



## NSA Official Notices

### Wednesday, April 16, 2025

#### **Nominations**

Nominations for the Foxfield hurdle stakes, to be run Saturday, April 26, 2025, are attached to the link below.

<https://nationalsteeplechase.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Foxfield-Nominations-2025.pdf>

#### **Grand National**

Due to the forecasted heat on Saturday, generators will be provided for the use of fans in the stable area. Please bring your own fans for race day.

#### **Foxfield Course Report**

Date of Inspection: April 16, 2025 (completed by Dr. Reynolds Cowles)

Date of Race Meeting: April 26, 2025

Race Meet Directors: Dr. R. Reynolds Cowles & Jack Sanford, Jr.

**Turf:** The course was worked on extensively after the fall races. Turf is uniform fescue with some chickweed invasion on the southern end. Course is smooth, measuring 6" height. Irrigation continues through Monday. Height will be maintained at 6"-7". Weather forecast calls for possible showers Saturday night. Wind is constant.

**Smoothness:** Course is smooth and uniform overall.

**Compaction:** 90 (soft)

**Moisture:** 7.7 (average wet)

#### **Maryland Hunt Cup Course Report**

**Turf:** The race is run over fair hunting country. It has been mowed once and will be mowed again to a height of 7 inches on race day.

**Smoothness:** The entire course has been aerated and Cambridge rolled.

**Compaction:** 75 (deep)

**Moisture:** 9 (wet)

**Notes:** A bucket of flags will be available race week at the first road crossing for course walkers to mark any issues.

### **Winterthur**

Winterthur Races undertook an agronomic program starting in the fall 2024 under the direction of Logan Freeman, of C6 Turf Management, who works with Laurel Park, Pimlico, Maryland Polo Club, Gulfstream Park and Palm Meadows Training Facility. An aera-vator machine performed solid tine aerification and seeding simultaneously, in addition to seed distribution, which achieved one of the main goals, compaction relief. In spring 2025, the course was rolled and fertilized with a fertilizer high in carbon sources to help smooth surface roughness, and jumpstart the soil health aspect of the agronomic program. A course visit on 4/7/25 showed significant improvement in course smoothness, compaction and grass cushion.

### **Rider Medical Compliance**

Attention NSA jockeys, per the NSA Rules of Racing 6.4.A.3. A licensed rider may be required to pass a physical examination given within the previous twelve (12) months by a licensed physician affirming fitness to participate as a rider. The Board or the Stewards may require that any rider be re-examined and may refuse to allow any rider to ride pending completion of such examination. Unless previously tested, a rider shall be required to take a baseline ImPact test prior to licensing.

A baseline ImPact test must be renewed every two (2) years. If your baseline test is due for renewal, it must be completed by scratch time. Failure to complete the test by this deadline will result in a \$250 fine and removal from your named mounts.

Riders must complete their physical exam within ten (10) days of notification by the NSA Office. Failure to do so will result in a \$250 fine.

A physical examination may be completed by a licensed physician of your choice. Alternatively, you may schedule an appointment with the NSA's Medical Director, Dr. Erica Gaertner, for a fee of \$30. She can be contacted at (410) 925-8798 or via email at [egaertner@lifebridgehealth.org](mailto:egaertner@lifebridgehealth.org). ImPact test and physical exam dates can be found in your HeadCheck Health portal: <https://portal.headcheckhealth.ca/login>