

NSA Official Notices Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Stewards Advisory Committee – Policy Revision

The current NSA policy which prohibits a hurdle horse from competing beyond the age of 12 will remain in effect with the following amendment:

To be eligible to run beyond the age of 12 a horse must have established form as a 12 year old, having finished first, second or third in at least one of its last three starts. To remain eligible as a 13 year old, such horse must continue to maintain its form by finishing first, second or third in at least one of its first three starts. Additionally, an eligible 13 year old would be required to pass a thorough veterinary exam prior to its first start of that season.

As with all new policy issues, this proposal will be open for discussion and comment for a 45-day period. If approved, it would be in affect for the 2015 NSA spring season. Please direct any comments in writing (via email) to the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee Chairman Dwight Hall (dhall247@comcast.net).

Shawan Downs – Changes of Note

Temporary stalls will be available.

All Participating Horsemen (Owners, Trainers, Riders) with horses participating in the Legacy Chase on Saturday, September 27, 2014 are invited to receive credentials for a lunch. An email with instructions regarding credentials will be sent to all participating horsemen.

No saddling in barn area. All horses must saddle in saddling enclosure which contains 12 open air stalls and a NEW enclosed two stall barn. *SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS*

Shawan Downs – Course Inspection

The Shawan Downs course was inspected Monday morning, September 15th by H. Bruce Fenwick.

The Racecourse Proper is under irrigation. It has received 1.5"+ of water in the past 4 days. If there is no significant rainfall the course will receive an additional 4.5" of water via irrigation prior to race day.

Please Note: Even though the course has been irrigated on a schedule w/ predetermined zones, the nature of irrigation and the affects of the weather may leave some inconsistencies. All Trainers are encouraged to inspect the course themselves.

The entire course upon which races will run was Cambridge rolled and power aerovated in the spring. It will be done again as needed prior to race day.

It is our intention at this point in time to have all races on the racecourse proper; however, if we were to receive adequate rainfall, we will use our Original Timber course.

Should the race remain on the racecourse proper, the timber races will be run at a distance of about 3 miles and NSA approved portable fences will be used.

Turf: The turf consists of a mixture of blue grass, native fescue & a "Kentucky 31" mix that averaged 6-7" in height at the time of inspection. On race day we expect to be running over 8" of grass. The turf is lush, soft and weed free.

Smoothness: The course is smooth and even.

Compaction: Lange Penetrometer readings over the Racecourse Proper averaged 131.15 (firm). Readings over the Outer Timber course averaged 158.75 (firm).

Moisture: Racecourse Proper 4.6 (average). Outer Timber course 2.5 (average dry)

Updated Compaction and Moisture Readings will be submitted for publication in the Overnights next Tuesday.

Foxfield – Course Inspection

The Foxfield course was inspected on September 15, 2014 by Clerk of Course, Thomas Shifflett.

Turf: The turf is 4 to 5 inches in length.

Smoothness: The course is smooth throughout.

Compaction: 120-140 (Good to Firm)

Moisture: 3-4 (Average Dry) We had a small amount of rain last week but no rain is expected this week.

Notes: The course has been well maintained but we are counting on Mother Nature for more rain before race day.

Aiken Fall – Substitute Race
(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, 150 lbs; older, 156 lbs. Non-winners of a race in 2014, allowed 4 lbs.; since September 1, 2013, 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.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

International Gold Cup

All owners and trainers participating in the flat races at International Gold Cup (#147, #149 and #151) are not required to be licensed by the NSA. They will, however, be required to be licensed by the Virginia Racing Commission. Additionally, NSA entry fees for those three flat races will be waived for the 2014 International Gold Cup races on a one-time basis to encourage participation at this pari-mutuel meet.

SHAWAN DOWNS SADDLING ENCLOSURE PHOTOS:



