



NSA Official Notices

Friday, June 6, 2025

Laurel Park Licensing

All Owners, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Jockeys and Grooms participating in the two jump races at Laurel Park on June 15 are required to be licensed by the Maryland Department of Labor. Please use the following link to fill out the application. Grooms must complete their licenses at Laurel Park.

<https://labor.maryland.gov/forms/racingmultijurisapp.pdf>

Please send application to: silvana.mancilla@maryland.gov

For more information please visit: <https://www.laurelpark.com/horsemen/mrc-licensing-fees>

For additional information on licensing, contact: Silvana Mancilla (410) 542-9400 ext.5376

For race day hospitality, contact: Phoebe Hayes (301) 674-5609

Saratoga Stewards Ruling

Jockey Dan Nevin (AUCTION KINGDOM) was fined \$1,000 for “reckless” riding in the first race at Saratoga Race Course, Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Maryland Hunt Cup Amateur Rider Eligibility Policy

Please review the new Maryland Hunt Cup Amateur Rider Eligibility Policy attached to the pages below.

ARCA Races

Laurel Park, Sunday, June 22, 2025
(Entries Close on Monday, June 16, 2025)

Eighth Race

Maiden Claiming

Purse \$24,000. For Maidens, Fillies and Mares Three, Four, Five and Six Year Old.

Three Year Olds.....134 lbs

Older.....139 lbs.

Claiming Price \$16,000, if for \$12,500 allowed.....4 lbs.

MD Bred or Sired horses may run for a claiming price of \$20,000.

One Mile and One Sixteenth on the Turf

Delaware Park, Thursday, June 26, 2025
(Entries Close on Friday, June 20, 2025)

SUB RACE NO 2

MAIDEN CLAIMING

Purse \$20,000. (Plus up to 50% Delaware Certified Bonus) For Maidens Three Years Old and Upward.

Three Year Olds.....135 lbs.

Older.....140 lbs.

CLAIMING PRICE \$16,000, if for \$10,000, allowed.....4 lbs.

Delaware Certified Claiming Price \$20,000

One Mile and One Sixteenth on the Turf

All interested trainers and riders should contact Don Yovanovich (540) 270-0155 or via dony13@aol.com for any arrangements or inquiries concerning Laurel or Delaware.

Notice to Horsemen

The Maryland Hunt Cup began in 1894 and is proud of its long amateur tradition. Since its early years, the MHC Committee has retained the right to determine eligibility of participants. Over the past 130 years, the Committee has made changes when appropriate, to keep up with the times while maintaining tradition, such as adding a purse and allowing female riders.

The Maryland Hunt Cup Committee feels the time is right to further define rider eligibility by adopting the use of objective criteria. The Committee is adopting these new criteria for determining eligible riders for our Amateur Timber Stakes starting in 2026. These criteria have been developed over a period of several years, with careful thought.

Looking at historical data we believe it includes most, if not all Maryland Hunt Cup riders. The intent is not to exclude any amateur riders from the current pool. Additionally, by announcing this well in advance, we wish to give all riders the opportunity to plan to be eligible if they would like to ride in the Maryland Hunt Cup in 2026. The possibility of appeal is also available in case there is a situation the race committee did not envision.

Given that the contemporary amateur rider increasingly makes a living within the equine industry, the classic amateur rider non-payment definition can be difficult to parse. Therefore, the Maryland Hunt Cup committee will now use measurable, available and transparent criteria.

This policy is intended to include all interested riders and support the development of Amateur riders. It is designed to implement existing objectives, not create new ones.

The MHC Committee is excited to apply the following Amateur Rider Eligibility Policy for the 2026 race. The Race Secretaries will be reaching out to past participants to ensure they are aware of and understand the Policy. Horsemen are invited to contact the Race Secretaries should they have questions.

Maryland Hunt Cup Amateur Rider Eligibility Policy

To preserve the amateur spirit of the race and uphold the tradition of timber racing as a sport rooted in horsemanship, sportsmanship, community, and a passion for timber racing, the following standards define who may ride as an amateur in the Maryland Hunt Cup. As of January 1, an NSA licensed rider is considered an amateur if he or she is not currently, and has not been, a licensed professional in the past two years, and meets either of the following:

1. Race Participation:

Has ridden in 20 or fewer NSA sanctioned jump races in the preceding 12 months.

OR

2. Timber Focus:

NSA Timber races make up at least 50% of their sanctioned mounts in the preceding 12 months.

The Maryland Hunt Cup Committee retains final authority to decide which riders are acceptable to the committee. Riders who believe they meet the spirit of amateur status but do not fully meet the stated criteria may submit a written appeal to the Secretaries for consideration after January 1, and at least 10 days before the race.

This policy is intended to support the development of amateur riders, ensure fair and meaningful competition, and preserve the heritage of, passion for, and community-centered nature of Maryland's timber racing tradition. All participants are expected to respect both the letter and spirit of these rules.