

**The 50th Running
of the
Delaware Valley
Point-to-Point
Association Races**

Condition Book

2017

The Foxhall Farm Cup Team Chase

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Cheshire Foxhounds Point-to-Point Races

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point Races

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Fair Hill Point-to-Point Races

Sunday, April 16, 2017

**DELAWARE VALLEY POINT-TO-POINT ASSOCIATION
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GENERAL 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 Committees reserve 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 race meets made in 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 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 noted otherwise. **Protective vests, over-girths, and NSA-approved helmets with chinstraps are MANDATORY in ALL races**, and light boots 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.
For 2017 and going forward, the DVA will join 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 WORKER'S 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 Association 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 of the meet if weather conditions warrant. If there is no cancellation at that time but weather conditions deteriorate, the Race Committee or the Stewards may in their discretion nevertheless cancel any or all races at any time. Check the website at www.dvapt.com or call the DVA office at 610-202-1771 for information on 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.dvapt.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

Distances for the Heavyweight, Open, Novice, Owner-Rider Foxhunter's Races are about three (3) miles over timber; and, unless indicated otherwise, 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. **HEAVYWEIGHT RACE:** Open to riders with horses that are non winners of sanctioned races over timber (prior to 01/01/17 with a minimum weight of 180 lbs. with a 10 lb. allowance to riders who have never won a race under rules. Exception: Horses that have won sanctioned races over timber may run in this race with the owner (of record) as the rider.
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 01/01/17 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, or heavyweight race. Weight: – **165 lbs.** In the event of a question over eligibility, the Race Committee, DVA, and Stewards reserve the right to refuse an 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 01/01/17.
MEDIUM PONIES—About one-half mile on the flat. Open to ponies over 12.2 to 13.2 hands. Children under 16 years as of 01/01/17.
LARGE PONIES—About three quarters of a mile on the flat. Open to ponies over 13.2 to 14.2 hands. Children under 16 years as of 01/01/17.

7. OTHER RACES

See conditions of each race meeting for any other races.

FIELD MASTER'S CHASE - Junior Division - To be ridden by junior riders who have not reached their 16th birthday as of January 1, 2017 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 who has not reached his/her 16th birthday as of the 1st 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
- Heavyweight Race
- Novice 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 division, points will be 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 Race
- Medium Pony Race
- Large Pony Race
- Novice Race
- Open Race
- Foxhunter's Race
- Heavyweight 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 to riders in the same manner as shown above.

Leading Trainer Award -A leading trainer award of \$1,000 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 high score awards.

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.

THE FOXHALL FARM CUP TEAM CHASE

Sunday, March 19, 2017

1:00PM Post Time

247 Lamborntown Road

West Grove, PA 19390

CONDITIONS

1. Catch weight. Approximately four 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. In addition, school-sponsored teams will be permitted to compete in the Full Cry event. To be ridden by regular followers of that hunt or students at that school in hunting or cub hunting attire. Racing tack is permitted; protective vests, approved helmets, overgirths are recommended. Any team that fails to negotiate the flagged course will be disqualified and must leave the course immediately.
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 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, including the fast team times. All three members of each team must finish, having jumped all flagged fences, and 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 averaged time 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 and Governor's Cup 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 pt-to-pt 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 or school 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.dvapt.com for the course map.
7. Entries will be received by the Central Entry Office. Entries must include the name of the hunt or school represented and intended pace: 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.

RACE ENTRIES

Central Entry (540) 439 - 3820 between 7am to 12pm

NO POST ENTRIES

Entries close at noon Monday, March 13, 2017

Scratches by noon Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Entry Fee: \$150 per team to start. The Course will be flagged and available for walking by Saturday, March 11, 2017.

RACE CO-CHAIRS

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**THE SEVENTY-SECOND RUNNING OF
MR. STEWART'S CHESHIRE
FOXHOUNDS POINT-TO-POINT
MEETING
Sunday, March 26, 2017**

To be held at The Plantation Field
Route 82 West of Unionville, Pennsylvania

RACE 1 – SMALL PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner. Paddock time: 11:00 Noon, post time 11:30 PM.

RACE 2 – MEDIUM PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner. Paddock time: 11:00 Noon, post time follows Small Pony Race.

RACE 3 – LARGE PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner. Paddock time: 11:00 Noon, post time follows Medium Pony Race.

RACE 4 – JUNIOR FIELDMASTER CHASE – Trophy to the winner. Paddock time: 11:30 PM, post time 11:45 PM.

RACE 5 – SIDE SADDLE RACE - The Mrs. E. Miles Valentine Memorial.
Paddock time: 12:00 noon, post time 12:30pm.

RACE 6 – HEAVYWEIGHT RACE – THE ARTHUR I. MEIGS MEMORIAL. The James R. Kerr Memorial Trophy will go to the rider of the winner of this race. Paddock time: 12:30 PM, post time: 1:00 PM.

RACE 7 – NOVICE RACE. -THE MILES VALENTINE MEMORIAL. Paddock time: 1:00PM, Post time:1:30pm

RACE 8 – OPEN RACE -THE JOSEPH WALKER III MEMORIAL CHESHIRE BOWL. An inter-hunt competition to be run annually which must be won three times by the same hunt for permanent possession. Include name of hunt represented on entry form. Paddock time 1:30 PM, post time: 2:00 PM.

RACE 9– LADY'S RACE – 150 lbs, open to lady riders - Paddock time: 2:00 PM, post time: 2:30 PM.

RACE 10 – OWNER-RIDER FOXHUNTER'S RACE – Paddock time: 2:30 PM, post time: 3:00PM

RACE 11 – FLAT RACE – THE JILL FANNING MEMORIAL – Approximately 1-1/8 miles over fair hunting country. Weight: 155 lbs. Paddock time: 3:00 PM, post time: 3:30

Notes

1. Absolutely no schooling permitted.
2. For information regarding races, please contact

John B. Hannum, Jr.

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The Mrs Miles B. Valentine Memorial Side Saddle Race .

It is approx 2 miles of inviting hunt country , 8-12 fences , max 2'6" . All riders and horses must be members of the Side Saddle Chase Foundation and adhere to all rules and regulations of both DVPTP and SSCF .

<https://www.sidesaddlechase.com/>

Rider Attire ,

- 1, Riders must wear a side saddle habit or matching jacket and safety apron . Formal habits are preferred (black,navy , Oxford grey) .
- 2, Tall boots are required.
- 3, Gloves are required (black , brown or string).
- 4, A spur and crop/whip are optional .
- 5, Riders are required to wear an ASTM /SEI approved helmet with fastened chin strap and a body protector/safety vest at all times while mounted .

Horse Tack , there will be a pre -race tack inspection .

1, Side Saddle

- A, each side saddle must be an English hunt style saddle in safe condition that fits the horse.
- B, each saddle must have a breakaway stirrup fitting or a safety stirrup .
- C, the saddle may have leather or doeskin/suede seat and pommels .

2, Girths,

- A, every rider must use a leather girth without elastic , girth covers are permitted .
- B, every rider must use a balance girth, either a separate girth or one stitched to a three fold girth.
- C, each saddle must have an over-girth . If your saddle has outside billets on the off-side you must use a race style nylon/elastic overgirth.

3, Bridles.

- A, The horse must wear a bridle with a Noseband and bit.
- B,Cavesson , drop , flash , figure 8/ grackle nose bands are all approved.
- C, Reins maybe plain , laced , braided/plaited or rubber.

4, A leather or elastic breastplate or breastcollar is required.

5, Riders may use a square or shaped saddle pad but your number cloth must be visible.

6, Appointments , no appointments are allowed.

7, Horses may wear boots on the front and/or hind legs.

Best Turned Out.

Each horse/rider pair will be judged in the paddock on their overall appearance , to include condition of horse , braiding /plaiting , cleanliness, condition of tack and fit of attire . Body protectors and helmets must be worn .

Pre race Hunting.

All side saddle race participants are invited to hunt (aside only) the day before (Saturday March With Mr Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds , a release must be signed pre hunt and ASTM /SEI approved helmets must be worn

Any questions please contact Kirstie Grabosky 484 888 9970 or kirstiegrabosky@hotmail.com

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH RUNNING OF THE BRANDYWINE HILLS POINT-TO-POINT RACES
Sunday, April 2, 2017
MYRICK CONSERVATION CENTER

Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC)
Northbrook, Pennsylvania (Route 842 East of Unionville, near Northbrook Orchard)

RACE 1 – SMALL PONY RACE - Trophy to the winner.
Time 12:30pm.

RACE 2 – MEDIUM PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner.
Post time 12:45pm.

RACE 3 – LARGE PONY RACE - Trophy to the winner.
Post time 1:00pm.

RACE 4 – LEAD LINE PONY RACE - Trophy to the winner.
Post time: 1:15pm.

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 DQed. Riders must wear ASTM approved helmets. Overgirths and protective vests are highly encouraged. Racing silks encouraged, proper riding attire accepted.

RACE 5 - LADIES RACE -The Betty Baldwin Meister Memorial. Post time 1:45pm

RACE 6 - HEAVYWEIGHT RACE - THE JOSEPH T. MURTAGH MEMORIAL.
Post time: 2:15 PM.

RACE 7 - NOVICE RACE -THE HENRY LATROBE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL TROPHY.
Post time: 2:45 PM.

RACE 8 - OPEN RACE -THE HENRY C. BALDWIN CHALLENGE TROPHY.
Post time 3:15 PM.

RACE 9 - OWNER-RIDER FOXHUNTER'S RACE.
Post time: 3:45 PM.

Notes

- 1 Absolutely no schooling permitted.
- 2 For information regarding races, please contact
Carl J. Meister, Jr. – 610-793-1219, e-mail: bunm1@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
Telephone: 610-793-1090 – Fax: 610-793-2813
- 4 An award will be given to the **Best Turned Out Pony** in each Pony Division.

**THE SIXTH RUNNING OF
THE FAIR HILL POINT TO POINT RACES**

April 16, 2017
Fair Hill, Maryland

RACE 1 – SMALL PONY RACE - Trophy to the winner.
Paddock time: 11:00 AM, post time 11:15 AM.

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 - LEAD LINE PONY RACE -
Paddock time: 11:00 AM, post time follows Large Pony Race.

RACE 5 - JR. FIELD MASTER'S CHASE -
Paddock time: 11:45 AM, post time 12:00 noon

RACE 6 – TRAINING FLAT RACE 1 - Post time 12:30 PM
1 1/4 mile Maiden Flat. For Three-Year-Olds and Upward.
Three-years olds, 145 lbs; older 155 lbs; This race will be drawn with 10 starters and 4 also eligibles. Trainers or owners with multiple entries should declare a preferred entry.

RACE 7 - AMATUER FLAT RACE - Post time 1:00 PM
2 mile Amatuer Flat. For Three-Year-Olds and Upward. 165 lbs. This race will be drawn with 10 starters and 4 also eligibles. Trainers or owners with multiple entries should declare a preferred entry.

RACE 8 - LADIES RACE - Paddock time 1:15pm, Post time 1:30pm

RACE 9 – ROY RECTOR MEMORIAL HEAVY WEIGHT RACE
Paddock time: 1:45pm post time: 2:00 PM.

RACE 10 - NOVICE RACE -Paddock time: 2:15pm post time: 2 :30 PM.

RACE 11 - OPEN RACE -Paddock time: 2 :45pm PM. Post time: 3:00pm

RACE 12 - OWNER-RIDER FOXHUNTER'S RACE. Paddock time: 3 :15
PM. Post time 3:30pm

NOTES

1. Absolutely no schooling.
2. For information regarding races, please contact:
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