

**The 45th Running  
of the  
Delaware Valley  
Point-to-Point  
Association Races**

**Condition Book**

**2012**

**Cheshire Foxhounds Point-to-Point Races**  
Sunday, March 25, 2012

**Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point Races**  
Sunday, April 1, 2012

**Fair Hill Point-to-Point Races**  
Sunday, April 22, 2012

**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, 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. The ponies will be measured by the DVA Steward at their first start each year in pony races.

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. 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.dvavptp.com](http://www.dvavptp.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 01/01/12 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 01/01/12. 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, old-fashioned, or heavyweight race. 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.

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 01/01/12.

**MEDIUM PONIES**—About one-half mile on the flat. Open to ponies 12.2 to 13.2 hands. Children under 16 years as of 01/01/12.

**LARGE PONIES**—About three quarters of a mile on the flat. Open to ponies 13.2 to 14.2 hands. Children under 16 years as of 01/01/12.

### 6. 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, 2012. All horses 5 years or older. 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](http://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](mailto:info@NAPTP.com).

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

**Sunday, March 25, 2012**

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](mailto:jhannum@gmmlaw.net)

or

Kirstie Grabosky  
484-888-9970  
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**THE SEVENTIETH RUNNING OF THE BRANDYWINE HILLS POINT-TO-POINT RACES**  
**Sunday, April 1, 2012**  
**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: 1:15 PM, post time: 1:45 PM.

RACE 5 - NOVICE RACE -THE HENRY LATROBE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL TROPHY.  
Paddock time: 1:45 PM, post time: 2:15 PM.

RACE 6 - OPEN RACE -THE HENRY C. BALDWIN CHALLENGE TROPHY.  
Paddock time: 2:15 PM, post time 2:45 PM.

RACE 7 - OWNER-RIDER FOXHUNTER'S RACE.  
Paddock time: 2:45 PM, post time: 3:15 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](mailto: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 INAUGURAL RUNNING OF  
THE FAIR HILL POINT TO POINT RACES**

**APRIL 22, 2012**

Fair Hill, Maryland

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

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

RACE 3 - HEAVYWEIGHT RACE -Paddock time: 1:00 PM, post time: 1:30 PM.

RACE 4 - NOVICE RACE -Paddock time: 1:30 PM, post time: 2:00 PM.

RACE 5 - OPEN RACE -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.

**Notes**

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