

NM-MVH ANNUAL FALL HUNTER PACE



**All Teams and all
Riders Welcome**

**Featuring the
Inter-Hunt-Clubs
Team Competition
for Year end Points
and Perpetual
Club Trophies.**

**Special Division for
Western Riders**

WHEN

October 24, 2026

10:00 AM

WHERE

NM-MVH Kennel

1600 Marker Road

Middletown MD 21769

\$35.00 per class per team member

Divisions for everyone

On the flat, over low fences, over high fences
and fast time as well as a Junior divisions



**Approved helmets
are required while mounted**

For more Information and Registration Forms Visit:

<http://www.nm-mvh.com/HunterPace.html>

or contact Richard R. Rhinehart.richard@gmail.com

NM-MVH Fall Hunter Pace is part of the 2026 Maryland Fall Hunter Pace Series



Ribbons, Points & Trophies

6 ribbons per class.

Classes

1. Fast Time Over Fences

Fences 3'-3'6". Competition for hunt teams over a course of fair hunting country over a distance of 2.5-4 miles. Fastest team wins.

2. Optimum Time Over Fences

Fences 3'-3'6". Competition for hunter teams over a course of fair hunting country. A field master will preset the time to simulate riding to working hounds. Team closest to preset time wins. Average time may be used. Distance of 2.5-4 miles.

3. Optimum Time Over Low Fences

Fences not to exceed 2'6". Competition for hunter teams over a course of fair hunting country. A field master will set the time to simulate riding to working hounds. Team closest to preset time wins. Average time may be used. Distance of 1-2 miles.

4. Junior Optimum Time Over Low Fences

Same as Class #2 except teams must consist of at least two riders under the age of 18 or as described in rule #8. Average time may be used.

5. Optimum Flat Time

Competition for hunter teams over a course of fair hunting country without fences. Team closest to preset optimum time wins. Average time may be used. Minimum of 2 miles.

6. Junior Optimum Flat Time

Same as Class #5 except teams must consist of at least two riders under the age of 18 or as described in rule #8. Average time may be used.

7. Western Optimum Flat Time

2 people on the team must be in traditional western attire and tack



About Hunter Paces

A hunter pace is a low-key competitive event deriving its roots from foxhunting. Teams of two or more riders follow an outdoor course laid out over terrain that simulates conditions encountered while foxhunting. It is contested at a fair hunting pace which is a mixture of gaits that a foxhunter typically uses following hounds through open country and along wooded trails.

The length of a hunter pace course varies, typically around 3 miles, and can take up to an hour or more to complete. There maybe a course map provided, or course maybe flagged and there are several divisions such as on the flat, low over fences and high fast to name a few -- we have something for every rider.

It is up to each team to guess what the ideal time to complete the course might be and to adjust its pace accordingly. The ideal time, "a fair hunting pace," is determined prior to the pace, or average time may be used. The team that completes the course in the time closest to the ideal is placed first. Too fast is penalized just like too slow, so clearly it is not a race. Even though there is a competitive aspect to a hunter pace, most riders simply regard it as an enjoyable way to spend a day in the countryside with their mounts and congenial company. The placings are almost secondary. All riders must sign a waiver -- all riders must wear an approved helmet, and safety vests are encouraged.

Rules & Regulations

1. Optimum times will not be shared until the results are announced.
2. *NEW* Team names will be used for tracking points. It is the team members' responsibility to enter using the same team name at each hunter pace if they would like to be considered for a series-end award.
3. A team is defined as two or more riders who ride together at each hunter pace. The team must enter the same class at a minimum of 4 out of the 7 hunter paces to be eligible for a series-end award.
4. Teams of each recognized Hunt receive accumulated points for the Robert Lee Hall Memorial Trophy. If a team has members from more than one Hunt, they must designate which Hunt is to receive points.
5. Attire: Formal hunt or ratcatcher attire encouraged. All riders are required to wear approved riding helmets when mounted. Safety vests are recommended. No sneakers or chaps will be allowed.
6. Liability form/waiver must be signed by each rider with their

entry. Juniors must have a parent or legal guardian sign their form.

7. Each course will be ridden within 48 hours of the pace to set the optimum time, or an average will be used. Time is set with the first team rider out and ending with the last team rider to cross the finish line.

8. Juniors are 18 years and younger. Two (2) Juniors are necessary for a Junior Team, except a rider 9 years or under may ride with an adult and classify as a Junior Team.

9. Proof of a negative Coggins Test dated within 12 months of the event is required.

10. Class #1: Fast Time Over Fences will begin at 10:00 AM. All other classes will be run concurrently at the conclusion of this class. For the safety of other riders, no high/fast riders will be permitted on course once this class closes (generally before noon). Entry Fee

The entry fee is \$35per horse/ rider combination, per ride. The same combination may ride in multiple classes and/or in the same class on a different team.

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HUNTER PACE

Team Name _____ Team Number _____ New Team? Y N

The team name will be used for point tracking purposes. You must use the same team name at each hunter pace in order for points to count.

Hunt Affiliation _____

Entry Fee: \$35 per rider, per class

Class Entered (check off one):

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| <p>_____ 1. Fast Time Over High Fences</p> <p>_____ 2. Optimum Time Over High Fences</p> <p>_____ 3. Optimum Time Over Low Fences</p> | <p>_____ 4. Junior Optimum Over Low Fences</p> <p>_____ 5. Optimum Flat Time</p> <p>_____ 6. Junior Optimum Flat Time</p> <p>_____ 7. Western optimum Flat Time</p> |
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IF MULTIPLE ENTRIES FOR SAME TEAM IN SAME CLASS, PLEASE ALERT REGISTRATION AND TIMING

Rider #1

Name: _____	Paid by: _____ ☐ Check _____ ☐ Cash _____ Releases signed ☐
Check one: ☐ Junior (18 and Under) ☐ Senior	
Email Address: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
Phone Number _____	
Coggins# _____	

Rider #2

Name: _____	Paid by: _____ ☐ Check _____ ☐ Cash _____ Releases signed ☐
Check one: ☐ Junior (18 and Under) ☐ Senior	
Email Address: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
Phone Number _____	
Coggins# _____	

Rider #3

Name: _____	Paid by: _____ ☐ Check _____ ☐ Cash _____ Releases signed ☐
Check one: ☐ Junior (18 and Under) ☐ Senior	
Email Address: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
Phone Number _____	
Coggins# _____	

Rider #4

Name: _____	Paid by: _____ ☐ Check _____ ☐ Cash _____ Releases signed ☐
Check one: ☐ Junior (18 and Under) ☐ Senior	
Email Address: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
Phone Number _____	
Coggins# _____	

Please bring printed registration form, including Coggins #, Liability waiver, with you to registration desk.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I REQUEST PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN CROSS-COUNTRY HORSEBACK RIDING WITH THE **NEW MARKET-MIDDLETOWN VALLEY HOUNDS, INC.** ("NM-MVH").

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT CROSS-COUNTRY HORSEBACK RIDING (WHICH INCLUDES JUMPING OVER FENCES AND OTHER OBSTACLES AND RIDING ON DANGEROUS AND ROUGH TERRAIN) IS A DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. I WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY KNOWING IT IS DANGEROUS. I ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL THE RISKS OF INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH) TO ME OR MY PROPERTY.

IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY, FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, GUARDIANS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, I RELEASE AND AGREE NOT TO MAKE OR BRING ANY CLAIM OF ANY KIND AGAINST THE **NM-MVH**, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE MASTERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, MANAGERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, STAFF OR GUESTS OR ANY LANDOWNER OR OTHER PERSON MAKING PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR THIS CROSS-COUNTRY RIDE; FOR ANY INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH) TO ME OR ANY DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY WHETHER FROM ANYONE'S NEGLIGENCE OR NOT, OR ANY OTHER CAUSE, ARISING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THESE DANGEROUS HORSEBACK RIDING ACTIVITIES.

BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER, I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP ANY RIGHT I HAVE TO SUIT AND TO MAKE CLAIMS AGAINST ANY OF THOSE LISTED ABOVE (INCLUDING MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS) FOR ANY INJURIES I MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE ON HORSEBACK OR FOLLOWING OR PARTICIPATING ON FOOT OR BY VEHICLE AND THAT I AM INDEMNIFYING THOSE LISTED ABOVE (INCLUDING MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS) FOR INJURING ANYONE ELSE OR ANY HORSE RIDDEN BY ANOTHER WHILE SO ENGAGED AND I DO SO KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY.

BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER I ALSO GRANT TO NM-MVH THE IRREVOCABLE RIGHT TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT ANY NM-MVH EVENT IN NM-MVH PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC MATERIALS AND PUBLICATIONS OR ON ITS WEB SITE. I ALSO WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO ROYALTIES OR OTHER COMPENSATION ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THE USE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

PRINT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

PHONE _____ **CELL** _____

EMAIL _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN RELEASE AND WAIVER

I AM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF _____, A MINOR, AND ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF AND ON MY BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ALL OTHER PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF THE MINOR, I ACCEPT THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY LISTED ON THE FORM AS AN INDUCEMENT FOR ALLOWING MY CHILD OR THIS MINOR, TO PARTICIPATE IN HORSE RELATED ACTIVITIES. I FURTHER AUTHORIZE ANY EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY. I REPRESENT AND WARRANT THAT I HAVE AUTHORITY TO GIVE THIS RELEASE.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ **DATE** _____

PRINT NAME _____

ADDRESS/ _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

I AM A MEMBER OF A RECOGNIZED HUNT CLUB THAT CARRIES A LIABILITY POLICY SPONSORED BY THE MASTERS OF FOXHOUNDS ASSOCIATION (MFHA) **YES** _____ **NO** _____