

**The 56th Running of the Delaware Valley Point-to-Point
Association Races
Condition Book 2025**

**The Foxhall Farm Cup Team Chase (Run by MSA)
Sunday March 16, 2025**

**Cheshire Races
Sunday March 30, 2025**

**Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point Races
Sunday April 6, 2025**

**Mount Harmon Wicomico Hunt
Point-to-Point Races
Sunday April 13, 2025**

Delaware Valley Point-to-Point Association Committee – 2025

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General Race Conditions and Rules:

1. All courses should be flagged on Sunday prior to the meeting and no later than the Wednesday before.
2. Horses/ponies must be checked in at the paddock no later than one hour prior to the post time listed on the overnight sheet of the first race in which they are entered, or they will be scratched. This will be strictly enforced.
3. The Race Committee reserves the right to split, combine, change the order and times of races, add or cancel any race. If races are combined, they will run at the higher weight of the combined races. In any division there will be no points awarded if there are less than two entries, Also, the combined races will run at the scheduled time of the latter of the combined races. NOTE: Changes in the race meets made is sufficient time to be entered in the overnights will be so entered. It is nevertheless the responsibility of all owners and trainers to make themselves aware of all changes in the race meets made at any time. Any questions should be directed to the Central Office.
4. Current Coggins tests are required and must be available on race day.
5. No race conditions shall be changed without the approval of the stewards of the meeting.
6. Riders must wear either regular hunting attire or racing silks, unless otherwise noted. **Protective vests, over-girths, and NSA-approved helmets with chinstraps are MANDATORY in all races, and light books and tack are permitted.**
7. All horses and riders are to be acceptable to the Race Committees, the Stewards, and the Delaware Valley Point-to-Point Association, Individual meetings reserve the right to refuse any entry.
8. Riders need not request permission from the Stewards to dismount following the race.
9. All ponies and riders must be approved by the Race Committee before race day. The DVA has joined the MSA and all ponies will be measured prior to running in a DVA or MSA pony race. A certificate will be issued and that will be good for the remainder of the pony's racing career.

10. The Delaware Valley Point-to-Point Association, Race Committees, all officials, and the owners of the properties on which the races are held assume no responsibility for injury or loss incurred by either participants or spectators, and entries are accepted only under the conditions that the participants release them from any and all liability.
11. All owners, trainers, riders and spectators expressly agree to hold harmless the Delaware Valley Point-to-Point Association, each respective Committee, all officials and all landowners for any injuries, accidents and mishaps that might occur prior, during or following the races.
12. Worker's Compensation or personal health insurance will be required of all riders
PROOF OF HEALTH OR WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE will be required before being allowed to ride. All riders must sign liability releases before starting in any race (if not signed at time of entry, the release must be signed at time of weighing out)
13. Stewards: Three stewards (the official DVA steward included) are to be present at each race meet. The official DVA steward will be the presiding steward at individual meets.
14. In any situation where the Delaware Valley Point-to-Point rules do not cover, the National Steeplechase Association Rules may be used as a guideline by the stewards.
15. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce by 7:00 AM on the morning of the race meet cancellation if weather conditions warrant. If there is no cancellation at the time but weather conditions deteriorate, the Race Committee of the Stewards may in their discretion nevertheless cancel any or all races at any time. Check the website at www.dvptp.com or call the DVA office at 610-202-1771 for information or cancellations.
16. To be eligible for Championship, all horses are to have run in two race meets.
17. Any rider who falls will not be allowed to ride until he or she is examined and cleared by the official physician who will advise the presiding DVA Steward. The presiding DVA Steward is responsible for granting, or denying, permission to ride after a rider has fallen.
18. In the event that a Foxhunter Race is carded and does not fill, the Foxhunter entries will be allowed to go in other races at those weights without losing their eligibility for Foxhunters Races.
19. Any errors, omissions or changes in the Condition book will be made available on the web site at www.dvptp.com and on the overnights.
20. The Race Committee may in its discretion split races if there are eight (8) or more runners, but shall not split a race with less than eight (8) runners.

Race Conditions

Delaware Valley Point-to-Point Association Races Amateur Apprentice Rider

Distances for the Open, Novice, Owner-Rider Foxhunter's Races are about three (3) miles over timber, and, unless indicated all DVA race conditions will be as follows:

1. **LADIES RACE** - Open to all horses and lady riders with a minimum weight of 150 lbs.
2. **AMATEUR APPRENTICE RIDER TIMBER** – To be ridden by amateur apprentice riders. Riders must have reached their 16th birthday by the date of the race. Horses and rider must be acceptable to the committee. Weight 165 lbs. Horses that have won a sanctioned race, add 5 lbs. Approximately three miles.
3. **OPEN RACE** – Open to all horses and riders with a minimum weight of 165 lbs.
4. **NOVICE RACE** -Open to horses that have never won over timber prior to 1/1/2025. Open to all riders, minimum weight 165 lbs. Three (3) pounds will be added to the rider's weight for each race won in this year's series.
5. **FOXHUNTER'S TIMBER RACE** – For genuine foxhunting horses, four years old and up to be ridden by riders 15 years of age and older and acceptable to the committee who have never won a race other than a foxhunter's, old-fashioned, heavyweight race or junior race. Weight- 165lbs. In the event of a question over eligibility, the Race Committee, DVA and Stewards reserve the right to refuse entry.
No points toward Overall Winner

6. **PONY RACES:** Catch weights, three entries to fill.
All ponies and riders must be acceptable to the Committee Races will be run under NAPA rules. No whips. No Blinkers

SMALL PONIES – About one-half mile on the flat. Open to ponies 12.2 hands and under. Children under 13 years as of 1/1/2025.

MEDIUM PONIES – About one-half mile of the flat. Open to ponies 12.2 hands to 13.2 hands and under. Children under 16 years as of 1/1/2025.

LARGE PONIES – About three quarters of a mile of the flat. Open to ponies over 13.2 to 14.2 hands. Children under 16 years as of 1/1/2025.

7. OTHER RACES

See conditions of each race meeting for any other races.

FIELD MASTERS CHASE – Junior Division – To be ridden by junior riders who have not reached their 16th birthday as of January 1, 2025 and are not licensed to ride under rules. All horses 5 years or older. Catch weights. Entries are to follow the field master over a flagged course not to exceed 2 miles. After the last fence, the Field Master will release the field to race for the finish, however, if the Field Master is unable to continue, the field should continue at a sensible pace. The use of a whip is strictly forbidden.

A junior, except where noted, is a rider that has not reached their 16th birthday as of the first day of the current year. Junior Races are restricted to riders who are not licensed to ride under rules. Once a 16 year old rides under rules, they are ineligible for the junior division.

HIGH SCORE AWARDS

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 5 points for first place
- 3 points for second place
- 2 points for third place
- 1 point for fourth place
- In addition, one -half point will be awarded each time a horse starts in a Delaware Valley point-to-Point Association race

Points will be awarded toward Overall Winner in the following divisions:

- Open Race
- Amateur Apprentice
- Novice Race
- Ladies Race

If two or more races at any one meeting are combined, points will be awarded to each horse in the same manner as if the race was run separately. Exception: When there are

less than two entries in any divisions. points will awarded toward Overall winner only and will be based on order of finish.

Trophies and Prizes will be awarded to the following division winners:

- Small Pony
- Medium Pony
- Large Pony
- Novice Race
- Ladies Race
- Open Race
- Foxhunters' Race
- Amateur Apprentice Race
- Overall High Score Horse

In addition to the above trophies, the following will be presented:

Leading Rider Award: The Down-First trophy will be awarded to the leading rider. Points to be awarded in the same manner as shown above.

Leading Trainer Award: A leading trainer award of \$1000 will be given to the leading trainer. Points to be awarded in the same manner as high score awards.

The Betty Baldwin Meister Perpetual Award – Awarded to the leading lady rider. Points to be awarded in the same manner as shown above.

The Robert McG. Tindle Perpetual Award – Awarded to the person who has contributed the most to the Delaware Valley Point-to-Point Association through their spirit, support, and sportsmanship. Recipient to be decided by an independent panel. Award donated by Nancy "Wooz" Swayne.

Foxhall Farm Cup Team Chase

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Post Time 1 PM

502 East London Grove Road, West Grove, PA 19390

Conditions

1. Catch weights. Approximately three and one half miles over a flagged course.
NO SCHOOLING PERMITTED.
2. Open to teams of three horses and riders that have fairly hunted the current season with an organized pack of foxhounds. Racing tack permitted; protective vests, approved helmets, and overgirths are recommended. Teams that fail to negotiate the flagged course will be disqualified.
3. Teams will start separately at three-minute intervals and will race against the clock. Teams enter either the Foxhall fast time event to compete for the Foxhall Farm Trophy or in the Full Cry averaged time event. The Full Cry Trophies will be awarded separately to the Junior and Senior teams coming closest to having the average of all times over the course. All three members of each team must finish, having jumped all flagged fences. The time will be counted when the team's third horse and rider cross the finish line. The fast time teams will be assigned start times prior to those of the Full Cry Trophy competitors.
4. The Foxhall Farm and the Full Cry Perpetual Trophies will be held for one year by the respective winning teams. All horses/ponies officially completing the fast time course will be awarded 1/2 point towards DVA year-end awards. Each of the 3 riders of the fast-time winning team will earn one point toward relevant rider awards. This race is to encourage everyone to have fun riding cross country as well as to introduce young horses and riders to point-to-point races. All Junior riders completing the course will be recognized.
5. Each team shall designate a Team Leader. The Team Leader will be responsible for (1) making the team entry through the Central Entry Office (including a mandatory and binding declaration as to which hunt that team represents); (2) paying the team's entry fee; (3) making sure all team members appear with proof of medical coverage to sign the insurance release; (4) picking up and distributing pinnies to team members, and (5) returning pinnies. The Team Leader will be the contact person for the team.
6. Visit www.cheshirehuntconservancy.org for the course map.
7. Entries will be received by the Central Entry Office. Entries must include the name of the hunt represented and intended division: Foxhall Farm Trophy (Fast) or Full Cry Trophy (Average; Junior or Senior). All entries must be acceptable to the Committee and the Committee has the right to refuse any entry.

8. Entry fees must be paid and releases executed online by Wednesday, March 12 at 5:00 pm. Releases may be found at: www.cheshirehuntconservancy.org. All entries, including those that scratch after the deadline, will be held responsible for their entry fees.
9. All horses must be on the grounds no later than a half-hour prior to Post Time. Any horse deemed late to the start may be scratched.

RACE ENTRIES

Alissa Norman

Central Entry Office

alissa@centralentryoffice.com

(484) 897-0096

When open, entries will be taken here: <http://www.centralentryoffice.com/Meets.aspx>

Entries open at noon Wednesday March 5, 2024

Entries close at noon Monday, March 10, 2024

Scratches by noon Wednesday, March 12, 2024

NO POST ENTRIES UNLESS AN EXCEPTION IS INCLUDED ON THE OVERNIGHT

All entries must be done on line

Entry fee: \$200 per team to start.

The course will be flagged and available for walking by Saturday, March 8.

Race Chair:	Dixon Stroud	484-753-9424	strouddixon@gmail.com
Race Secretary:	Anne Hambleton	410-456-7151	achambleton@earthlink.net

**The Seventy-Eighth Running of
The Cheshire Races**

Sunday, March 30, 2025

To be held at the Plantation Field

RACE 1 – SMALL PONY RACE– Trophy to the winner.

Post time 10:15 AM

RACE 2 – MEDIUM PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner.

Post Time 10:30 AM

RACE 3 - LARGE PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner.

Post Time 10:45 AM

RACE 4 – LEAD LINE PONY RACE - Trophy to the winner. Post time 11:00 AM

For ponies ridden by juniors who have not reached their 7th birthday as of the 1st of the year. All ponies must have a lead line attached to their bridle and must be accompanied by an adult. About 50 yds. Walk or trot; entries breaking from trot must go behind the last entry in the field before continuing or may be Disqualified. Riders must wear ASTM approved helmets, overgirths and protective vests are highly encouraged. Racing silks encouraged, riding attire accepted.

RACE 5 – SIDE SADDLE RACE – THE MRS. MILES VALENTINE

Post time 11:45 PM

RACE 6 – THE JOSEPH WALKER, III CHESHIRE BOWL- Open Race Amateur Riders Only

(Sanctioned by NSA) Post Time 12:15 PM

RACE 7 – THE LOUIS NEILSON, III AMATEUR APPRENTICE TIMBER (Sanctioned by NSA)

Post time 12:45 PM

Race 8 – THE ASHWELL MAIDEN TIMBER (Sanctioned by NSA)

Post Time 1:15 PM

RACE 9 – THE MRS. P.F.N. FANNING MEMORIAL NOVICE TIMBER

Post time 1:45 PM

RACE 10 – THE RAFORD BOY OPEN FLAT RACE (Approximately 1.5 miles)

Post time 2:15 PM

RACE 11 – THE KATHEE RENGERT NOVICE RIDER FLAT RACE (Approximately 7/8 mile)

Post time 2:45 PM

Notes:

1. Absolutely no schooling permitted
2. For information regarding races, please contact: Kathy Neilson - 484-883-8094 e-mail: katherine.neilson@aol.com

The Eighty Second Running of the Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point Races

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Brandywine Red Clay Alliance's

Myrick Conservation Center

West Chester, PA (Route 842 East of Unionville, near Northbrook Marketplace)

RACE 1 – JUNIOR FIELDMASTER RACE – Trophy to the winner. Post time 12:00 Noon

RACE 2 – SMALL PONY RACE– Trophy to the winner. Post time 12:30 PM

RACE 3 – MEDIUM PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner. Post time 12:45 PM

RACE 4 - LARGE PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner. Post time 1:00 PM

RACE 5 – LEAD LINE PONY RACE - Trophy to the winner. Post time 1:15 PM

For ponies ridden by juniors who have not reached their 7th birthday as of the 1st of the year. All ponies must have a lead line attached to their bridle and must be accompanied by an adult. About 50 yds. Walk or trot; entries breaking from trot must go behind the last entry in the field before continuing or may be Disqualified. Riders must wear ASTM approved helmets, overgirths and protective vests are highly encouraged. Racing silks encouraged, riding attire accepted.

RACE 6 – LADIES RACE – THE BETTY BALDWIN MEISTER MEMORIAL

Post time 1:45.

RACE 7 – AMATEUR APPRENTICE RACE – THE JOSEPH T. MURTAGH MEMORIAL

Post time 2:15pm

RACE 8 – NOVICE RACE – THE HENRY LATROBE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL TROPHY

Post time 2:45pm

RACE 9 – OPEN RACE – THE HENRY C. BALDWIN CHALLENGE TROPHY

Post time 3:15pm

RACE 10 – Side Saddle Chase

Post time 3:45pm About 1 mile over fair hunting country. Riders to adhere to all rules of DVPTP association and entries approved by race organizers.

Notes:

1. Absolutely no schooling permitted
2. For information regarding races, please contact
Carl J. Meister, Jr. – 610-793-1219 email: bunm1934@gmail.com
3. If you would like to receive subscription information, please contact:
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance's
1760 Unionville-Wawaset Road
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Race Conditions 2025

Mount Harmon-Wicomico Hunt Point-to-Point

600 Mt Harmon Ln, Earleville, MD 21919

April 13, 2025

First Race-Pony Junior Field Master Chase Paddock Time 9:45 Post Time 10:00

- A. Small**
- B. Medium**
- C. Large**

Second Race – Small Pony Flat Race Paddock Time 10:15. Post Time 10:30

Open to Ponies 12.2 hands and under. Children under 13 years of age as of January 1, 2025. Trophy and a prize to the winner. About ¼ mile on the flat.

Third Race – Medium Pony Flat Race Paddock Time 10:15. Post Time 10:45

Open to ponies 12.2 to 13.2 hands. Children under 16 years of age as of January 1, 2025. This race will run immediately following the Small Pony Flat. Trophy and prize to the winner. About ½ mile on the flat

Fourth Race – Large Pony Flat Race Paddock Time 10:15 Post Time 11:00

Open to ponies 13.2 to 14.2 hands. Children under 16 years of age as of January 1, 2025. This race will run immediately following the Medium Pony Flat. Trophy and prize to the winner. About ¾ mile on the flat

Fifth Race-Lead Line Pony Race Paddock Time 11:20 Post Time 11:30

Open to ponies 14.2 and under. Riders who have not reached their 7th birthday as of January 1, 2025. All ponies must have a lead line attached to the bridle and must be accompanied by an adult. About 50 yards. Walk or trot; entries breaking from a trot must go behind the last entry in the field before continuing or may be disqualified. Riders must wear ASTM-approved helmets; overgirths and protective vests are strongly encouraged. Racing silks are encouraged, riding attire accepted. Trophy and prize to the winner.

Sixth Race-Junior Field Master Chase-Riders not to have reached their 16th birthday as of the first of the current year. Catch weights. Mounts to be a minimum of five years old and not to have started in a jump race ridden by a non-junior rider after January 1, 2023. Riders to follow the Field Master over a flagged course. After the last fence, the Field Master will release the field to race to the finish line. Entries may be asked to queue or circle at any point. Proper hunting or race attire accepted. The use of whips is strictly prohibited. Non-thoroughbreds should be declared at time of entry. All riders must meet the qualifications of the Junior, and Young Rider, Pony, and Field Master Chase Conditions

Trophy to TB and non-TB.

Paddock Time 11:45 Post Time 12:00

Seventh Race—The H. Brooks Durkee Memorial Trophy. Paddock Time 1:20. Post Time 1:30

Maiden Timber. Open to horses which have never won over timber, to be ridden by riders. About three miles over fair hunt country. Weight 165 lbs.

Eighth Race-The Margerite du Pont de Villiers Boden Ladies Timber Race

Paddock Time 1:45. Post Time 2:00

Open to horses 5 years old and up, to be ridden by Lady Riders, acceptable to the committee. About three miles over fair hunt country. Weight 150 lbs.

Ninth Race-The Allaire du Pont Bowl. Amateur Apprentice Riders. Paddock Time 2:20. Post Time 2:30

Open to Horses 5 years old and up, to be ridden by Amateur and Apprentice riders, acceptable to the committee. About three miles over fair hunt country. Weight 165 lbs.

Tenth Race-The Wicomico Hunt Cup. Paddock Time 3:20 Post Time 3:00

Open Timber. Open to horses 5years old and up. Riders acceptable to the committee. About three miles over fair hunt country. Weight 165 lbs.

Eleventh Race-The Mill Cup Paddock Time 3:30 Post Time 3:45

Amateur Apprentice Flat. To be ridden by amateur and apprentice riders, acceptable to the committee. 3 years old and up. Three year olds, 145 lbs; Four year olds and up, 150 lbs. Horses that have won a race under rules since January 1, 2023, 5 lbs extra, winners of two races or more since January 1, 2022, 10 lbs. extra. Riders who have never won a race (flat or jumps) allowed 5 lbs. About one mile on the flat. This race will be split as Maidens and Winners if deemed advisable by the committee'

There will be an Invitational Adult Field Master at 12:15, open to adult riders 18 and over. Contact Brooke Boyer 302-530-6975 if interested

Points are awarded in the Delaware Valley Point-to-Point Series, and the Maryland Steeplechase Association Governor's Cup Series.

There will be a \$500 leading trainer bonus, applicable for races seven through eleven, awarded by points, 5 points for a win, 3 for second, 2 for third.

For information regarding races, please contact Brooke Boyer 302-530-6975, or email rockinghorse6@gmail.com