



NESHOBACOUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

Racing Committee

May 28, 2025

TO: Harness Horse Owners

The Neshoba County Fair dates this year are July 25, 2025, through August 1, 2025. One of the major attractions of the fair, **harness racing**, will begin on Sunday, July 27, 2025 and end on Friday, August 1, 2025.

All horses with current eligibility certificates are invited based on condition sheet which is enclosed and will be eligible to be declared "in" by placing the declaration form in the condition box. The presiding judge will then draw for races from the box.

Due to limited stall space, it will be necessary for some pull in racing. Stall assignments will be made on a need basis and will be handled by the racing committee. Please request stalls that are needed for horses only. The request for stalls must be made on or before July 4, 2025

The USTA will not allow horses to be entered into a race without an implanted, approved microchip. Please make sure that all of your horses have a microchip implanted prior to shipping to the fair.

If you plan to race at the fair this year, please complete the enclosed stall application forms and return them to the Neshoba County fair office. Please send all names of horses that you may race this year. **Do not ask for a stall if you are not going to race.**

If you know of new owners or someone with an address change, please furnish them a copy of the stall application. All drivers, trainers, and owners must have a valid USTA membership and license. Please ensure that this is done prior to the first entry day. All drivers will be required to wear safety vests. Car passes will be given on first entry.

If you have any questions, you may call Sam Mars at 601-562-6464 or email ncfairracing@gmail.com. We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2025 Fair.

NCF Racing Committee



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MAJOR UNITED STATES TROTTING ASSOCIATION RULE CHANGES FOR 2025

Note: These are some of the rule updates that will be strictly enforced for all USTA-sanctioned races in 2025. A full list of updated rules for 2025 can be found here:

<https://ustrottingnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-approved-rules-and-bylaws-FINAL.pdf>

14.03 Length of Race and Number of Heats

(b) Two-Year-Old—**Two-year-olds must have at least two days in between race days.** No two-year-old shall be permitted to start in a heat or race exceeding one mile in distance and no two-year-old shall be permitted to race in more than **one heat or dash in any single day.** Starting any two-year-old in violation of this rule shall **result in the horse being disqualified from the second start.**

20.14 Trainer of Horse for Disbarred Person

A trainer who trains and races a horse knowing said horse to be owned wholly or in part **by a person or entity not in good standing with the USTA or by a person or entity** barred or otherwise disqualified from participating in racing **shall have committed a violation.**

20.15 False Ownership

Any person who knowingly makes a false representation or knowingly causes a false representation to be made **to the USTA related to the registration of a Standardbred horse shall have committed a violation.**

22.06 Participation

Participation by a **Person or Entity not in Good Standing with the USTA or a** Suspended, Disqualified, Excluded or Expelled Person, **Entity** or Horse

Any member **that knowingly** allows **a person or entity not in good standing with the USTA or a** suspended, disqualified or excluded **person, entity or horse** to participate in a race, **or that willfully allows a person or entity not in good standing to own an interest in a registered farm, corporation, stable or stallion syndicate in violation of these Rules** shall be subject to a fine or suspension.



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2025 STALL REQUESTS

Please Print All Information

HORSE'S NAME	AGE	T/P	EVER STARTED	OWNER'S NAME

This is the official application for stalls. In applying, you hereby agree to abide by all the rules of the USTA and the Neshoba County Fair Association. This form and only this form will be accepted as an application for stalls and to race.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security Number _____

Signature _____



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HARNESS RACING PROGRAM

Neshoba County Fair – Philadelphia, MS
July 27, 2025 – August 1, 2025

All Heats Purses pay \$1,000.00 Six Afternoons of Harness Racing
All Weather Half Mile Track, NO INSURANCE PROVIDED
All conditions may be separated or combined by age, sex, or earnings

SUNDAY-Post Time 2:00 PM

PACE Three-Year-Old Under \$1,000.00 L/T
PACE Three-Year-Old Over \$1,000.00 L/T
PACE Four Year and Older Over \$2,000.00 L/T
PACE Two-Year-Old Open

MONDAY-Post Time 2:00 PM

TROT FFA
PACE Three-Year-Old Under \$1,500.00 L/T
PACE Four Year and Older Under \$2,000.00 L/T

TUESDAY-Post Time 2:00 PM

PACE Maiden Three, Four, or Five-Year-Old
PACE Three-Year-Old Over \$1,000.00 L/T
PACE Four Year and Older Over \$2,000.00 L/T

WEDNESDAY-Post Time 2:00 PM

TROT FFA
PACE Three-Year-Old with 1st 2nd 3rd at Neshoba County Fair 2025
PACE Four Year and Older with 1st 2nd 3rd at Neshoba County Fair 2025
PACE Three-Year-Old or Older Finishing 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th at Neshoba County Fair 2025
PACE Four Year and Older with 1st 2nd 3rd at Neshoba County Fair 2025

THURSDAY-Post Time 2:00 PM

PACE Two-Year-Old Open/Invitational
PACE Horses with 1st 2nd 3rd at Neshoba County Fair 2025
PACE Horses Finishing 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th at Neshoba County Fair 2025

FRIDAY-Post Time 1:30 PM

PACE Four-Year-Old and Older 1st & 2nd Finishers 2 Heats (Time at 2025 NCF will be used as Preference)
PACE Three-Year-Old Invitational TBA
Morris Therrell Invitational TBA
Invitation issued after Wednesday's program based upon horse's performance at 2025 NCF.

CONDITION: U.S.T.A. rules to govern, with exception, 6 to enter, 5 to start. Entrance fee \$30.00 per heat, no refund, and money divided 45-25-15-10-5%. Eligibility is based on lifetime winnings unless stated otherwise. The Association reserves the right to postpone, change order of program, or declare off on account of insufficient entries, a class may be substituted for available horses. Horses to be declared in and entrance fee paid by 10 AM day before. The Association will not be responsible for any injury to horses or drivers, but will take every precaution to prevent same. One or more horses may start from the same stable but the judges reserve the right to nominate the second driver. Races will be called at Post Time and started then. The Maximum number of horses per heat – 7. The above conditions are subject to change based on the number of horses entering on a given day by the Race Secretary and Presiding Judge. THE FIRST ENTER FREE WITH A SEASON PASS.