



Race Conditions NSA Spring 2026 Race Meetings



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RADNOR • FAIR HILL

2026 NSA SPRING RACE MEET SCHEDULE

- ***AIKEN**, Aiken SC.....Saturday, March 21
- ***CAROLINA CUP**, Camden, SC.....Saturday, March 28
- ***CHESHIRE**, Unionville, PA.....Sunday, March 29
- ***OLD DOMINION**, Washington, VA.....Saturday, April 4
- ***BLUE RIDGE**, Berryville, VA.....Saturday, April 11
- MY LADY'S MANOR**, Monkton, MD.....Saturday, April 11
- GRAND NATIONAL**, Butler, MD.....Saturday, April 18
- ***MIDDLEBURG**, Middleburg, VA.....Saturday, April 18
- ***LOUDOUN HUNT**, Leesburg, VA..... .Sunday, April 19
- ***FOXFIELD**, Charlottesville, VA.....Saturday, April 25
- MARYLAND HUNT CUP**, Glyndon, MD.....Saturday, April 25
- ***VIRGINIA GOLD CUP**, The Plains, VA.....Saturday, May 2
- IROQUOIS**, Nashville, TN.....Saturday, May 9
- ***WILLOWDALE**, Kennett Square, PA.....Saturday, May 9
- ***RADNOR**, Malvern, PA.....Saturday, May 16
- ***FAIR HILL**, Fair Hill, MD.....Monday, May 25

* Denotes participation in the Reverted Purse Fund



Entries for all races close as designated with

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Nominations and Entries

All nominations and entries for races described in this condition book are to be made at the prescribed times with the National Steeplechase Association (“NSA”) in accordance with its Rules of Racing (the “Rules”), which can be found on the NSA website, www.nationalsteeplechase.com. Copies of the current Rules may also be obtained from the NSA.

Racing Authority

The race meeting at Virginia Gold Cup will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Virginia Racing Commission, and the race meeting at Fair Hill will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Maryland Racing Commission. All horsemen are urged to be familiar with the applicable Commission rules. All other races contained in this condition book will be conducted under NSA rules.

Every person entering a horse in a race to be run under the rules of the respective state Racing Commission, or the National Steeplechase Association, accepts the decision of the respective racing authority, the Directors of the National Steeplechase Association, or the Stewards of the meeting, as the case may be, on any question relating to a race or to racing.

Overnights and Official Notices

Overnights containing entries and other pertinent information for a race meeting are generally published Monday afternoon for race meetings occurring the following weekend. Horsemen are encouraged to examine such overnights carefully for errors, delayed closings and other information applicable to a particular race meeting. Any questions or concerns should be immediately brought to the attention of Bill Gallo, Director of Racing. Official Notices are published weekly during each racing season. They contain information concerning substitute races, course conditions (based upon inspections and quantified levels of moisture and compaction) for upcoming race meets, rule changes and other official determinations. Horsemen are urged to consult these Official Notices regularly for information that may impact the races described in this condition book.

Rider Fees

In the absence of a specified contract, the fee to a rider in a steeplechase race shall be as follows: \$200, or 10% of the money earned in all places (whichever is greater). The fee to a rider in a training flat race shall be \$100. In flat races with purses, the fee to a rider shall be as follows: \$100, or 10% of the money earned in all places (whichever is greater).

Rider Licensing Requirements/Insurance Coverage

A rider is required to have and maintain health insurance as a condition of licensure, and must provide evidence thereof at the time of application for a license. In addition, all riders are required to take a baseline IMPACT test. An accident medical insurance policy (underwritten by Zurich North America) covers all licensed NSA riders participating in NSA sanctioned races. Please note that the policy provides “excess” coverage, which means it does not provide any reimbursement for medical expenses that are payable under any other insurance available to the claimant. This policy does not include the races at Fair Hill, MD, or the major racetracks that host steeplechasing.

Rider Allowances

In all steeplechase races, except handicaps and stakes races, riders who have never won a race are allowed ten (10) pounds; riders who have not won five (5) races are allowed seven (7) pounds; riders who have not won fifteen (15) races are allowed five (5) pounds. Once a rider wins fifteen (15) races, he/she is no longer eligible for an allowance. These apprentice allowances may be claimed up to one (1) hour prior to post-time for the first race.

Policies

In addition to the provisions of NSA Rules, horsemen are advised of the following policies and useful information:

Entry Fees

Entry fees equivalent to 3% of the purse will be deducted from earnings of the first five finishers in all NSA sanctioned races. Those fees will be scaled at 1% to enter, 1% if not scratched on time Tuesday, and 1% to start. All fees will be waived for horses that run and do not earn a portion of the purse.

Training Flat Races

All training flat races run under NSA rules are sanctioned by the NSA, and, as such, all rules apply, including the rules on forbidden substances. However, these races do not count toward a horse's official record.

Lasix

Trainers are reminded to have a stable assistant on hand with a horse receiving Lasix at the time of administration. If such horse is left unattended, the horse may be scratched by the Stewards and the trainer may be subject to a fine.

A horse that is entered on Lasix and does not receive Lasix will not be permitted to run, unless it is determined by the Stewards that there were extenuating circumstances that led to the inability to administer the medication in a timely manner, and the trainer of the horse chooses to run the horse without Lasix. Under these conditions, the trainer assumes all risk as it relates to the health and condition of the horse during or immediately following the race.

Horse Identification

All horses running under NSA rules must either be tattooed or microchipped, per The Jockey Club standards.

Pre-Race Testing

The Stewards may randomly select horses for pre-race testing. Those selected must report to a specified stall prior to leaving for the paddock. Failure to submit to this test will result in an automatic scratch.

Adjusted Weights

In all allowance and open hurdle races (including stakes) at NSA race meets, weights will be adjusted upward when a high-weight (by allowance condition) is not entered or the high-weight is scratched at scratch time.

Code of Conduct

As a condition of license all NSA licensees are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the best interests of racing. Any conduct deemed to be detrimental to the sport, the NSA, or the individual race meets and their representatives will subject the offender to a fine or suspension, or both, in accordance with the NSA Rules of Racing.

Waiver Claimer

At the time of entry into any NSA steeplechase claiming race, the trainer may declare a horse ineligible to be claimed provided:

1. The horse has not started for a minimum of 120 calendar days since its last race; and
2. The horse is entered for a claiming price equal to or greater than the price at which it last started over jumps or on the flat.

Changes

All changes to distance of races or course modifications, including fences, must be reviewed by the NSA Safety Committee and approved by the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, other than those made by the stewards on race day.

NSA Amateur Rider Policy

To preserve the spirit and tradition of steeplechase racing in America as a sport rooted in horsemanship, sportsmanship, community, and a passion for timber racing, the following standards define who may ride as an amateur under the rules and regulations of the National Steeplechase Association.

Riders who sign the amateur declaration on the NSA jockey's license will be eligible for standard jockey fees (\$200 or 10% of purse money earned, whichever is greater) in races restricted to amateurs.

However, riders holding an NSA amateur license who ride in an "open" NSA race (with professional riders) will not be entitled to any jockey fees in that race. Those rider fees will be directed to a separate fund, within the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation, for the specific use of supporting amateur and/or apprentice rider races. Note: In the case of an owner/rider in an "open" NSA race, jockey fees will not be directed to the TGSF.

It will be the responsibility of NSA owners to comply with these amateur rules and regulations.

Should an amateur rider decide to forfeit his amateur license and apply for a professional license, they will be ineligible to apply for an amateur license for two (2) years after their last professional ride.

Starting in 2027, any rider who declares as an amateur will not be allowed to change their license status to professional until the end of the calendar year.

Purpose: This policy preserves the integrity of amateur status while expanding opportunity and creating a uniform national standard. Amateur riders participate in steeplechase racing as a sporting avocation, not as a profession. This policy reinforces that principle.

Overview: This policy allows amateurs earning standard jockey fees to offset the cost of participation while maintaining their non-professional status. Amateurs forfeiting their standard jockey fees in open races will allow the TGSF to expand amateur riding opportunities, support amateur development initiatives and strengthen the future of amateur steeplechase racing.

Consistency: This policy matters in that it establishes a clear definition of amateur status. It also creates one clear rule, consistent application across all race meets, and elimination of inconsistent, race-by-race approaches. This policy is also a reinvestment in the future of amateur racing as funds directed to TGSF will be utilized by development programs, increased participation pathways and enhanced purses in amateur races.

Integrity: This policy replaces reliance on informal or “honor system” assumptions with a transparent structure, built-in financial guardrails, and objective enforcement.

Conclusion: This policy protects the spirit of amateurism and provides clarity for riders, owners, and race meets. It encourages broader participation, aligns tradition with modern governance, and brings the sport under a single, consistent standard.

The Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation funds Opportunity, Growth, and Change within the Steeplechase community.

OPPORTUNITY

- Offering Youth programs, including steeplechase camps and clinics, Junior hunt cup races, and youth and pony races.
- Funding purses for the splitting of large maiden races
- Funding races designated for Amateur riders

GROWTH

- Funding improvements in the quality of race meets
- Funding marketing and promotion of race meets
- Funding initiatives that support the best jockey care and safety
- Funding opportunities to expand the number of race meets

CHANGE

- Funding safety initiatives, including studies for improved National Fences and timber fences



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**THE 59th RUNNING OF
AIKEN SPRING STEEPLECHASE
AIKEN STEEPLECHASE RACECOURSE (Irrigated)
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
FIRST RACE - 1:00 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$150,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. – MONDAY, MARCH 16
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, MARCH 17

**FIRST RACE 1
(Training Flat)**

For Three Year Olds and Upward. Three-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. Apprentice riders allowed 5 lbs. **The result of this race does not count toward a horse's official record.** Entry fee \$100.

One Mile and One Quarter on the Turf.

**SECOND RACE 2
(Maiden Starter/Maiden Claiming Hurdle)**

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward which have started for a claiming price of \$20,000 or less on the flat, or over fences, or which are entered for a claiming price of \$20,000. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry Fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

**THIRD RACE 3
(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle Handicap. 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. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

**FOURTH RACE 4
(Filly & Mare Maiden Hurdle)**

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Maidens Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 147 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Entry fee \$300; \$300 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$300 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

**FIFTH RACE
(Maiden Hurdle)**

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Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$350; \$350 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$350 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

**SIXTH RACE
THE IMPERIAL CUP
(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

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Purse \$40,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 120 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. Entry fee \$400; \$400 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$400 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

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**THE 91st RUNNING
CAROLINA CUP RACES
SPRINGDALE RACE COURSE (Irrigated)
CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026
FIRST RACE - 1:30 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$205,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. – MONDAY, MARCH 23
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, MARCH 24

FIRST RACE **7**

(Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. **Claiming price \$30,000.** Entry fee \$250, \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

SECOND RACE **8**

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$350; \$350 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$350 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

It is the intention of the race committee to split this race with a \$35,000 purse in each division.

THIRD RACE **9**

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle Handicap. 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. Entry fee \$350; \$350 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$350 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

**FOURTH RACE
THE CAROLINA CUP**

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(Sport of Kings Novice Hurdle Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, March 16

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, 144 lbs.; older, 152 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter or restricted three-year-old race: 3 lbs. extra for each race won. Nomination fee \$250; \$500 additional to enter; \$750 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$750 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$1,250, may be made at the time of entry. *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*
Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

**FIFTH RACE
(Training Flat)**

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For Three Year Olds and Upward. Three-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. Apprentice riders allowed 5 lbs. **The result of this race does not count toward a horse's official record.** Entry fee \$100. The owner and trainer of the winner will each receive a \$1,000 award.
One Mile and One Half on the Turf.

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**THE CHESHIRE RACES
UNIONVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026
FIRST RACE – 12:30 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$65,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, MARCH 23
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, MARCH 24

FIRST RACE 12
**THE JOSEPH WALKER, III MEMORIAL
CHESHIRE BOWL
(Open Timber)**

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. Five-year-olds, 165 lbs.; older, 170 lbs. Non-winners of a timber stakes, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race over timber, 10 lbs. Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

SECOND RACE 13
**THE LOUIS NEILSON, III
(Apprentice Rider Timber)**

Purse \$15,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have not won a timber or hurdle stakes in 2025. To be ridden by apprentice riders. 170 lbs. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. Riders who have never won a race allowed 5 lbs. **No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

\$5,000 of this purse has been donated by the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation, for the promotion of the apprentice rider program.

THIRD RACE/FOURTH RACE 14
**THE RAINBOWS FOR LUCK
THE ASHWELL STABLE
(Maiden Timber)**

Purse \$15,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won over timber. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

It is the intention of the race committee to split this race with a \$15,000 purse in each division.

Note: All races will be limited to a field of eight.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

These races are sanctioned by the NSA, and as such,
all rules apply.

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**THE OLD DOMINION POINT TO POINT
WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026
FIRST RACE – 12:00 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$95,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, MARCH 30
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, MARCH 31

**FIRST/SECOND RACE 15
(Maiden Hurdle)**

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$300; \$300 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$300 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

It is the intention of the race committee to split this race with a \$30,000 purse in each division. Limit of field 8.

**THIRD RACE 16
THE LEEDS DON
(Allowance Timber)**

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won a timber stakes. Five-year-olds, 165 lbs.; older, 170 lbs. Non-winners of two races, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race over timber, 10 lbs. Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

**FOURTH RACE 17
(Apprentice Rider Hurdle)**

Purse \$15,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have not won a timber or hurdle stakes in 2025-2026. To be ridden by apprentice riders. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. Non-winners of a stakes race, allowed 4 lbs; of two races 8 lbs. **Riders who have never won a jump race allowed 5 lbs.** Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

\$5,000 of this purse has been donated by the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation, for the promotion of the apprentice rider program.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

These races are sanctioned by the NSA, and as such, all rules apply.

These races are sponsored in part by the Virginia Equine Alliance for the promotion and growth of steeplechase racing in Virginia

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The Virginia HBPA is a non-profit organization that represents thoroughbred owners and trainers who race at Colonial Downs in New Kent, Virginia. Our organization negotiates contracts for race days and purses with Colonial Downs and sponsors benevolent programs for backstretch workers during Colonial's summer meet.



The Virginia HBPA is pleased to furnish the purse money for steeplechase races at Colonial Downs. Our goal is to encourage and promote flat and steeplechase racing in Virginia, particularly for Virginia bred horses.

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**THE BLUE RIDGE POINT TO POINT
BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
FIRST RACE – 1:00 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$85,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, APRIL 6
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, APRIL 7

**FIRST RACE 18
(Maiden Timber)**

Purse \$15,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won over timber. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.
Three Miles over Timber.

**SECOND RACE 19
VIRGINIA EQUINE ALLIANCE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Maiden Hurdle)**

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$300; \$300 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$300 additional to start.
Two Miles over National Fences.

Note: This series race is sponsored in part by the VEA for the promotion and growth of steeplechase racing in Virginia.

**THIRD RACE/ FOURTH RACE 20
(Maiden Starter/ Maiden Claiming Hurdle)**

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward which have started for a claiming price of \$16,000 or less on the flat, or over jumps or which are entered for a claiming price of \$16,000. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$200, \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.
Two Miles over National Fences.

It is the intention of the race committee to split this race with a \$20,000 purse in each division.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

These races are sanctioned by the NSA, and as such,
all rules apply.



**MY LADY'S MANOR
MONKTON, MARYLAND
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
FIRST RACE - 1:30 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$105,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, APRIL 6
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, APRIL 7

**FIRST RACE 21
THE MY LADY'S MANOR
(Timber Stakes)**

Nominations Close Monday, March 30

Purse \$50,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. To be ridden by amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Riders must comply with the NSA's Amateur Rider Policy. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Nomination fee \$200; \$300 additional to enter; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$1,000, may be made at the time of entry.
Three Miles over Timber.

Note: The owner of the winner will receive the Perpetual Bowl in memory of Janon Fisher, Jr., to be held for one year. The owner and rider of the winner will receive trophies for permanent possession.

**SECOND RACE/THIRD RACE 22
THE JOHN RUSH STRETT MEMORIAL
THE THOMAS H. VOSS MEMORIAL
(Maiden Timber)**

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won over timber. To be ridden by amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Riders must comply with the NSA's Amateur Rider Policy. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.
Three Miles over Timber.

It is the intention of the race committee to split this race with a \$20,000 purse in each division.

Note: The owner of the winner of the John Rush Streтт Memorial will receive the Perpetual Trophy given in memory of Mrs. Louis M. Fisher, to be held for one year. The owner and rider of the winner will receive trophies for permanent possession

Note: The owner of the winner of the Thomas H. Voss Memorial will receive the Perpetual Trophy given by Mrs. Thomas H. Voss, to be held for one year. The owner and rider of the winner will receive trophies for permanent possession.

FOURTH RACE

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THE JOHN D. SCHAPIRO MEMORIAL (Apprentice Rider Timber)

Purse \$15,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have not won a timber or hurdle stakes in 2025-2026. To be ridden by apprentice riders. 170 lbs. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. **No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

\$5,000 of this purse has been donated by the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation, for the promotion of the apprentice rider program.

Note: The owner of the winner will receive the Perpetual Trophy donated by the late Hermen and Monica Greenberg, to be held for one year, as well as a trophy for permanent possession.

Maryland Bred Bonuses

Breeders and owners of registered Maryland-bred horses competing over fences at NSA-sanctioned Maryland meets will receive a bonus on top of the normal purse amount for 1-2-3 placings. Paid bonuses will be equal to current Maryland Bred Fund bonus percentage. These bonuses are not considered part of purse earnings and will be paid directly from the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. For any inquiries please call Cricket Goodall (410-252-2100, extension 111).

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BUTLER, MARYLAND
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
FIRST RACE - 2:30 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$100,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, APRIL 13
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, APRIL 14

**FIRST RACE
THE GRAND NATIONAL
(Timber Stakes)**

24

Nominations Close Monday, April 6

Purse \$50,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. To be ridden by amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Riders must comply with the NSA's Amateur Rider Policy. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Nomination fee \$200; \$300 additional to enter; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$1,000, may be made at the time of entry.

Three Miles and One Quarter over Timber.

Note: The Challenge Cup will be presented by the Grand National Steeplechase Association to the owner of the winner each year and will become the permanent property of the owner winning the race three times, not necessarily with the same horse or in succession. A permanent trophy will be presented to the owner of the winner.

**SECOND RACE
(Maiden Timber)**

25

Purse \$15,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won over timber. To be ridden by amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Riders must comply with the NSA's Amateur Rider Policy. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. **No rider allowances.** Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber on the Western Run Course.

**THIRD RACE
THE BENJAMIN H. MURRAY MEMORIAL
(Allowance Timber)**

26

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races over timber. To be ridden by amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Riders must comply with the NSA's Amateur Rider Policy. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Non-winners over timber, allowed 5 lbs. **No rider allowances.** Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.

Three Miles and One Quarter over Timber.

Note: The Perpetual Benjamin H. Murray Memorial Trophy will be presented by the Murray Family to the owner of the winner, to be held for one year.

**FOURTH RACE
THE WESTERN RUN PLATE
(Apprentice Rider Timber)**

27

Purse \$15,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have not won a timber or hurdle stakes in 2025-2026. To be ridden by apprentice riders. 170 lbs. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. **No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.

Three Miles over the Western Run Timber Course.

\$5,000 of this purse has been donated by the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation, for the promotion of the apprentice rider program.

Note:The owner of the winner will receive the Perpetual Trophy donated by the Redmond C. Stewart family, to be held for one year.

Maryland Bred Bonuses

Breeders and owners of registered Maryland-bred horses competing over fences at NSA-sanctioned Maryland meets will receive a bonus on top of the normal purse amount for 1-2-3 placings. Paid bonuses will be equal to current Maryland Bred Fund bonus percentage. These bonuses are not considered part of purse earnings and will be paid directly from the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. For any inquiries please call Cricket Goodall (410-252-2100, extension 111).

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**THE 106th ANNUAL
MIDDLEBURG SPRING RACES
GLENWOOD PARK COURSE
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
FIRST RACE – 1:00 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$300,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, APRIL 13
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, APRIL 14

FIRST RACE **28**
(Training Flat)

For Three Year Olds and Upward. Three-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. Apprentice riders allowed 5 lbs. **The result of this race does not count toward a horse's official record.** Entry fee \$100.

One Mile and One Half on the Turf.

SECOND RACE **29**
THE WARRIOR CANINE CONNECTION
(Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$50,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$500; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$500 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

THIRD RACE **30**
THE MIDDLEBURG HUNT CUP
(Timber Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, April 6

Purse \$30,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. Nomination fee \$100; \$200 additional to enter; \$300 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$300 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$500, may be made at the time of entry.

Three Miles and One Quarter over Timber.

FOURTH RACE **31**
THE TEMPLE GWATHMEY (Grade 2)
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, April 6

Purse \$100,000. Handicap Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward. Nomination fee \$500; \$750 additional to enter; \$750 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$1,000 additional to start. **No Supplementary nominations.** *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*

Two Miles and One Half over National Fences.

FIFTH RACE**32****THE PTARMIGAN****(Filly & Mare Maiden Hurdle)**

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Maidens Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 147 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Entry fee \$350; \$350 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$350 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

SIXTH RACE**33****VIRGINIA EQUINE ALLIANCE MAIDEN HURDLE****RUN IN MEMORY OF PAUL R. FOUT****(Maiden Hurdle)**

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$400; \$400 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$400 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

Note: This series race is sponsored in part by the VEA for the promotion and growth of steeplechase racing in Virginia.

SEVENTH RACE**34****THE JAMES L. WILEY****(Maiden Starter/ Maiden Claiming Hurdle)**

Purse \$25,000. 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 jumps or which are entered for a claiming price of \$25,000. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$250, \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

EIGHTH RACE**35****THE ALFRED M. HUNT****(Steeplethon)**

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 160 lbs. Winners of a steeplethon, 5 lbs. extra. Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; 200 additional to start.

Two Miles and Five Furlongs over the Alfred Hunt Course.

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**LOUDOUN HUNT POINT TO POINT
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
FIRST RACE - 12:30 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$60,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, APRIL 13
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, APRIL 14

FIRST RACE 36

(Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. **Claiming price \$20,000.** For each \$2,500 to **\$15,000**, allowed 3 lbs. Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

SECOND RACE 37

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle Handicap. 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. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Half over National Fences.

THIRD RACE 38

(Apprentice Rider Hurdle)

Purse \$15,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have not won a timber or hurdle stakes in 2025-2026. To be ridden by apprentice riders. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. Non-winners of a stakes race, allowed 4 lbs; of two races 8 lbs. **Riders who have never won a jump race allowed 5 lbs.** Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Half over National Fences.

\$5,000 of this purse has been donated by the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation, for the promotion of the apprentice rider program.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

These races are sanctioned by the NSA, and as such,
all rules apply.

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**THE 47th ANNUAL
FOXFIELD SPRING RACES (Irrigated)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
FIRST RACE - 12:30 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$240,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, APRIL 20
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, APRIL 21

**FIRST RACE 39
VIRGINIA EQUINE ALLIANCE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Maiden Hurdle)**

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$400; \$400 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$400 additional to start.
Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

Note: This series race is sponsored in part by the VEA for the promotion and growth of steeplechase racing in Virginia.

**SECOND RACE 40
(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

Purse \$35,000. Handicap 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. Entry fee \$350; \$350 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$350 additional to start.
Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

**THIRD RACE 41
(Maiden Timber)**

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won over timber. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.
Three Miles over Timber.

FOURTH RACE

42

THE DANIEL VAN CLIEF MEMORIAL
(Sport of Kings Novice Hurdle Stakes)
Nominations Close Monday, April 13

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, 144 lbs.; older, 152 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter or restricted three-year-old race: 3 lbs. extra for each race won. Nomination fee \$250; \$500 additional to enter; \$750 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$750 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$1,250, may be made at the time of entry. *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

FIFTH RACE

43

THE GOOD NIGHT SHIRT
(Sport of Kings Ratings Handicap Hurdle Stakes)
Nominations Close Monday, April 13

Purse \$50,000. Handicap Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 130 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. **No rider allowances.** Nomination fee \$100; \$400 additional to enter; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$500, may be made at the time of entry. *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

SIXTH RACE

44

(Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. **Claiming price \$20,000.** Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

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**THE 129th RUNNING OF
THE MARYLAND HUNT CUP
WORTHINGTON FARMS
GLYNDON, MARYLAND
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
POST TIME - 4:00 P.M.
TOTAL PURSE \$100,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, APRIL 20
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, APRIL 21

**THE MARYLAND HUNT CUP 45
(Timber Stakes)**

Early Nominations Close Monday, March 9

Purse \$100,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. Owners, horses and amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Riders must comply with the NSA's Amateur Rider Policy. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Entry fee \$1,000; \$1,000 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$1,000 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$1,000, may be made at the time of entry.

Four Miles over Timber.

Note: *The owner of the winner will receive the Challenge Trophy, presented by the committee of the Maryland Hunt Cup Association, to be held for one year and to become the permanent property of the owner winning the Maryland Hunt Cup three times, not necessarily with the same horse nor in succession. Permanent trophies will be presented to the owner and rider of the winner.*

IMPORTANT NOTICES

NSA hangtags will admit cars to General Parking Lot only. Additional parking passes must be obtained prior to race day.

Badges and parking stickers will be provided to horsemen the week preceding the race. No duplicate badges will be mailed. No sales will be made at the course on race day.

Schooling over the Maryland Hunt Cup course will be permitted before April 16 by arrangement with the Race Secretaries and the property owner. All horses are to be stabled and tacked at Worthington Farms.

Maryland Bred Bonuses

Breeders and owners of registered Maryland-bred horses competing over fences at NSA-sanctioned Maryland meets will receive a bonus on top of the normal purse amount for 1-2-3 placings. Paid bonuses will be equal to current Maryland Bred Fund bonus percentage. These bonuses are not considered part of purse earnings and will be paid directly from the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. For any inquiries please call Cricket Goodall (410-252-2100, extension 111).

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**THE 101st RUNNING OF
THE VIRGINIA GOLD CUP
GREAT MEADOW RACE COURSE (Irrigated)
THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026
FIRST RACE - 1:00 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$410,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, APRIL 27
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, APRIL 28

FIRST RACE 46

THE VIRGINIA EQUINE ALLIANCE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$400; \$400 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$400 additional to start.
Two Miles and One Half over National Fences.

Note: This series race is sponsored in part by the VEA for the promotion and growth of steeplechase racing in Virginia.

SECOND RACE 47

THE ARTHUR W. ARUNDEL MEMORIAL
(Steeplethon)

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 160 lbs. Winners of a steeplethon, 5 lbs. extra. Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.
Three Miles over the Steeplethon Course.

THIRD RACE 48

THE DAVID SEMMES MEMORIAL
(Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$50,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$500; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$500 additional to start.
Two Miles and One Half over National Fences.

FOURTH RACE 49

THE COMMONWEALTH CUP (Grade I)
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Stakes)
Nominations Close Monday, April 20

Purse \$150,000. Handicap Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward. Nomination fee \$500; \$1,000 additional to enter; \$1,500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$1,500 additional to start. **No Supplementary Nominations.** *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*
Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

FIFTH RACE
THE VIRGINIA GOLD CUP
(Timber Stakes)

50

Nominations Close Monday, April 20

Purse \$75,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 165 lbs. Nomination fee \$250; \$500 additional to enter; \$750 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$750 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$1,250, may be made at the time of entry.

Four Miles over the Virginia Gold Cup Timber Course.

SIXTH RACE
THE SPEEDY SMITHWICK MEMORIAL
(Sport of Kings Four-Year-Old Hurdle Stakes)

51

Nominations Close Monday, April 20

Purse \$50,000. Hurdle. For Four Years Old. 150 lbs. Winners, other than claiming, 3 lbs. extra for each race won. Nomination fee \$100; \$400 additional to enter; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$500, may be made at the time of entry. *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

SEVENTH RACE
(Maiden Starter/ Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

52

Purse \$25,000. 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 jumps or which are entered for a claiming price of \$25,000. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$250, \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Half over National Fences.

NOTICE

Virginia bred, sired or certified horses will be eligible for a 25% owners' bonus with a \$10,000 cap for any win in all races.

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**THE 84th ANNUAL
IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE
PERCY WARNER PARK (Irrigated)
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026
FIRST RACE - 1:00 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$605,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, MAY 4
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, MAY 5

53

**FIRST RACE
THE BRIGHT HOUR
(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

Purse \$45,000. Handicap Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 120 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. \$450 to enter; \$450 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; Entry fee \$450; \$450 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$450 additional to start.
Two Miles and Three Quarters over National Fences.

54

**SECOND RACE
THE LOUIS BROWN MCMILLAN MEMORIAL
(Maiden Hurdle Sweepstakes)**

Nominations Close Monday, April 27

Purse \$50,000-added. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Nomination fee \$100; \$400 additional to enter; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$500 additional to start. In addition to normal entry fees, a "sweepstakes ante" of \$1,000 per horse will be added to the \$50,000 guaranteed purse. Runner's reward will not apply to the "sweepstakes ante" portion of the entry fees. Limit of field 10, with only two entries allowed per trainer. Also, all entries must be approved by and acceptable to the Iroquois Race Committee.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

If this race attracts a sufficient number of entries, it will be split with a \$40,000-added purse in each division.

55

**THIRD RACE
THE GREEN PASTURES
(Sport of Kings Novice Hurdle Stakes)**

Nominations Close Monday, April 27

Purse \$125,000. 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, 144 lbs.; older, 152 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter or restricted three-year-old race: 3 lbs. extra for each race won. Nomination fee \$500; \$750 additional to enter; \$1,250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$1,250 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$2,000 may be made at the time of entry. *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

FOURTH RACE
THE CALVIN HOUGHLAND IROQUOIS (Grade I)
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Stakes)

56

Nominations Close Monday, April 27

Purse \$250,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. Nomination fee \$500; \$2,000 additional to enter; \$2,500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$2,500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$2,500, may be made at the time of entry. *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*

Three Miles over National Fences.

FIFTH RACE
THE MARGARET CURREY HENLEY
(Sport of Kings Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes)

57

Nominations Close Monday, April 27

Purse \$100,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Nomination fee \$300; \$700 additional to enter; \$1,000 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$1,000 additional to start. **No supplementary nominations.** *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

SIXTH RACE
THE MASON HOUGHLAND MEMORIAL
(Allowance Timber)

58

Purse \$25,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won three races over timber. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

Note: The owner of the winner of this race will receive a \$10,000 bonus if the horse is ridden by an amateur licensed by the NSA and acceptable to the Iroquois race committee.

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**THE 33rd ANNUAL
WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE
WILLOWDALE RACECOURSE
(Irrigated and Right-Handed)
KENNETT SQUARE, PENNSYLVANIA
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026
FIRST RACE - 1:00 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$115,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, MAY 4
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, MAY 5

**FIRST RACE
THE LIAM MAGEE
(Apprentice Rider Hurdle)**

59

Purse \$15,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have not won a timber or hurdle stakes in 2025-2026. To be ridden by apprentice riders. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. Non-winners of a stakes race, allowed 4 lbs; of two races 8 lbs. Riders who have never won a jump race allowed 5 lbs. Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start. Two Miles and One Quarter over Natural Brush Hedges.

\$5,000 of this purse has been donated by the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation, for the promotion of the apprentice rider program.

**SECOND RACE
THE FOLLY
(Maiden Claiming Hurdle)**

60

Purse \$15,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Claiming price \$10,000. Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start. Two Miles and One Quarter over Natural Brush Hedges.

**THIRD RACE
THE ROSE TREE CUP
(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

61

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle Handicap. 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. Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start. Two Miles and One Quarter over Natural Brush Hedges.

FOURTH RACE
THE WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE
(Timber Stakes)

62

Nominations Close Monday, April 27

Purse \$35,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. To be ridden by amateur riders. Riders must comply with the NSA's Amateur Rider Policy. 165 lbs. Winners of a stakes over timber, 5 lbs. extra. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. Nomination fee \$150; \$200 additional to enter; \$350 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$350 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$750, may be made at the time of entry.
Three Miles and One Half over Timber.

FIFTH RACE
THE LANDHOPE CUP
(Maiden Timber)

63

Purse \$15,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won over timber. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.
Three Miles over Timber.

SIXTH RACE
THE WILLARD SPEAKMAN MEMORIAL
FOXHUNTER'S CHASE
(Apprentice Rider Timber)

64

Purse \$15,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have not won a timber or hurdle stakes in 2025-2026. To be ridden by apprentice riders. 170 lbs. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. **No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$150 additional to start.
Three Miles over Timber.

\$5,000 of this purse has been donated by the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation, for the promotion of the apprentice rider program.

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**THE 95th ANNUAL
RADNOR HUNT RACES
W. BURLING COCKS MEMORIAL RACECOURSE
(Right-Handed)
MALVERN, PENNSYLVANIA
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
FIRST RACE - 1:30 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$100,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, MAY 11
SCRATCHES BY 10:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, MAY 12

**FIRST/ SECOND RACE 65
THE MILFERN CUP
THE HENRY COLLINS**

(Maiden Starter/Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward which have started for a claiming price of \$16,000 or less on the flat, or over fences, or which are entered for a claiming price of \$16,000. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

It is the intention of the race committee to split this race with a \$20,000 purse in each division.

**THIRD RACE 66
THE RADNOR HUNT CUP
(Allowance Timber)**

Purse \$25,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have not won a timber stakes in 2026. Five-year-olds 160 lbs; older 165 lbs. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Three Miles and One Quater over Timber.

**FOURTH RACE
THE NATIONAL HUNT CUP
(Allowance Hurdle)**

67

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won a race, other than maiden, claiming, ratings 115 or lower, or restricted three year old. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$350; \$350 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$350 additional to start. Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

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**FAIR HILL RACES
FAIR HILL, MARYLAND
MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026
FIRST RACE - 1:00 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$300,000**

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, MAY 18
SCRATCHES BY 11:00 A.M. - TUESDAY, MAY 19

**FIRST RACE 69
(Maiden Hurdle)**

Purse \$40,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$400; \$400 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$400 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

It is the intention of the race committee to split this race with a \$40,000 purse in each division.

**SECOND RACE 70
(Filly & Mare Maiden Hurdle)**

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Maidens Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 147 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Entry fee \$350; \$350 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$350 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

**THIRD RACE 71
(Maiden Claiming Hurdle)**

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. **Claiming price \$25,000.** Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

**FOURTH RACE 72
(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

Purse \$35,000. Handicap 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. Entry fee \$350; \$350 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$350 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

FIFTH RACE

73

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$30,000. Handicap 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. Entry fee \$300; \$300 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$300 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

SIXTH RACE

74

THE VALENTINE MEMORIAL**(Sport of Kings Restricted Hurdle Stakes)**

Nominations Close Monday, May 11

Purse \$50,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won an open hurdle stakes. Nomination fee \$100; \$400 additional to enter; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$500 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

SEVENTH RACE

75

(Maiden Timber)

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won over timber. To be ridden by amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. **No rider allowances.** Entry fee \$200; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$200 additional to start.

Three Miles over the Louis Neilson III Timber Course.

EIGHTH RACE

76

(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. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles on the Turf.

NSA RATINGS SYSTEM 2026

The Handicap Committee consists of NSA Director of Racing Bill Gallo, Assistant Racing Secretary Keith O'Brien, Senior Steward Gregg Morris, and Assistant to the Director of Racing Emma Cary.

To be eligible for any Ratings Handicap, a horse must be entered in the Ratings system at least one week prior to the close of entries of such race.

Ratings will be assigned to hurdle winners, four-years-old and upward, **which have run in three NSA-sanctioned races over hurdles**, providing the committee feels confident that they can properly assess the horse.

Automatic Ratings: Winners of the following races will be automatically assigned a rating.

A maiden claiming winner (\$30,000): **116**.

A maiden claiming winner (\$25,000-\$20,000): **111**.

A maiden claiming winner (\$16,000-10,000): **107**.

A filly/mare restricted maiden winner: **111**.

A maiden starter winner's automatic number corresponds to the claiming price.

Other Policies:

A horse with an official published rating in another country will race on its most recent mark (hurdle or chase), unless the Committee determines that another number is more applicable.

In all Ratings Handicaps, the highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. If the highest rated horse scratches at scratch time on Tuesday, the next highest rated horse will assume top weight and all others adjusted accordingly. In all ratings races, highweights are preferred.

The minimum weight in all Ratings Handicaps will be 144 lbs., not including apprentice allowances. Apprentice allowances may not be claimed in Ratings Stakes.

If a horse runs with an established number, and is entered before a new number is determined, that entry will be considered provisional.

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The Sport of Kings Series is comprised of all hurdle stakes races, offering premier purses on the NSA circuit. The series was introduced several years ago by former amateur rider and steeplechase promoter George Sloan, whose vision was to create racing opportunities, with lucrative purses, for the “younger” novice horses. It had an immediate positive impact on the horse inventory as well as the overall racing product and was considered one of the most innovative changes in the history of the sport.

Over the years, the Sport of Kings Series was expanded beyond the novice division to include races for maidens. Now, the Sport of Kings Series will shift to an all stakes schedule. For all such designated stakes races, owners pay a 5% fee for any purse money earned. Those monies are held in the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund and distributed, when needed, to enhance purses. The distribution of funds is approved by a committee consisting of the NSA President, the SOTA President and the NSA Director of Racing.

Conditions for the 2026 spring and summer novice races will be as follows: **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.**

For the fall novice races, the eligibility date will change from March 1, 2025 to **September 1, 2025.**

2026 SPRING HURDLE STAKES

March 28	Carolina Cup (Novice)	\$75,000	2-1/8	Carolina Cup
April 18	Temple Gwathmey (Gr. 2)	\$100,000	2-1/2	Middleburg
April 25	D.G. Van Clief (Novice)	\$75,000	2-1/8	Foxfield
April 25	Good Night Shirt (Rat.130)	\$50,000	2-1/8	Foxfield
May 2	Commonwealth Cup (Gr. I)	\$150,000	2-1/8	VA Gold Cup
May 2	Speedy Smithwick (4YO)	\$50,000	2-1/8	VA Gold Cup
May 9	McMillan Mdn Sweepstakes	\$50,000-a	2-1/8	Iroquois
May 9	Green Pastures (Novice)	\$125,000	2-1/4	Iroquois
May 9	Iroquois (Gr. I)	\$250,000	3	Iroquois
May 9	Margaret Henley (F/M)	\$100,000	2-1/4	Iroquois
May 25	Valentine Memorial (R)	\$50,000	2-1/4	Fair Hill

2026 SPRING TIMBER STAKES

April 11	My Lady's Manor	\$50,000	3	My Lady's Mnr.
April 18	Grand National	\$50,000	3-1/4	Grand National
April 18	Middleburg Hunt Cup	\$30,000	3-1/4	Middleburg
April 25	Maryland Hunt Cup	\$100,000	4	MD Hunt Cup
May 2	Virginia Gold Cup	\$75,000	4	VA Gold Cup
May 9	Willowdale Steeplechase	\$35,000	3-1/2	Willowdale

SCALE OF WEIGHTS FOR AGE

Age	Mar/Apr/May	June/July/Aug	Sept/Oct/Nov
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Short (2 to 2-3/8 Miles)

3	142	144	146
4	150	152	154
Older	158	158	158

Long (2-1/2 to 3 Miles)

3	140	142	144
4	148	150	152
Older	158	158	158



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NSA CENTRAL BOOKKEEPING

The NSA Central Bookkeeping System is in effect at all meets. **Purses will be distributed by the NSA as follows: 60% to first; 18% to second; 10% to third; 7% to fourth; and 5% to fifth.** All unearned purse money will be accumulated in the Reverted Purse Fund or retained by the race meeting. "Runners Reward" applies to all races, with all fees waived for any horse that runs and does not earn a portion of the purse, unless otherwise noted.

NSA DIVISION OF PURSE MONEY

PURSE	1st 60%	2nd 18%	3rd 10%	4th 7%	5th 5%
15,000	9,000	2,700	1,500	1,050	750
20,000	12,000	3,600	2,000	1,400	1,000
25,000	15,000	4,500	2,500	1,750	1,250
30,000	18,000	5,400	3,000	2,100	1,500
35,000	21,000	6,300	3,500	2,450	1,750
40,000	24,000	7,200	4,000	2,800	2,000
45,000	27,000	8,100	4,500	3,150	2,250
50,000	30,000	9,000	5,000	3,500	2,500
75,000	45,000	13,500	7,500	5,250	3,750
100,000	60,000	18,000	10,000	7,000	5,000
150,000	90,000	27,000	15,000	10,500	7,500
200,000	120,000	36,000	20,000	14,000	10,000
250,000	150,000	45,000	25,000	17,500	12,500

COURSE INSPECTION

A comprehensive course inspection is made prior to each race meet involving inspection of the grounds, analysis of the turf, fence and beacon placement, and a complete safety review.

Compaction Meter Scale		Moisture Meter Scale
< 80	Deep	0 – 2 Dry
80 – 100	Soft	3 – 4 Average Dry
101 – 120	Good	5 – 6 Average
121 – 140	Firm	7 – 8 Average Wet
>140	Hard	9 – 10 Wet

2026 SPRING CONDITION BOOK RACE INDEX

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\$35,000 Purse	5, 8
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\$10,000	60
\$20,000- \$15,000	36
\$20,000	44
\$25,000	71
\$30,000	7

Maiden Starter/ Maiden Claiming (4)

\$25,000 or less, or for \$25,000	34, 52
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Aiken
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Carolina Cup
29 Cheshire	30	31				

APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Old Dominion
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Blue Ridge My Lady's Mnr.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Grand Natl. Middleburg
19 Loudoun	20	21	22	23	24	25 Foxfield MD Hunt Cup
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2 VA Gold Cup
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Iroquois Willowdale
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Radnor
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Fair Hill	26	27	28	29	30 / 31

