



NSA Official Notices

Thursday, April 30, 2026

By Order of the Stewards Advisory Committee

As a reminder, access to the barn area at all NSA race meets is restricted to officials, licensees, and attendants of horses who are entered to run at that meet. This restriction applies during the “Race Period,” which is defined as the period beginning 24 hours before the first post time and ending at midnight on the day of the races. Any unauthorized persons will be reported to the stewards and the race committee.

Notice to Horsemen running in the Virginia Gold Cup Races

This year the Virginia Gold Cup will recognize the first three finishers in each race. There will be pegs installed in the paddock area near the stewards stand for the second and third place horses to unsaddle and be recognized by the announcer. Connections may join them as well. The first-place horse will proceed to the winner’s circle as in the past. Thank you for your assistance in honoring all three top finishers for each race.

Willowdale Course Report

Date of Inspection: 4/27/2026

Clerk of Course: James Slater/ Brian Harrop

Race Meet Director: Andrea Collins

Others on Inspection: James Slater

Turf: Green, thick, lush cover of mostly fescue, with some blue grass.

Smoothness: Willowdale’s program of turf care continues to improve conditions. Aeration and overseeding along with the irrigation system means that the turf is in very good condition and the ground is consistently smooth. Irrigation will continue depending on weather conditions.

Compaction: Averaged 105 (soft side of good)

Moisture: 8 (Average/Wet)



Fair Hill Sub Races

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$40,000. 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 included 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 Quarter over National Fences.

(Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$45,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Entry fee \$450; \$450 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$450 additional to start.

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Fair Hill Condition Change

Note: The Maiden Timber (#75) is not a restricted amateur rider race; it is open to all riders.