

**The 44rd Running
of the
Delaware Valley
Point-to-Point
Association Races**

Condition Book

2011

Cheshire Foxhounds Point-to-Point Races
Sunday, March 27, 2011

Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point Races
Sunday, April 3, 2011

Plumsted Farm Races
Sunday, April 24, 2011

Championship Awards Reception
Sunday, April 24, 2011

**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:** For the convenience of all owners and trainers, changes to race meets will be listed on the overnights; however, it is the responsibility of all owners and trainers to make themselves aware of all changes in race meets. 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 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. The ponies will be measured by the DVA Steward at their first start each year in pony races. If a

pony rider chooses to carry a whip, the whip shall be a whip approved by the NSA. (If the rider does not have that whip, the Race Committee will provide one for that race.) Pony riders will meet with a designated person prior to the race concerning proper use of the whip during the race. Excessive or improper use of the whip, as determined by the Stewards, may result in disqualification.

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. If races are canceled due to weather conditions, they will be canceled by 7:00 AM the morning of the race. 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. **OWNER-RIDER: Amateur gentleman or lady who has never won a race over fences for five years prior to 01/01/11 with the exception of pair, team, old-fashioned or Foxhunter's-only races.** The entered horse must be owned or leased by the rider and have been so prior to 01/01/11. In the event of a question of eligibility, the Race Committee, DVA, and Stewards reserve the right to refuse an entry.

19. 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.

20. Any errors, omissions or changes in the Condition Book will be made available on the web site at www.dvavtp.com and on the overnights.

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. HEAVYWEIGHT RACE:** Open to riders with horses that are non winners of sanctioned races over timber (prior to 01/01/11 with a minimum weight of 190 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.
- 2. OPEN RACE:** Open to all horses and riders with a minimum weight of 170 lbs.
- 3. NOVICE RACE:** Open to horses that have never won over timber prior to 01/01/11. 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.
- 4. FOXHUNTER'S TIMBER RACE:** For genuine foxhunting horses, four years old and up to be ridden by riders who have never won a race other than a foxhunter's or old-fashioned race. NSA-approved helmets, and protective vests are required. Weight: **180** 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.

- 5. PONY RACES:** Catch weights, three entries to fill. If size of pony is questioned, the owner is responsible for verification. All ponies and riders must be acceptable to the Committee. If entries warrant, the race will be split based on rider's experience.

SMALL PONIES—About one-half mile on the flat. Open to ponies 13.0 hands and under. Children under 13 years as of 01/01/11.

LARGE PONIES—About three quarters of a mile on the flat. Open to ponies 13.0 to 14.2 hands. Children under 16 years as of 01/01/11.

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, 2011. All horses are not to have won a sanctioned timber race in the last 3 years, excluding foxhunter races. Catch weights. Entries are to follow the Field Master over a flagged course not to exceed 2 miles with no more than 12 obstacles none of which are to exceed 2'9". After the last fence, the Field Master will release the field to race for the finish (entries may be asked to queue or circle before being released); 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. Entry fee: \$20.00.

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
- Novice Race
- Open Race
- Large Pony 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.

North American Point-to-Point Association

Please visit the web site of NAPPA at www.naptp.com for complete details of Championship Day races, or contact Regina Welsh, P.O. Box 102, Butler, Maryland 21030 – Telephone: 410-3293749 – Fax: 410-329-3884, or e-mail to info@NAPTP.com.

**THE SIXTY-SIXTH RUNNING OF MR.
STEWART'S CHESHIRE FOXHOUNDS
POINT-TO-POINT MEETING**

Sunday, March 27, 2011

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

RACE 1 – SMALL PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner. Paddock time: 12:00 Noon, post time 12:30 PM.

RACE 2 – LARGE PONY RACE – Trophy to the winner. Paddock time: 12:00 Noon, post time follows Small Pony Race.

RACE 3 – 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: 1:00 PM, post time: 1:30 PM.

RACE 4 – NOVICE RACE. -THE MILES VALENTINE MEMORIAL. Paddock time: 1:30 PM, post time: 2:00 PM.

RACE 5– OPEN RACE -THE JOSEPH WALKER III MEMORIAL CHESHIRE BOWL. An interhunt 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 2:00 PM, post time: 2:30 PM.

RACE 6– OWNER-RIDER FOXHUNTER'S RACE – Paddock time: 2:30 PM, post time: 3:00 PM.

RACE 7– 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 PM

Notes

1. Absolutely no schooling permitted.
2. For information regarding races, please contact
John B. Hannum, Jr.
610-436-6220
e-mail: jhannum@gmmlaw.net

or

Kirstie Grabosky
484-888-9970
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THE SIXTY-NINTH RUNNING OF THE BRANDYWINE HILLS POINT-TO-POINT RACES
Sunday, April 3, 2011
H. E. MYRICK CONSERVATION CENTER

Brandywine Valley Association (BVA)
Northbrook, Pennsylvania (Route 842 East of Unionville, near Northbrook Orchard)

RACE 1 – SMALL PONY RACE - Trophy to the winner.
Paddock time: 12:00am, post time 12:30 Noon.

RACE 2 – LARGE PONY RACE - Trophy to the winner.
Paddock time: 12:00am, post time follows Small Pony Race.

RACE 3 – LEAD LINE PONY RACE - Trophy to the winner.
Paddock time: 12:00am, post time follows Large Pony Race.

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 4 - HEAVYWEIGHT RACE - THE JOSEPH T. MURTAGH MEMORIAL.
Paddock time: 1:00 PM, post time: 1:30 PM.

RACE 5 - NOVICE RACE -THE HENRY LATROBE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL TROPHY.
Paddock time: 1:30 PM, post time: 2:00 PM.

RACE 6 - OPEN RACE -THE HENRY C. BALDWIN CHALLENGE TROPHY.
Paddock time: 2:00 PM, post time 2:30 PM.

RACE 7 - OWNER-RIDER FOXHUNTER'S RACE.
Paddock time: 2:30 PM, post time: 3:00 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 Valley Association
1760 Unionville-Wawaset Road
West Chester, PA 19382-6751
Telephone: 610-793-1090 – Fax: 610-793-2813

**THE ELEVENTH RUNNING OF
THE PLUMSTED FARM RACES**

APRIL 24, 2011

Route 926 Unionville, PA
(site of Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Race course)

RACE 1 – FIELD MASTER'S CHASE – Junior Division – See conditions under *Race Conditions – Other Races*. Trophy to the winner. Paddock time: 10:30 AM, post time: 11:00 AM.

RACE 2 – SMALL PONY RACE -Trophy to the winner. Paddock time: 11:00 AM, post time: follows Junior Field Master's Chase

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

RACE 4 -HEAVYWEIGHT RACE -Paddock time: 1:00 PM, post time: 1:30 PM.

RACE 5 -NOVICE RACE -Paddock time: 1:30 PM, post time: 2:00 PM.

RACE 6 -OPEN RACE -Paddock time: 2:00 PM, post time: 2:30 PM.

RACE 7 -OWNER-RIDER FOXHUNTER'S RACE. Paddock time: 2:30 PM, post time: 3:00 PM.

RACE 8-FLAT RACE -Approximately 1-1/2 miles on the flat. Weight 165 lbs. Paddock time: 3:00 PM., post time: 3:30 PM.

DVA Championship Awards Reception Following the 8th Race.

Notes

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