

AGENDA FOR 2026 NHBPA CONFERENCE



Tuesday March 3

2:00p – 6:00p Registration – Oaklawn
5:00p – 7:00p Welcome Reception

Wednesday March 4

7:30a – 8:30a	Breakfast
8:30a – 5:00p	Registration
9:00a – 9:20a	Opening Remarks
9:25a – 10:45a	Presentation: HISA: Law, Litigation, and the View from the Inside Rail
10:50a – 11:50a	Presentation: owner/trainer Q and A, hosted by Tom Law
Noon – 2:30p	Conference RSVP Lunch and Awards Presentation (RSVP only)
12:45p – 1:15p	Recognition NHBPA 2025 Claiming Horse of the Year
1:20p – 1:50p	Recognition and Resolution Presentations
1:55p – 2:05p	Introduction for Keynote Speaker: Everett Dobson from Nancy Holthus
2:10p – 2:50p	Keynote Address
2:55p – 4:00p	Presentation: Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the Track: Smart Tech for Racing's Next Frontier
4:05p – 5:00p	Presentation: Reimagining Racetrack Ownership: A Future Led by Horsemen and Participants

Thursday March 5

7:00a – 8:30a	Benefit Providers Breakout
7:30a – 8:30a	Breakfast
8:30a – Noon	Registration
9:00a – 9:05a	Return and Welcome Remarks
9:10a – 10:20a	Presentation: Prediction Markets and Wagering: An Emerging Threat to Horse Racing and Interstate Horseracing Act Revenue
10:25 – 11:30a	Presentation: Strengthening Integrity Through Education, Support, and Collaboration: ROAP & ORI
11:35a – Noon	Presentation: Beyond the Finish Line: Building Pathways to Second Careers for Thoroughbreds

12:10p – 1:30p Benefits Provider Luncheon

12:15p – 12:35p Matt Delehanty of Sterling Thompson Equine

12:35p – 12:50p Katie LaMonica of Godolphin, Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards

12:55p – 1:25p Living Legend Recognition

2:00pm – 5:00pm NHBPA Executive Committee Meeting – BOARD MEMBERS ONLY

Friday March 6

7:30a – 8:30a Breakfast

9:00a – 9:05a Return and Welcome Remarks

9:10a – 9:25a Gunner laCour, who will discuss the value and operational benefits affiliates receive through National HBPA Sponsor CHRIMS

9:30a – 11:45a Presentation: Kent Stirling Memorial Medication Panel

11:50a Conference Wrap Up and Thank You by CEO Eric Hamelback

1:00p – 5:00pm Day at The Races – Carousel Room

1:00p Post Time for 1st Race

Saturday March 7

7:30a – 8:30a Board Members Only - Breakfast

9:00a – 12:30p NHBPA/NHAC Full Board Meeting & NHBPA Foundation Meeting

