



NSA Official Notices Monday, May 11, 2026

Pre-entries for Fair Hill Jump Races

Pre-entries for the jump races carded for Monday, May 25, will close at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 13. Horses not pre-entered will have least preference when the races are officially drawn on Monday, May 18.

Fair Hill Substitute 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 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.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Fair Hill Correction

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

Licensing for Fair Hill Turf Showcase

All Owners, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Jockeys, Grooms and Hotwalkers participating in the Fair Hill Turf Showcase on May 24th and 25th must be licensed by the Maryland Department of Labor. This licensing policy applies to both flat and steeplechase horsemen. Participants are asked to please apply for licensing prior to race day as licensing personnel will NOT be on the grounds on Monday, June 25th.

Please use the link below to fill out the application, then submit to: Cheryl.Kauffman@Maryland.gov. For more information please visit: <https://www.laurelpark.com/horsemen/mrc-licensing-fees> or contact Cheryl Kauffman at (410) 296-9683

Multi-Jurisdictional License Application: <https://labor.maryland.gov/forms/racingmultijurisapp.pdf>

Reminder to Horsemen Concerning Heat Illness

As we go into the warmer temperatures on racing days, horsemen are reminded that treatment of over-heated horses is based upon science. Those principals are applied by veterinarians attending the horses racing and must be adhered to for the management of heat illness.

The objective is to reduce body heat as quickly as possible and to reduce high brain temperatures. This is accomplished by the application of cold water CONTINUOUSLY to the horse's body and the administration of selected pharmaceuticals intravenously to reduce brain temperatures-most commonly, detomidine. This combination has proven very effective and is based on good research in racing over the past few years. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications may also be used.

The old adage that we should keep the horse moving and forcing them to walk prevents adequate cooling and the efficient administration of the necessary medications by veterinarians. STOP THE HORSE - cool and treat.

No one wants to see a horse go down when struggling with heat and very slow steps forward after treatment may be indicated, but under the supervision of the attending veterinarian. When the horse has made an adequate recovery, then walking or transport may be advised.

Most meets are now set up to provide adequate cooling either with fixed water hoses or portable pressure sprayers followed by cooling fans in the stable area. The portable water tanks with pressure hoses as utilized at many races this spring have been a very useful tool.