

2026 Major Track Steeplechase Schedule

ENTRIES CLOSE ON THE DAYS INDICATED WITH

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Note: All major track steeplechase races and conditions are subject to late change.

BELMONT STAKES FESTIVAL AT SARATOGA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
THE BEVERLY R. STEINMAN (Grade 1)
ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

(Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$150,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward.
Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.
Nominations Close Saturday, May 23.

LAUREL PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 (FATHER'S DAY)
ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, JUNE 15

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$45,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs.
Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 115 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 144 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.
Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

COLONIAL DOWNS

MONDAY, JUNE 29
ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, JUNE 22

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Filly/Mare Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maiden Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 149 lbs.; older, 155 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Maiden Starter Hurdle)

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward which have started for a claiming price of \$25,000 or less on the flat or over fences. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 110 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 144 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$65,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 152 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. Non-winners in 2026, allowed 3 lbs.; in 2025-2026, 6 lbs. (Claiming races not considered in estimating allowances).

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

THE THEODORA A. RANDOLPH (Grade 2)

(Formerly the Randolph D. Rouse)

(Filly/Mare Hurdle Stakes)

First Leg of the Steeplechase Triple Tiara

Purse \$100,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Nominations Close Saturday, June 20.

(Flat Race For Jumpers)

Purse \$25,000. For Four-Year Olds and Upward which have started over jumps. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs; older 155 lbs.

Two Miles on the Turf.

STARS AND STRIPES FESTIVAL

AT SARATOGA

SUNDAY, JULY 5

THE LEO O'BRIEN (Grade 1)

ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY, JUNE 28

(Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$150,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward.

Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.

Nominations Close Saturday, June 20.

SARATOGA

THURSDAY, JULY 16

THE JONATHAN KISER

ENTRIES CLOSE THURSDAY, JULY 9

(Novice Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$75,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to March 1, 2025 or which have never won three races, other than three-year-old. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 152 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter, or three-year-old: 3 lbs. extra for each race won.

Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.

COLONIAL DOWNS
THURSDAY, JULY 23
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, JULY 17

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 115 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 144 lbs., not including apprentice allowances.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

THE LIFE'S ILLUSION (Grade 2)
(Filly/Mare Hurdle Stakes)

Second Leg of the Steeplechase Triple Tiara

Purse \$100,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.
Nominations Close Saturday, July 11.

SARATOGA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

THE A.P. SMITHWICK (Grade 1)

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

(Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$150,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward.
Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.
Nominations Close Saturday, July 25.

SARATOGA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

THE MICHAEL G. WALSH

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

(Novice Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$75,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to March 1, 2025 or which have never won three races, other than three-year-old. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 152 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter, or three-year-old: 3 lbs. extra for each race won.
Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.

COLONIAL DOWNS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
ENTRIES CLOSE THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

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Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

SARATOGA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
THE JONATHAN SHEPPARD (Grade 1)
ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

(Hurdle Stakes)

Purse \$150,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward.
Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.
Nominations Close Saturday, August 22.

COLONIAL DOWNS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
ENTRIES CLOSE THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$60,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

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Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

THE MARION DUPONT SCOTT (Grade 2)
(Filly/Mare Hurdle Stakes)

Third Leg of the Steeplechase Triple Tiara

Purse \$100,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.
Nominations Close Saturday, August 22.