

NSA Official Notices

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Stewards Actions – Virginia Gold Cup

1st Race Trainer Neil Morris was fined \$500 for arriving late for Lasix with POLARITY.

The following jockeys were fined \$200 each for failing to comply with a directive given by the Stewards: Tom Bennett (IN TODD WE TRUST), Ross Geraghty (SHARE OUT), Jeff Murphy (HOCKEY POP), Jacob Roberts (POLARITY), Paddy Young (MR. STARR'S REPORT).

Fines shall be paid to the Virginia Racing Commission within 72 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

NSA Rules of Racing

The new and completely revised NSA Rules of Racing, which was approved by the NSA Board of Directors on Friday, March 28 in Camden, SC, is now available for review on the NSA website. Noteworthy changes and revisions since the last printed version of the Rule Book in 2008 can be found in the following sections:

- 3.4. Delegation of Authority
- 5.3. Safety Steward
- 5.16. NSA Medication Veterinarian
- 7.7. Running of the Race
- 8.2. Stewards Advisory Committee Hearings
- 8.3. Hearing, Review and Appeals Committee
- 9.2. Forbidden Practices
- 10. Medication

If you have any questions, or need any further clarification please contact NSA Director of Racing Bill Gallo at the NSA office (410-392-0700). Also, if you would like a hard copy edition of the current NSA Rules of Racing simply indicate so to the NSA office and a Rule Book will be mailed to you once it is received from the printer.

Radnor

Nominations (10) with weight and trainer for the \$40,000 Radnor Hunt Cup Timber Stakes (#82) are as follows: CHESS BOARD (165- Meister), GOLDEN SLAMMER (155 – McKenna), MOONSOX (165 – K. Boniface), OLD TIMER (160 – Morris), ON THE CORNER (165 – A. Murphy), SALUDA SAM (165 – Meister), SEER (160 – Fisher), STRAIGHT TO IT (165 – Fisher), WILDCATTER (160 – E. Voss Murray), WORRIED MAN (154 – Fisher).

Nominations (10) with trainer for the \$50,000 National Hunt Cup (Grade III) Hurdle Handicap (#83) are as follows: ABSOLUM (Young), ALAJMAL (Elliot), CLASS BOPPER (Boucher), DECOY DADDY (C. Murphy), GUSTAVIAN (Young), INTI (C. Murphy), SPY IN THE SKY (Day), STAYING ON (Fisher), WANGANUI (E. Voss Murray), WANTAN (Hendriks). Weights, Monday, May 12th.

The Radnor race course was inspected by Clerk of Course, Charles Fitzgerald on May 5, 2014.

Turf: The turf is lush and thick with an average height of 5 inches. The grass is mostly fescue mixed with bluegrass and rye.

Smoothness: The course is relatively smooth throughout.

Compaction: 10 (soft)

Moisture: 7 (average wet)

Notes: The course is lush and in great shape. Due to the heavy rains we had last week the course is soft. However, the drainage is good and if we don't have too much more rain the going should be perfect on race day.

RADNOR ADMISSION

CREDENTIALS NEEDED: NSA pins will allow admittance to most subscriber areas around the race course, including the paddock, but **will not** provide admission to the Paddock Club tent. NSA hang tags will give entrance to Gate2 (stable area only). Owners, trainers and riders must have a wrist-band or Paddock Club ribbon to enter the Paddock Club. Participating horsemen will receive two Paddock Club wrist-bands. Additional wrist-bands may be purchased at \$50 each. Non-participating horsemen may purchase wrist-bands at \$50 each. Horsemen may pick-up and/or purchase their wrist-bands at a designated spot in the stable area. All horsemen are welcome to the Preakness party following the races at the Paddock Club. Complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided for horsemen in the stable area.

High Hope

Post time for the first race at the High Hope Steeplechase on Sunday, May 18 is **changed to 1:00 p.m.**

THE BLUEGRASS FARM CHALLENGE STEEPLECHASE (Invitational Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$15,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four-Years-Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. **Claiming Price \$15,000.** For each \$1,000 to \$10,000, allowed 2 lbs. **Limited to horses bred in Kentucky and which are currently competing on the NSA circuit.** *Preference given to horses bred at participating Bluegrass Farm Challenge Farms.* This is an NSA sanctioned race. All participating owners, trainers and riders must be licensed by the NSA and abide by NSA rules and regulations. Entry Fee \$75. \$75 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$150 additional to start.
Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

The High Hope race course was inspected by R. Barry Watson on April 26, 2014.

Course: Renewed interest in creating improved conditions has taken root at Kentucky Horse Park for future runnings of the High Hope Steeplechase. A 24-foot wide section of the original course has been repurposed as a bridle path that runs from the clubhouse turn to the middle of the backstretch and has significantly decreased equine traffic on the race course proper. With the exception of the stone wall, timber fences have been removed as part of the design change and limits options creating enough room for timber fences in this area. Road crossings have been reduced from four to three; with two of these serving as main access points. The overall appearance and substance of this course has improved significantly.

Turf: The turf on this course consists of a vastly improved cover of fine tall fescue, perennial rye; "Kentucky 31", and blue grass that averaged six to eight inches in height at the time of inspection. A fair bit of voluntary clover, henbit, and other weeds were present at the time of inspection, but were in the process of being crowded out by over seeding and the resurgence of good grass cover.

Smoothness: The course was still fractionally uneven in a number of areas due to more recent event activity. This course will be aerated with an Aggravator prior to the running of the High Hope Steeplechase.

Compaction: 90-130 (Good to Firm). Most readings ranged between 100-120 (Good).

Moisture: 8-9 (Average Wet to Wet).

Fair Hill Races

All owners, trainers and riders must be licensed with the Maryland Racing Commission. Trainers must carry workmen's compensation insurance.

All jockeys must have proper documentation for licensing. Foreign jockeys must have visa which grants permission to work in the United States.

Original foal papers and current Coggins must be turned in to the Foal Clerk, located in the paddock office, prior to the race.

International Ladies Fegentri Races

Pimlico – June 6 (entries June 1). Purse \$40,000. Maiden. 3-years-old and up. One mile on the turf.

Penn National – June 6 (entries June 4). Purse \$17,100. NW2. Claiming \$12,500. One mile on the turf.

Parx – June 8 (entries June 3). Purse \$28,000. Claiming \$12,500-\$10,500. Seven and one-half furlongs on the turf.

Delaware Park – June 9 (entries June 5). Purse \$13,500. NW2. 3-years-old and up. Claiming \$5,000. One mile and one-sixteenth on the dirt.

Jockey Fees

NSA owners are hereby notified by the Stewards Advisory Committee on behalf of the NSA Board of Directors that unpaid jockey fees will subject the owner in "arrears" to appear on the "forfeit list" which would prevent the owner or his designee from entering horses until the obligation is fulfilled.

Helmets

All riders are urged to have two helmets at any NSA sanctioned meet. Any rider that compromises his/her helmet in a fall or accident may apply for a grant from the National Steeplechase Foundation toward a replacement.

NSA Spring Condition Book

If you received a 2014 Spring Condition Book which has a flaw in the sequence of pages, please contact the NSA office for replacement.

By Order of the Stewards Advisory Committee

As a result of a hearing held January 29, 2014 at the National Steeplechase Office, Fair Hill, Maryland, jockey Barry Walsh is under suspension for the period March 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014 for violation of the NSA Rules of Racing 6.4.A.5. *A rider is required to have and maintain health insurance as a condition of licensure, and must provide evidence thereof at the time of application for a license.*

Apprentice Rider Races

The following race will be offered as a substitute race at the following meets this spring: Stoneybrook (April 5), Foxfield (April 26), Block House (May 3) and Willowdale (May 11). The distance will be determined by the racing venue.

(Apprentice Rider Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$10,000. Allowance Hurdle. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which have never won a novice or open hurdle stakes. To be ridden by apprentice riders. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs; older, 158 lbs. Non-winners of a race in 2014, allowed 4 lbs.; since September 1, 8 lbs.; in 2013-2014, 12 lbs.; (Maiden and claiming races not considered). Entry fee \$50; \$50 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$100 additional to start.

New Jockey License Applications

License applications for new jockeys must be submitted ten (10 days) in advance of the race meet for approval by the Stewards Advisory Committee. There will be no exceptions. All jockey licenses must be accompanied by a copy of the medical insurance card, and in the case of a first-time rider, appropriate written endorsements from NSA-licensed trainers, as indicated on the license application.

New Medication Guidelines

The NSA Board of Directors adopted the uniform medication policy at its last meeting in Washington on January 17, 2014. The NSA Safety Task Force, along with the Stewards Advisory Committee, are working together to develop protocols for the implementation of the program.

NEW NSA MEDICATION GUIDELINES

The Mid Atlantic racing states have joined together to implement a uniform medication and drug testing program. The following new rules and procedures will become effective on March 1, 2014 at all National Steeplechase Association (NSA) sanctioned race meets.

1. Salix® (furosemide), pursuant to NSA supervised administration, is the only medication that can be administered to a horse within 24 hours of its race.
2. The administration of any adjunct medication within 24 hours of a horse's race is strictly forbidden.
3. There is a new medication category called **Controlled Therapeutic Substances**. This category contains a list of 24 therapeutic medications that have been recognized as necessary in the routine treatment of illness or injury in the horse. Withdrawal time guidance and uniform laboratory detection thresholds for these medications are being provided as a safe harbor for horsemen. You are strongly encouraged to restrict your use of medications to those on the Controlled Therapeutic Substances list, which will be amended from time-to-time. The current Controlled Therapeutic Substances list, together with recommended withdrawal times, dosage and testing detection thresholds is as follows:

ACEPROMAZINE

Withdrawal time: 48 hours

Threshold: 10 ng/ml HEPS in urine

Dosage: Single IV dose of acepromazine at 0.05 mg/kg

BETAMETHASONE

Withdrawal time: 7 days

Threshold: 10 pg/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: IA administration of 9 mg of Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate and Betamethasone Acetate Injectable Suspension, USP (American Regent product #0517-0720-01) in one articular space

BUTORPHANOL

Withdrawal time: 48 hours

Threshold: 300 ng/mL of total butorphanol in urine or 2 ng/mL of free butorphanol in plasma or serum

Dosage: Single IV dose of butorphanol as Torbugesic® (butorphanol tartrate) at 0.1 mg/kg

CLENBUTEROL

Withdrawal time: 14 Days

Threshold: 140 pg/mL of urine or LOD in plasma or serum

Dosage: Oral administration of clenbuterol as Ventipulmin® syrup (Boehringer-Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc., NADA 140-973) at 0.8 mcg/kg twice a day

DANTROLENE

Withdrawal time: 48 hours

Threshold: 100 pg/mL 5-hydroxydantrolene in plasma or serum

Dosage: Oral administration of 500 mg of dantrolene as paste (compounding pharmacy) or capsule formulation (Proctor and Gamble)

DETOMIDINE

Withdrawal time: 72 hours

Threshold: 1 ng/mL of carboxydetomidine in urine; LOD for detomidine in plasma or serum

Dosage: Single sublingual dose detomidine (Dormosedan® gel at 40 mcg/kg)

DEXAMETHASONE

Withdrawal time: 72 hours

Threshold: 5 pg/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: IM and IV administration of dexamethasone sodium phosphate or oral administration of dexamethasone at 0.05 mg/kg regardless of route

DICLOFENAC

Withdrawal time: 48 hours

Threshold: 5 ng/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Five inch ribbon topical application of 1% diclofenac liposomal cream formulation. (Surpass Topical Anti-Inflammatory Cream, IDEXX Pharmaceuticals)

DMSO

Withdrawal time: 48 hours

Threshold: 10 mcg/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Oral or IV

Withdrawal time: 24 hours

Threshold: 10 mcg/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Topical - up to a total of 2 oz. of DMSO used topically in an occlusive dressing

FIROCOXIB

Withdrawal time: 14 days

Threshold: 20 ng/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Oral administration of firocoxib as EQUIOXX oral paste at a daily dose of 0.1 mg/kg for four days

FLUNIXIN

Withdrawal time: 24 hours

Threshold: 20 ng/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Single IV dose of flunixin as Banamine® (flunixin meglumine) at 1.1 mg/kg

FUROSEMIDE

Withdrawal time: 4 hours

Threshold: 100 ng/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Single IV dose of furosemide up to 500 mg

GLYCOPYRROLATE

Withdrawal time: 48 hours

Threshold: 3 pg/mL plasma or serum

Dosage: Single IV dose of 1 mg of glycopyrrolate as Glycopyrrolate Injection, USP (American Regent product # 0517-4601-25)

KETOPROFEN

Withdrawal time: 24 hours

Threshold: 10 ng/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Single IV dose of ketoprofen as Ketofen® at 2.2 mg/kg

LIDOCAINE

Withdrawal time: 72 hours

Threshold: 20 pg/mL of total 30H-lidocaine in plasma or serum

Dosage: 200 mg of lidocaine as its hydrochloride salt administered subcutaneously

MEPIVACAINE

Withdrawal time: 72 hours

Threshold: 10 ng/mL total hydroxymepivacaine in urine or above LOD of mepivacaine in plasma or serum

Dosage: Single 0.07 mg/kg subcutaneous dose of mepivacaine

METHOCARBAMOL

Withdrawal time: 48 hours

Threshold: 1 ng/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Single IV dose of 15 mg/kg methocarbamol as Robaxin® or 5 grams orally

METHYLPREDNISOLONE

Withdrawal time: 7 days

Threshold: 100pg/mL in plasma or serum

Dosage: Total dose of Methylprednisolone acetate suspension in one articular space. The recommended withdrawal for methylprednisolone acetate is a minimum of 21 days at a 100 mg dose

OMEPRAZOLE

Withdrawal time: 24 hours

Threshold: 1 ng/mL of urine

Dosage: Single oral dose of omeprazole as Gastrogard® at 3.9 mg/kg

PHENYLBUTAZONE

Withdrawal time: 24 hours

Threshold: 2 mcg/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Single IV dose of phenylbutazone at 4.0 mg/kg

PREDNISOLONE

Withdrawal time: 48 hours

Threshold: 1 ng/mL serum or plasma

Dosage: 1 mg/kg orally

PROCAINE PENICILLIN

(administration must be reported to Stewards and horse must be submitted to 6-hour pre-race surveillance)

Withdrawal time: May not be administered following entry into a race

Threshold: 25 ng/mL plasma or serum

Dosage: Intramuscular

TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE

Withdrawal time: 7 days

Threshold: 100 pg/mL of plasma or serum

Dosage: Total dose of 9mg in one articular space

XYLAZINE

Withdrawal time: 48 hours

Threshold: 0.01 ng/mg of plasma or serum

Dosage: Intravenous

PLEASE NOTE – All horses used in the administration studies exceeded 1,000 lbs. When dosing a horse smaller than 1,000 lbs., trainers and veterinarians may need to consider decreasing the total dose or increasing the time of dosing prior to racing.

4. Although five nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are contained on the Controlled Therapeutic Substances list - diclofenac, firocoxib, flunixin, ketoprofen, phenylbutazone - they should not be used in combination and only one of these NSAIDs may be present in a post-race sample.

5. It is recognized that there are medications that may be used in the treatment of illness or injury in the horse that are not on the Controlled Therapeutic Substances List and for which no treatment guidance or uniform testing levels are provided. **Horsemen and veterinarians are strongly cautioned to withdraw a horse from racing for a sufficient period of time after the administration of a medication not on the Controlled Therapeutic Substances list to ensure against a positive drug test.** Substances that do not affect the organ systems of a horse such as antibiotics, antimicrobials, vaccines, etc. (except for procaine penicillin and levamisole) are not prohibited and are not the subject of testing.

6. Clenbuterol may not be administered to a horse within 14 days of its next race.

7. No intra-articular corticosteroid may be administered to a horse within 7 days of its next race. Administration of a total dose of 100 mg methylprednisolone acetate (Depo Medrol®) in one articular space will take approximately 21 days for the drug to fall below the testing detection level in plasma. For this and other reasons, **we strongly caution against the use of Depo Medrol® in the racing horse for at least 21 days prior to its race.**

8. During 2014, a new penalty system designed to identify and penalize those who incur multiple medication violations will be implemented. Each medication violation will incur points. Medication violations in the Controlled Therapeutic Substances category will be identified as Controlled Therapeutic violations and not "positive tests" and these violations will have a lesser point value. Violations for drugs and medications not on the Controlled Therapeutic Substances list will incur double points. Trainers risk additional mandatory suspensions if they reach the points thresholds established under the model rule for multiple medication infractions.

THIRD PARTY LASIX ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES

Effective March 1, 2014, the administration of Salix® (furosemide), to a horse on race-day will be by a NSA designated veterinarian and according to the following rules and procedures:

1. The only medication allowed to be administered to a horse within 24 hours of its race is Salix® (furosemide).
2. The administration of any adjunct medication within 24 hours of the horse's race is strictly forbidden.
3. The primary change from the current practice in the administration of Salix® to a horse is that a NSA designated veterinarian will be administering Salix®.
4. All horses shall be administered Salix® on the grounds of the race meet in their assigned stall.
5. All horses declaring the use of Salix® must be on the grounds of the race meet at least 4 hours prior to post time for their race.
6. Trainers or their representative not requesting the use of Salix® shall declare their horse off of Salix® at the time of entry.
7. Trainers or their representative are responsible to contact and inform the NSA designated veterinarian at the race meet the dosage of Salix® their horse is to receive.
8. The NSA designated veterinarian will prepare a list of all horses scheduled to receive Salix®, their dosage and their location at the race meet.
9. The veterinarian designated to administer Salix® will identify the horse by its tattoo number, record the dosage and time of administration for each horse treated and make a written report to the Stewards.

10. Trainers are responsible for having their representative present and available when the NSA designated veterinarian arrives to treat their horse.

11. If the veterinarian designated to administer Salix® cannot locate a horse for treatment or the trainers representative, the veterinarian will contact the stewards and relay the information.

12. Consistent with current practice, it is recommended that a horse receive Salix® 4 hours prior to its race, at a dosage between 2 cc's and 10 cc's. **Salix® will be administered IV only.**

13. Under no circumstance will Salix® be permitted to be administered to a horse within 3 hours of its race.

14. Consistent with current practice, a horse that is entered on Salix® and does not receive Salix® will not be permitted to run.