



NSA Official Notices

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Virginia Gold Cup Course Report

On Monday, April 21, the Great Meadow Race Course was inspected by Don Yovanovich at 1: 00 P.M. The summer drought in 2024 did significant damage to the Great Meadow turf. In an effort to ensure there could be racing in the spring for the Virginia Gold Cup, both The Great Meadow Foundation and the Virginia Gold Cup Association commissioned two turf experts, Logan Freeman and Peter Maybach, for a agronomic program to repair the course. The plan included seeding, fertilization, aerification and lots of irrigation. The results have been nothing but positive. In addition, four new irrigation reels have been purchased, the first of two new wells have been drilled, and there is more than ample water to prevent a drought situation again. Irrigation is being preformed currently by two methods, soaking hoses in once troubled areas and by irrigation wheels. Irrigation will continue as needed. Today's readings are:

Compaction: 95 (soft)

Moisture: 6.5 to 8 (average wet)

Winterthur Course Report

Smoothness: This course was rolled in March and April 2025 and the ground is relatively smooth throughout.

Compaction: 102 (GREEN Good). Grass cover provides good cushion.

Moisture: 8 (Average wet)

Notes: Eight traditional "stake and bound" timber fences with telephone pole ground rails serve as the timber course. The 1st fence is five panels wide and the remaining seven fences are four panels wide. At least two of the fences offer only one option for "run around room". However, this concern has not caused any problems in the past.

Virginia Gold Cup Fingerprints

The Virginia Racing Commission informs all permit applicants of updates to the fingerprinting payment process.

Effective May 1, 2025:

The VRC will no longer provide fingerprints service at any of its locations. Instead, permit holders that are approved will need to schedule a biometric screen appointment with the VRC's service provider, FieldPrint.

<https://www.fieldprint.com/>

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Please note that FieldPrint may charge a nominal fee for collecting biometric data, which as of April 22, 2025, is \$7.95.

Certain applicants including employees of licensed racetracks, pari-mutuel facilities or pari-mutuel vendors must have successfully completed a biometrics appointment with FieldPrint prior to applying for a permit.

Applicants are encouraged to review and adhere to these updates to ensure a smooth application process. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the Virginia Racing Commission Licensing Office at VRCLicense@vrc.virginia.gov or call (804) 9667415. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.