



NSA Official Notices

Thursday, April 24, 2025

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.

Thursday Course Reports

Foxfield:

Compaction: 114 (Good)

Moisture: 7 (Average wet)

Notes: With the constant wind and warming, the course is drying out this week. Irrigation was stopped on Tuesday. The turf is lush and 6–7 inches tall.

Maryland Hunt Cup:

The course was measured again on April 24th by Liz McKnight and Nancy Roberts.

Compaction: 120 (Good)

Moisture: 9 (Wet)

Notes: There has been no rain since the last course report. There is currently a 50% chance of light showers on Saturday morning. The entire course has been aerated, Cambridge rolled, and mowed twice.

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.