

2025 Major Track Steeplechase Schedule

ENTRIES CLOSE ON THE DAYS INDICATED WITH

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Note: All major track steeplechase races and conditions are subject to late change.

BELMONT AT SARATOGA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

THE BEVERLY R. STEINMAN (Grade 1)

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY MAY 30

(Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$150,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward.

Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.

Nominations Close Saturday, May 24.

LAUREL PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY JUNE 9

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$45,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Non-winners in 2025, allowed 3 lbs.; in 2024-2025, 6 lbs. (Claiming races not considered in estimating allowances).

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

COLONIAL DOWNS

THURSDAY, JULY 10

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Filly/Mare Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maiden Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 147 lbs.; older, 153 lbs.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 115 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

SARATOGA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16
THE JONATHAN KISER MEMORIAL NOVICE STAKES
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, JULY 11

(Novice Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$75,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to March 1, 2024 or which have never won three races, other than three-year-old. Four-year-olds, 144 lbs.; older, 150 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter, or three-year-old: 3 lbs. extra for each race won.
Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.

COLONIAL DOWNS
THURSDAY, JULY 17
ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 110 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Maiden Starter Hurdle)

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward which have started for a claiming price of \$25,000 or less on the flat or over fences. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

SARATOGA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23
THE A.P. SMITHWICK MEMORIAL (Grade 1)
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, JULY 18

(Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$150,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward.
Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.
Nominations Close Saturday, July 12.

SARATOGA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, JULY 25

(Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$70,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Non-winners in 2025, allowed 3 lbs.; in 2024-2025, 6 lbs. (Claiming races not considered in estimating allowances).

Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.

COLONIAL DOWNS
THURSDAY, July 31
ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Filly/Mare Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maiden Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 147 lbs.; older, 153 lbs.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 115 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

COLONIAL DOWNS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 110 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

THE RANDOLPH D. ROUSE MEMORIAL
(Filly/Mare Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$100,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.
Nominations Close Saturday, July 26.

SARATOGA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
THE MICHAEL G. WALSH MEMORIAL NOVICE STAKES
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

(Novice Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$75,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to March 1, 2024 or which have never won three races, other than three-year-old. Four-year-olds, 144 lbs.; older, 150 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter, or three-year-old: 3 lbs. extra for each race won. **Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.**

SARATOGA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20
THE JONATHAN SHEPPARD MEMORIAL (Grade 1)
(Formally the New York Turf Writers Cup)
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

(Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$150,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward.
Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.
Nominations Close Saturday, August 9.

COLONIAL DOWNS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21
ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Filly/Mare Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maiden Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 147 lbs.; older, 153 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 115 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

SARATOGA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

(Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$70,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Non-winners in 2025, allowed 3 lbs.; in 2024-2025, 6 lbs. (Claiming races not considered in estimating allowances).
Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.

COLONIAL DOWNS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

(Maiden Starter Hurdle)

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward which have started for a claiming price of \$25,000 or less on the flat or over fences. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 110 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

THE LIFE'S ILLUSION
(Filly/Mare Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$100,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.
Nominations Close Saturday, August 23.

COLONIAL DOWNS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
ENTRIES CLOSE THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse ~~\$60,000~~. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 115 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Flat Race For Jumpers)

Purse \$50,000. For Four-Year Olds and Upward which have started over jumps at the meet, and have not won a jump race at the meet. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs; older 154 lbs.
Two Miles on the Turf.

AQUEDUCT RACETRACK
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
THE LONESOME GLORY (Grade 1)
(Hurdle Stakes)

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Purse \$150,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward.

Two Miles and One Half over National Fences.

Nominations Close Saturday, September 6.

Official Notes:

- Permission for apprentice riders to ride in jump races at Colonial Downs, Saratoga, and Aqueduct may be granted by the Stewards Advisory Committee on a case by case, and race by race basis.
- In all steeplechase races at Colonial Downs, Saratoga, and Aqueduct, the first fence in the stretch will not be jumped on the final circuit; therefore, the last fence down the backside at all venues will be the final fence.
- In all stakes races at Saratoga, Colonial, and Aqueduct, Lasix is prohibited. Also, horses 10 years old and upward are not permitted to run at NYRA racetracks.
- Maidens over jumps are ineligible for steeplechase races at Saratoga and Aqueduct.
- Post times for the Colonial Downs jump races will be 10:45 AM (first), 11:20 AM (second), and 11:55 AM (third). The Colonial jump races are part of the parimutuel racing program and as such will follow all of the standard racetrack protocols and will be subject to all Virginia Racing Commission rules.
- Limit of field in the maiden hurdle races at Colonial Downs is 10, with 12 allowed in ratings races and the filly/mare stakes.
- All horses entering the Colonial Downs, Saratoga or Aqueduct racetrack grounds must have proof of health certificate and required vaccinations, and a current negative Coggins test.