



# Virginia Gold Cup



## Virginia Gold Cup Races May 29, 2021 Press Credential General Form and Release of Liability

Press credentials for the 96<sup>th</sup> running of the Virginia Gold Cup (VGC) **May 29, 2021** are limited and will be issued at the discretion of the VGC Race Secretary. Admission to the press area is restricted to those issued VGC press credentials. These credentials are issued to media representatives to facilitate pre- and post-race coverage of the races, with priority going to members of the press who have assisted in pre-race coverage for the year.

Application for VGC press credentials must be received by **Thursday, May 20, 2021**; please complete the form below and return as soon as possible. **No request forms will be accepted after Thursday, May 27, 2021.** To ensure you are on the approved course list, course photographer press credentials must be received prior to the above dates. If you have not received your credentials by Thursday, May 27th, please call Kate Lankford at (202)469-0679. All press must check in at the media area (next to the Steward's stand) upon arriving; new information and race conditions will be available at that time. Course press must wear VGC press credentials on outer garment at all times on race day. Any action by press members deemed by a VGC race official to be unsafe to horses, riders or guests of the VGC could result in the suspension of the current and/or future press credentials.

### Photographers

The use of flash attachments is not permitted on horse paths, in the paddock or during the running of a race. Photographers are otherwise bound by the same press rules listed above.

Photographers wishing admittance to the course infield should request course credentials as soon as possible. Course vests must be worn to gain admittance to the course infield and are limited. There will be a course photographers' briefing in the press tent prior to the races at **11:30 am**. **NO COURSE VESTS WILL BE ISSUED TO PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO FAIL TO ATTEND THIS BRIEFING.** Vests are limited and are nontransferable; therefore, they may be issued for one race only. Issuance of vests is at the sole discretion of the Press Secretary on race day—please be prepared to surrender your driver's license which will be held until the vest is returned. Failure to abide by these rules may result in suspension or permanent revocation of credentials.

### Television and Radio

No television or radio transmission will be allowed on race day without prior written permission of the VGC Race Chairman or Press Secretary. Such permission must be obtained prior to race day.

### Copy Transmission

There are a limited number of electrical outlets available for portable machines to transmit copy. Internet or telephone may be made available for copy transmission if arranged in advance.

**I agree to abide by the VGC rules of press protocol outlined above and release the Virginia Gold Cup Association, Meadow Outdoors Foundation and landowners from liability for any damage or injury sustained while on the property of the race course.**

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(Print full name) (Signature)

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(News Organization) (Address)

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(Managing Executive) (Phone Number)

Applying for:  Print Media  Electronic Media  Photographer  Course Photographer

Mail, email or fax this completed form to: Kate Lankford, P.O. Box 2034, Middleburg, VA 20118 Phone (202)469-0679 or e-mail [kateashley@bendurepr.com](mailto:kateashley@bendurepr.com).

**The Virginia Gold Cup is being held within CDC and Commonwealth of Virginia guidelines. If required at race time, all non-mounted persons on the grounds, including media, must wear masks and maintain a safe distance. For up-to-date information, please visit [www.vagoldcup.com](http://www.vagoldcup.com). The organizer reserves the right to limit press on the grounds and pull credentials from anyone not complying with rules and regulations.**