

The 53rd Running of the Delaware Valley Point-to-Point
Association Races
Condition Book 2020

The Foxhall Farm Cup Team Chase (Run by MSA)
Sunday March 22, 2020

Cheshire Foxhounds Point-to-Point Races
Sunday March 29, 2020

Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point Races
Sunday April 5, 2020

Delaware Valley Point-to-Point Association Committee – 2020

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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 Stewarts, 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** – Riders must have reached their 15th Birthday by January 1, 2020. Horses and Rider must be acceptable to the committee. Riders 19 years and above 160 lbs. Riders 18 years and below 145 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 1/1/2020. 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 14 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 1/1/2020.

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 1/1/2020.

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 1/1/2020.

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, 2020 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 Centennial Edition

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Post Time 1PM

Andor Farm

Monkton, Maryland

CONDITIONS:

1. Approximately three to four miles over a fair hunting country.
2. Open to teams of three horses and riders that have fairly hunted.
3. School-sponsored teams will also be permitted.
4. Times will be recorded when the team's third horse and rider have completed the flagged course.
5. Foxhall Farm Team Trophy – Possession of the Perpetual trophy to the fastest team for one year, subject to insurance requirements.
6. Winning riders will each receive permanent trophies.
7. Winning horses and riders will also receive one point towards the Maryland Governor's Cup and Delaware Valley Point to Point year end awards.
8. Course maps at www.marylandsteeplechaseassociation.com. Course will be flagged by Tuesday, March 17th.

RACE ENTRIES:

Enter online at centralentryoffice.com or Will O'Keefe (540)439-3820

Entries close at noon Monday, March 16, 2020;

Scratches by noon Wednesday, March 18.

Entry Fee \$ 150 per team

All entries must be acceptable to the Committee

Release must be signed by all riders/guardians and proof of insurance

RACE CO-CHAIRS

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The Foxhall Farm Cup is being run by the Maryland Steeplechase Association this year. A horse will still be awarded 1 point towards DVA championship if it starts in The Foxhall Farm Cup.

**The Seventy-Fourth Running of
Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds Point-to-Point Meeting**

Sunday, March 29, 2020

To be held at the Plantation Field
Route 82 West of Unionville, PA

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

Paddock Time 11:00 AM Post time 11:30 PM

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

Paddock Time 11:00 AM Post time follows Small Pony Race

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

Paddock Time 11:00 AM Post time follows Medium Pony Race

RACE 4 – THE LOUIS NEILSON, III AMATEUR APPRENTICE TIMBER (Sanctioned by NSA)

Paddock Time 12:30 PM Post time 1:00 PM

RACE 5 – NOVICE RACE – THE MILES VALENTINE MEMORIAL

Paddock Time 1:15 PM Post time 1:30 PM

RACE 6 – AMATEUR AND APPRENTICE FLAT RACE – THE KATHEE RENGERT

Paddock Time 2:15 PM Post time 2:30 PM

For Amateur Apprentice Riders. Horses 3 years old: 145 lbs. Horses 4 years and up: 150 lbs. Horses who have won a race under rules since January 1st 2020, 5 lbs extra. Horses who have won 2 or more races under rules since January 1, 2020, 10 lbs extra. Rider Allowances: Riders never having won a race under rules (flat or jumps) 5lb allowance. About 1 mile over fair hunting ground.

RACE 7 – OPEN FLAT – THE JILL FANNING

Paddock Time 2:45 PM Post time 3:00 PM

Horses 3 years old: 145 lbs. Horses 4 years and up: 150 lbs. Horses who have won a race under rules since January 1st 2020, 5 lbs extra. Horses who have won 2 or more races under rules since January 1, 2020, 10 lbs extra. About 1 mile over fair hunting ground.

RACE 8 – SIDE SADDLE FIELD MASTER CHACE – THE JOY VALENTINE

Paddock Time 3:00 PM Post time 3:15 PM

About 1 mile over fair hunting country. Riders and horses to follow behind field master to allotted point then released to race to the finish. Riders to adhere to all rules of DVPTP association and entries approved by race organizers. Trophies to winner. Best turned out (judged in paddock). Keeper trophies to Thoroughbreds and Non-Thoroughbreds.

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 Seventy-Eighth Running of the Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point Races

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Myrick Conservation Center

Brandywine Rad Clay Alliance (BRC)

Northbrook, PA (Route 842 East of Unionville, near Northbrook Orchard)

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 – OWNER-RIDER FOXHUNTER’S RACE

Post time 3:45pm

Notes:

1. Absolutely no schooling permitted
2. For information regarding races, please contact
Carl J. Meister, Jr. – 610-793-1219 email: bunm@verizon.net
3. If you would like to receive subscription information, please contact:
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance
1760 Unionville-Wawaset Road
West Chester, PA 19382-6751
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4. An award will be given to the **Best Turned Out Pony** in each Division

