

# Plantation Field and Fair Hill International Unrecognized Horse Trials Challenge Championship 2026

We are excited to introduce the **Starter/Unrecognized Horse Trials Challenge Championship**, a new partnership between Plantation Field (PF”) and Fair Hill International (“FHI”). This championship rewards consistency and performance across six starter/unrecognized events throughout the season.

## **Event Info:**

Event Date: October 24, 2026, for Championship Levels/Divisions (see qualifying events and requirements below)

Event Location: Plantation Field, 450 Apple Grove Road, Coatesville, PA 19320

## **Levels and Divisions:**

Novice Horse, Novice Rider, Beginner Novice Horse, Beginner Novice Rider, Starter Horse, Starter Rider, Elementary Horse, and Elementary Rider.

There **will not** be a Challenge Championship for Open divisions at these four levels.

Note: PF offers levels above Novice at its Starter Horse Trials but those levels will not participate in this Challenge Championship. Fair Hill International does not have a Training or higher divisions at its Unrecognized Horse Trials.

## **Qualifying Events:**

No.	Date	Day	Location	Horse Trials Type	Levels
1	April 12	Sunday	Plantation Field	Starter	N, BN, S, E
2	April 19	Sunday	Fair Hill International	Unrecognized	N, BN, S, E
3	May 10	Sunday	Plantation Field	Starter	N, BN, S, E
4	June 7	Sunday	Plantation Field	Starter	N, BN, S, E
5	June 27	Saturday	Fair Hill International	Unrecognized	N, BN, S, E
6	August 22	Saturday	Fair Hill International	Unrecognized	N, BN, S, E

Plantation Field GPS address is 450 Apple Grove Road, Coatesville, PA 19320.

Fair Hill International GPS address is 750 Gallaher Road, Elkton, MD 21921 for April 19<sup>th</sup> and 4640 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921 for June 27<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## **Qualification Criteria:**

For the Novice Horse, Novice Rider, Beginner Novice Horse, Beginner Novice Rider, Starter Horse, Starter Rider, Elementary Horse, and Elementary Rider level/divisions:

Finishing in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place at the applicable level/division at the six Qualifying Events qualifies the Rider and Horse combination for the Challenge Championship.

Qualifying Events may have more than one division at a given level/division, for example Novice Rider A and Novice Rider B, and each of those divisions is awarded ribbons based on place. The Rider and Horse combinations in each of those “sub-divisions” would qualify for the applicable Challenge Championship level/division. In this example, there would be a total of six qualifiers for Novice Rider.

If a Rider and Horse combination qualifies at more than one Qualifying Event during the season at different levels then the combination is only eligible to compete at the October Challenge Championship in the highest qualifying level. For example, if Rider John Doe on Horse Black Beauty wins 1<sup>st</sup> place in a Starter Rider division at the PF April Starter HT and later wins 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Beginner Novice Rider at the PF June Starter HT, then John Doe and Black Beauty qualify for BN-Rider level/division championship in October,

If entries for the Challenge Championship level/divisions are low at a given level, the Show Secretary may consider combining Rider and Horse divisions into a single Challenge Championship level/division. For example if Elementary Rider has four entries and Elementary Horse has three entries, then the two divisions may be combined into a single Elementary Challenge Championship division with seven entries.

## **Awards:**

Special ribbons and prizes – PF will collaborate with a series sponsor to arrange prizes.

## **Other Info:**

Qualified Rider and Horse combinations will be reported after each Qualifying Event on the PF and FHI web sites based on data in the EventingEntries.com web site. PF and FHI competition directors will coordinate the reporting.