

AGENDA FOR 2026 NHBPA CONFERENCE

Tuesday March 3

2:00p – 6:00p Registration – Oaklawn Pre-Function North

5:00p – 7:00p Welcome Reception – Oaklawn Pre-Function South
Sponsored by Arkansas HBPA



Wednesday March 4

7:30a – 8:30a Breakfast – Oaklawn Ballroom A *Sponsored by Virginia HBPA and Pennsylvania HBPA*

8:30a – 5:00p Registration

9:00a – 9:20a Opening Remarks by Dr. Doug Daniels and Arkansas HBPA – Oaklawn Ballroom A

9:25a – 10:45a Presentation: HISA: Law, Litigation, and the View from the Inside Rail with Ed Martin, Daniel Suhr & Brent Malmstrom, Moderated by Peter Sacopulos
Sponsored by Illinois HBPA and Louisiana HBPA

10:50a – 11:50a Presentation: Seeing the Industry from the Barn and the Owner's Box: A Real-World Racing Conversation with Marshall Gramm, Tom Van Berg, & Robbie Medina, Moderated by Jennie Rees *Sponsored by AmWest Entertainment*

Noon – 2:30p Conference RSVP Lunch and Awards Presentation (RSVP only) *Sponsored by Elite Turf Club*

12:45p – 1:15p Recognition NHBPA 2025 Claiming Horse of the Year **Surprisinglyperfect**

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 from Mr. Everett Dobson *Sponsored by Equibase*

2:55p – 4:00p Presentation: Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the Track: Smart Tech for Racing's Next Frontier with John Julia, Mark Midland, Kyle McDoniel & Rick Hammerle, Moderated by Sal Sinatra *Sponsored by NYRA Content Management Solutions*

4:05p – 5:00p Presentation: Reimagining Racetrack Ownership: A Future Led by Horsemen and Participants with Lonny Powell, Kenny McPeek, Lynne McNally & Ed Fenasci, Moderated by Frank Petramalo *Sponsored by TOBA and Horse Racing Radio Network*

Thursday March 5

7:00a – 8:30a Benefit Providers Breakout – Oaklawn Ballroom B

7:30a – 8:30a Breakfast – Oaklawn Ballroom A *Sponsored by Oregon HBPA and Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association*

8:30a – Noon	Registration – Oaklawn Pre-Function North
9:00a – 9:05a	Return and Welcome Remarks – Oaklawn Ballroom A
9:10a – 10:20a	Presentation: Prediction Markets and Wagering: An Emerging Threat to Horse Racing and Interstate Horseracing Act Revenue with Peter “Holt” Gardiner, Jason Johnston, Dave Basler & Dennis Drazin, Moderated by Michele Fischer <i>Sponsored by Minnesota HBPA and Alabama HBPA</i>
10:25 – 11:30a	Presentation: Strengthening Integrity Through Education, Support, and Collaboration: ROAP & ORI with Jason Klouser, Kristin Werner, Don Ahrens & Frank Lamb <i>Sponsored by Illinois THA & New England HBPA</i>
11:35a – Noon	Presentation: Beyond the Finish Line: Building Pathways to Second Careers for Thoroughbreds with Kristin Werner, Kirsten Green, and Jeanette Milligan <i>Sponsored by Iowa HBPA and Kentucky HBPA</i>
12:10p – 1:30p	Benefits Provider Luncheon – Oaklawn Ballroom A <i>Sponsored by Racing & Gaming Services</i>
12:15p – 12:35p	Matt Delehanty of Sterling Thompson Equine <i>Sponsored by Kentucky Downs and Racetrack Television Network</i>
12:35p – 12:50p	Katie LaMonica of Godolphin, Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards <i>Sponsored by Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma</i>
12:55p – 1:25p	Living Legend Recognition to Mr. William “Jinks” Fires
2:00pm – 5:00pm	NHBPA Executive Committee Meeting – BOARD MEMBERS ONLY – Oaklawn Ballroom B
Friday March 6	
7:30a – 8:30a	Breakfast – Oaklawn Ballroom A <i>Sponsored by Indiana HBPA</i> =
9:00a – 9:05a	Return and Welcome Remarks – Oaklawn Ballroom A
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 with Drs. Thomas Tobin, Kevin Keegan & Jim Meyer, Moderated by Dr. Clara Fenger <i>Sponsored by Arizona HBPA and Ohio HBPA</i>
11:50a	Conference Wrap Up and Thank You by CEO Eric Hamelback
1:00p – 5:00pm	Day at The Races – <i>Carousel Room</i> <i>Sponsored by Oaklawn Park</i>
12:30p	Post Time for 1 st Race
Saturday March 7	
7:30a – 8:30a	Board Members Only - Breakfast – Oaklawn Ballroom A <i>Sponsored by Charles Town HBPA, Tampa Bay HBPA and Finger Lakes HBPA</i>
9:00a – 12:30p	NHBPA/NHAC Full Board Meeting & NHBPA Foundation Meeting - Oaklawn Ballroom B