaccinations must be up to date. Foaling mares should receive a booster within 4-6 weeks of foaling. This can be done at Ballylinch Stud if required.

7. Passport – the mares' 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.

8. 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.