



**NSA Official Notices**  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

**International Gold Cup**

Please see the overnight notes, race information sheet, and schedule for the International Gold Cup below.



# 2025 International Gold Cup Overnight Information

- Scratches:** By 10 AM, Wednesday, October 21, 2024 with the NSA office (410-392-0700)  
For communication with NSA after 5PM Friday  
Bill Gallo (443-553-1882) & Tad Zimmerman (540-539-1502)
- Stewards:** Tad Zimmerman | Larry Curtis | Beale Payne | Wayne Van Sant (Safety Steward)
- NSA Officials:** All NSA Officials must be on the grounds by 10:30 AM  
Stewards Secretary - Bill Gallo  
Clerk of Scales - Harrison Young  
Horse Identifier - Wayne Van Sant  
Starter - Stirling Young
- Veterinarians:** Dr. David Stanford - Lead Commission Veterinarian  
Dr. Jeff Whitwer - Lasix Veterinarian
- Horsemen's Concerns:** Please direct all horsemen's issues or concerns to one of the below individuals prior to approaching the Race Chairman or a member of the Race Committee.  
  
SOTA Representative:  
Jockey Representative:
- Race Officials:** Officials meeting to begin at 11:30 at the Steward Stand. VRC Licenses will be available for pickup in the Barn area from Israel Saavedra. Buffet lunch in the Officials Tent.
- Jockeys:** **Mandatory** meeting of all jockeys with the Stewards at 12 Noon.  
Check in with Clerk of Scales by 12 Noon to report engagement (s) and overweight, if any.  
Jockey Breathalyzer Screening  
All jockeys will be required to undergo breathalyzer testing one hour prior to race time on race day.  
This procedure is in accordance with VRC regulation 11VAC10-60-10 V.1.A, which states that alcohol screening may be required by the Commission before competition. The screenings will be quick and discreet, and are part of our ongoing commitment to safety, fairness, and the integrity of the sport.
- Pre Race Exam:** Mandatory veterinarian pre-race exam for all horses. Examinations will begin at 8:30am and end by 11AM. Horses will be called up in race order. Horses on Lasix must be on the grounds four (4) hours prior to their scheduled post time, but no later than 10AM for pre-race exams.
- VRC Licenses:** All owners, trainers, riders and grooms participating in the Virginia Gold Cup races are required to be licensed by the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC).  
**Individuals 15 years of age and under are not permitted in the barn area.**

License forms and instructions can be accessed at [www.vrc.virginia.gov](http://www.vrc.virginia.gov).

## Participant Licensing

The VRC will be on-site to license all participants on Oct 23 & Oct 24 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please note that all participants must be fully licensed by Friday at 5:00 PM in order to compete. This includes trainers, owners, and other credentialed individuals.

**VRC license must be visible AT ALL TIMES to the Security Staff.**

**VRC Licensing Contact:** Israel Saavedra 804-381-9100

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### Third Party Furosemide (SALIX) Administration:

Horsemen are reminded that third party administration of furosemide (Salix) is in effect at this race meet. Please refer to the NSA's website ([nationalsteeplechase.com](http://nationalsteeplechase.com)) for complete details of the NSA Medication policy. Contact Dr. Jeff Witwer (803-243-0328) with questions.

### Saddling:

ALL HORSES WILL BE SADDLED IN THE BARN BEFORE EACH RACE ~ NO SADDLING IN THE PADDOCK. Horses will be led to the paddock TOGETHER before each race. The trainer or their licensed designate will be responsible for transporting the tack after weighing out back to the barn for saddling. Jockeys are not allowed in the stabling area. If trainers have multiple horses in a race or horses in back-to-back races, please make appropriate plans as it is imperative to stay on schedule.

### Foal Papers:

No longer required to be on file with the Horse Identifier at the races provided the horse can be properly identified by tattoo or microchip. A one-time exception may be made provided the horse can be identified by its markings.

### Scratches:

All scratches after 10am Tuesday, Oct 21, must be made no later than 11AM on race day.

### Heath Certificate:

Horses shipping to the Virginia Gold Cup must have a Health Certificate dated within the last 5 days with the following information.

- Originated barn location with status on active or suspect case of Herpes Virus
- Vaccination date for EHV-1 that is dated no less than 7 but no more than 120 days.
- Coggins test conducted within 12 months.

### Stabling:

Stalls & a bale of straw will be provided with each entry. Contact TC Williams at 703-843-6385 if you are planning to bring an AE horse as well. Please discard all wraps and supply materials in a **trash can**, not in the stall along with any other trash generated during the day.

### Schooling:

NO SCHOOLING ON THE COURSE RACE WEEK. The course will be available for walking on Thursday, May 1, 2025 beginning at 11am.

### Refreshments:

Grab & Go breakfast and lunch will be available in the barn area for all trainers and grooms along with cold beverages.

### Pets:

**PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE PROPERTY.** Your dogs must be left at home.



**Race Meet:** 88th Running of the International Gold Cup | Great Meadow Race Course | The Plains VA

**Race Date:** October 25, 2025

**Post Time:** 12 PM

**Course Address:** Great Meadow 5089 Old Tavern Rd The Plains, Virginia 20198

**Credentials Needed:** Horse Vans - NSA Hangtag visible  
Owners/Trainers/Jockeys not in rigs—Natalie will be calling you to get pass counts soon.  
Additional needs over the allotment per horse (4) will be \$100 each.

All rigs will park in the Stable area.

Passenger only vehicles will park along access road behind stable pad near polo pavilion.

**VRC License must be visible AT ALL TIMES to the Security staff.**

If you need license assistance contact Israel Saavedra at 804-381-9100.

Admittance to the barn area is restricted to anyone 15 years or younger.

**NO DOGS or any other PETS!**

**Property Access:** Horsemen - Gate 2 with proper credentials  
**NSA Members not racing that day - Please call the VGCA office prior to Oct 24, 2025 for passes.**  
**All Patrons must have VGCA issued tickets for admittance,**  
**NSA pins are not accepted.**

**Airports:** Dulles International | Dulles, VA  
Ronald Reagan Washington National | Arlington, VA  
Warrenton-Fauquier (small planes only) | Midland, VA  
Manassas Regional | Manassas, VA

**Food Service at Races:** Breakfast - Grab & Go items and coffee available at the Stable Hospitality Tent  
Lunch - Available at the Stable Hospitality Tent  
Cold Beverages available until 4:30PM

**Contact Information:** Event - Barbara Shannon 703-477-1651  
Stabling - TC William 703-843-6385

**Horse Related:** Stabling: Temporary stalls for each entry. Contact Stable Manager for any AE entry stalls.  
Water: Hot (No) Cold (Yes) Ice (Yes)  
Electric: NO  
Fans: Available to check out at Stable Entry Tent  
Vet Assistance: YES

## 2025 RACE SPONSORS



2025 International Gold Cup  
Race Day Schedule  
Saturday, October 25, 2025

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - Please check back for updates

10:00 AM - Gates Open to the Public

11:30 AM - Opening Ceremony Performance  
National Anthem: Alexandra Desaulniers

12:00 PM - First Race  
Virginia Equine Alliance Maiden Hurdle  
presented by the Virginia Equine Alliance

12:40 PM - Second Race  
The Steeplethon  
presented by Warrior Canine Connection

1:20 PM - Third Race  
The Allowance Hurdle  
presented by George and Jacqueline Ohrstrom

2:00 PM - Fourth Race  
The William H. Allison Stakes (Grade 2)  
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Stakes)  
presented by UVA Health Foundation & Great Meadow Foundation

2:40 PM - Fifth Race  
The 88th Running of the International Gold Cup  
presented by Brown Advisory

3:15 PM - Sixth Race  
The Zeke Ferguson Memorial  
Ratings Handicap Hurdle

3:45 PM - Seventh Race  
Maiden Claiming Hurdle  
presented by the VHPBA

4:15 PM - Gates Close