



NSA Official Notices

Friday, September 26, 2025

Friday Course Reports

Shawan:

Gentle rain over the past two days has left the course in excellent condition. The timber race is confirmed to run out in the country on the figure-8.

Main Track

Moisture: 7–9 (avg. 8)

Compaction: 100–125 (avg. 110 good)

Timber Course

Moisture: 7–8 (avg. 7.5)

Compaction: 120–150 (avg. 130 firm)

Foxfield:

The Foxfield course was measured today at 9 am. Turf height is 5-7 inches and will be cut again to maintain the desired 6 inch height. The turf is green and lush. The racing surfaces are smooth. The course has been areated several times this summer and fall.

Irrigation has been constant over the last 3.5 weeks applying 1.25 inches a week to the entire course. Irrigation will cease today as rain is forecast through the weekend.

Compaction was measured with both the Longchamp penetrometer and the older Lange penetrometer. It should be noted that the Longchamp is the standard for racing surfaces worldwide and the Racing Surfaces testing Lab at the University of Kentucky has recommended that NSA use this instrument to measure our courses going forward. The LC will be used this fall when available and likely mandated next spring. Moisture measurements are to be done with the TDR or Pogo moisture meters as recommended by UKy and Midatlantic turf consultants.

At Foxfield the Longchamp penetrometer averaged good to firm on the hurdle course with average reading of 1.58 inches. The older Lange measured 86. Moisture was 34% - good. The flat course was firm, good in places with 34% moisture.

The weather forecast is for 1-3 inches of rain over the next 3 days stopping Wednesday and then dry up until race day. We will update the course report after the rainfall.

