

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: Seeing the Industry from the Barn and the Owner's Box: A Real-World Racing Conversation

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

11:35a 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

