



NSA Official Notices Friday, March 17, 2017

Course Report – Aiken Spring Steeplechase

The Aiken racecourse was inspected by Jill Thomas, Sam Slater, Lornie Forbes, and Anne Pezzano on March 5, 2017.

Turf: Bermuda over seeded with field rye and rye grass.

Smoothness: Good. Course rolled after fall meet and will be rolled again before the races.

Compaction: 117 (Good) Firmer on car crossings which will be mulched for the races.

Moisture: 1.3 (Dry) Rain is in the forecast and sprinklers will be turned on.

Notes: After a dry winter, the turf is patchy in some spots, but the ground is smooth. Aggressive watering and spot over seeding will help.

American Steeplechasing 2016

The annual yearbook is now available. Complimentary copies have been mailed to Patron members and race meet directors. The book is available to purchase for \$50, please contact the NSA Office if you are interested.

Trainer Text Messages

Trainers who do not receive informative text messages during the racing season from NSA Director of Racing, Bill Gallo, please text him your name so you can be added to the list to receive pertinent entry/racing information (443) 553-1882.

Early Entries may be submitted on Sundays

Trainers who would like to enter early via email and/or text message, please do so in **writing** on Sundays to both Bill Gallo (billgallo@nationalsteeplechase.com-443-553-1882) and Courtney Reid (courtneyreid@nationalsteeplechase.com - 443-553-1881). Please make sure all complete and pertinent information for your entry is included and that you have received a confirmation of delivery for the entries you submit.

2017 Licenses Applications

Please submit your 2017 license applications [owner/trainer](#) or [jockey](#) via email, fax or regular mail. You can now make your payment online. Click [here](#) to pay for your license after you have submitted your application.

Rule Book Amendments

Please review the following rule book changes (changes are underlined and in bold) in Chapters 9.1.A and 10.2A.5-6 that were adopted by the Board of Directors in January:

9.1. FORBIDDEN SUBSTANCES

A. No horse may participate in any race **with, and carry in its body during the running of a race** any forbidden substance **or a controlled therapeutic substance in excess of the maximum permissible level as specified in the ARCI Controlled Therapeutic Substances list as may be amended from time to time.** A forbidden substance is any drug, or drug metabolite, which might affect the speed or performance of a horse. Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which might interfere with the detection of the aforementioned forbidden substances.

10.2. CONTROLLED THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES

A. Therapeutic Medications

5. As a convenience to Licensees, the Stewards' Advisory Committee may provide guidelines concerning recommended dosage and withdrawal time, which may be amended from time to time.

6. Violations of threshold limits will be subject to penalty as prescribed by the Stewards.

B. Steroids

Ratings

Please find attached an updated ratings list. If your horse does not appear on the list and you submitted a Horses in Training list, please let the office know. If you did not submit a spring Horses in Training list, please do so and your ratings horses will be added. If you believe your horse needs a ratings review, please request one and the ratings committee will be informed.

Apprentice Rider Policy

The NSA Stewards Advisory Committee has determined that the NSA Apprentice Rider License Policy for 2017 will be as follows:

A rider who has been granted a conditional license may apply to the Stewards Advisory Committee for an unrestricted license after he or she has completed 10 rides to the satisfaction of the Committee. These 10 rides may be at point-to-point or at sanctioned race meets and can have been over timber or hurdles. This license is granted at the discretion of the SAC and may be deferred if the Committee decides the applicant needs more experience before being granted an unrestricted license.

\$100,000 Willowdale/PA Hunt Cup Challenge

Any horse who wins both the Willowdale Steeplechase Amateur Timber Stakes and wins the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Open Timber Stakes will receive a \$100,000 bonus. Please click the following link for more information: [Willowdale/PA Hunt Cup Bonus](#)

Fair Hill Races Contact Information

The correct contact numbers for Nancy Simperts at the Fair Hill races are 410-398-2578 Fax 410-398-2527.

Substitute Races

Carolina Cup (Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. **Claiming price \$25,000.** Entry fee \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$200 additional to start.

Two Miles over National Fences.

Steeplechase of Charleston (Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which are rated 110 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs. (not including apprentice allowances). **Apprentice allowances may be claimed in this race.** Entry fee \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday with \$200 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials

Shawan Downs, Cockeysville, Maryland

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

POST TIME 2:00 PM

Hurdle Trial

About 1 7/8 miles over 12 national fences. Catch Weights.

Apprentice Flat Trial

About 1 7/8 miles on the turf. Catch Weights

NOTES:

- As demand requires, there will be approximately Five Hurdle Trial heats comprised of no more than Ten Horses each.
- If warranted, there will be an apprentice heat. Preference may be noted upon entering.
- The Divisions will be Drawn by the Committee after Entries Close.

- There will be Apprentice Flat Trial heats comprised of no more than Fifteen Horses each.
- The Divisions will be Drawn by the Committee after Entries Close.

- Heats will be posted on the Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials page of the Shawan Downs website by noon on Friday, April 7th.

RACE ENTRIES

Visit: www.shawandowns.org

Go to the Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials' event page to complete the online entry form.

NO POST ENTRIES.

Entries Close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Entry Fees \$125

RECEPTION

Immediately Following the Last Heat in a tent in the Stable Area.

For additional information, please contact info@shawandowns.org or call 410.446.0939

Steeplechase of Charleston Accommodations

If you intend on running horses at the Steeplechase of Charleston, please read the following information regarding accommodations:

Below are the hotels with special rates for the owners, trainers, riders, and fans coming in town the weekend of the Steeplechase of Charleston. Please make these accommodation reservations as soon as possible, as the weekend of April 8th is a busy weekend in Charleston, with other events going on around town.

Best Western Charleston Inn

1540 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407 **Dates:** 4/7/17 - 4/9/17

Room Rates:

- Double/Double bed rooms - \$239.00
- King bed rooms - \$239.00

[Click here to book.](#) These rooms will automatically release on 3/17/17.

Hampton Inn Charleston Airport

4701 Saul White Avenue, Charleston, SC 29418 **Dates:** 4/7/17 - 4/9/17

Room Rates:

- Double/Double bed rooms - \$119.00
- King bed rooms - \$119.00

[Click here to book.](#) These rooms will automatically release on 3/23/17.

Hyatt Place Charleston Airport/Convention Center

3234 West Montague Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29418 **Dates:** 4/7/17 - 4/9/17

Room Rates:

- Double/Double bed rooms - \$189.00
- King bed rooms - \$189.00

[Click here to book.](#) These rooms will automatically release on 3/14/17.

North Charleston Marriott

4770 Goer Drive, Charleston, SC 29406 **Dates:** 4/7/17 - 4/9/17

Room Rates:

- Double/Double bed rooms - \$139.00
- King bed rooms - \$139.00

[Click here to book.](#) These rooms will automatically release on 3/17/17.

Residence Inn Charleston Airport

5035 International Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418 **Dates:** 4/7/17 - 4/9/17

Room Rates:

- Double/Double bed rooms - \$165.00
- King bed rooms - \$165.00

[Click here to book.](#) These rooms will automatically release on 3/24/17.

Sleep Inn

1524 Savannah Highway US 17 South, Charleston, SC 29407 **Dates:** 4/7/17 - 4/9/17

Room Rates:

- Double/Double bed rooms - \$239.99
- King bed rooms - \$239.99

[Click here to book.](#) These rooms will automatically release on 3/17/17.



Official Ratings

Friday, March 10, 2017

Horse.....Rating

Dawalan	156	Lyonell	116	Cognashene	104
Scorpiancer	150	Mercoeur	116	Divined	104
Top Striker	149	Polstar	116	Fall Colors	104
Mr. Hot Stuff	147	Reporter	116	Skunk	103
Simenon	143	Signature Look	116	Dr. K'eogh	102
Hinterland	138	Strongbox	116	Hooping	102
Special Skills	136	True To Form	116	So Outspoken	102
Charminster	133	Unsinkable	116	Beck's Bad Boy	101
Choral Society	132	Doc Cebu	115	Prima Facie	100
Parker's Project	131	Dye Fore	115	Slaney Rock	100
Andi'amu	130	For Goodness Sake	115	Outlaw Cody Z	95
Maserati	130	Lady Yeats	115		
Jamarjo	129	Manacor	115		
Portrade	129	Plated	115		
Schoodic	129	Show Court	115		
Diplomat	128	Yellow Mountain	115		
L'Aigle Royal	128	Osmoz	114		
Hardrock Eleven	127	Red Hammer	114		
Ice It	126	Stormy Alex	114		
Martini Brother	126	Tubal	114		
African Oil	125	Willow U	114		
All the Way Jose	125	Cash Crop	113		
Hisaabaat	125	Causeworthy	113		
Jack Frost	125	Fantastic Song	113		
Selection Sunday	125	Officer Sydney	113		
Swansea Mile	125	Officer's Oath	113		
Cul Baire	124	Personal Start	113		
Spirit of Shankly	123	River Rush	113		
Canadian Gold	122	Absolum	112		
Help From Heaven	122	Dino Mite	112		
One Lucky Lady	122	Mizyen	112		
Alajmal	121	El Monstro	111		
Formidable Heart	121	Invocation	111		
Miguel Grau	121	Arrakis	110		
Balance the Budget	120	Canaveral	110		
Berland	120	Classical Art	110		
Duke of Medina	120	Comanchero	110		
Ack Feisty	119	Dai Bando	110		
Get Ready Set Goes	119	Hishi Soar	110		
Perfect Union	119	Powerofone	110		
Second Amendment	119	Cocodimama	110		
All For Us	118	Devil's Wrangler	109		
As You Like It	118	Secret Reward	109		
Curve of Stones	118	Barbara's Smile	108		
Orchestra Leader	118	Mr. Lickety	108		
Castle Hill	117	Buckrail	107		
Mountain Fighter	117	McDonalds Diva	107		
Alcazar de Maram	116	So Far Away	107		
Blue Atlantic	116	Baumer	105		
Deficit	116	Green Lazer	105		
Easy Exit	116	Longing to Travel	105		
Gmac	116	Sarah Joyce	105		
Kingofalldiamonds	116	Aquies	104		