

## NSA Official Notices Tuesday, September 23, 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 (by a veterinarian approved by the Stewards Advisory Committee) 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).

### Virginia Fall

The purse for the W. Gary Baker Memorial Hurdle Stakes (#125) has been increased to \$40,000. Additionally, there will be a \$500 bonus to the Virginia based trainer of the highest placed horse in the race and a \$500 bonus to the highest placed Virginia bred horse. There will also be a \$500 bonus to the highest placed Virginia-bred horse. All horses that do not earn money in the race will receive \$500.

### Nominations – Virginia Fall

Nominations (6) with weight and trainer for the National Sporting Library & Museum Cup Timber Stakes (#124) are as follows: ADIOS DIABLO (145 – Fout), BROTHER SY (165 – Wyatt), CHESS BOARD (160 – Meister), CORNHUSKER (165 - A. Murphy), DAKOTA SLEW (155 – Valentine), MOONSOX (154 – K. Boniface)

Nominations (5) with weight and trainer for the W. Gary Baker Memorial Hurdle Stakes (#125) are as follows: ABLE DEPUTY (156 - C. Murphy), FORGOTTEN MAN (144 – Fout), MANACOR (148 – Day), ODI ET AMO (148 – Fulmer), WANTAN (148 – Hendriks)

### Virginia Fall – Course Inspection

The Virginia Fall race course at Glenwood Park was inspected by Doug Fout on September 22, 2014.

**Turf:** There is a great covering of Kentucky 31 throughout the course despite no rain since two weeks ago.

**Smoothness:** Smooth throughout all courses.

**Compaction:** 125-134 (Firm)

**Moisture:** 4 (Average Dry)

**Notes:** The race course was mowed on September 20 and will not be mowed again prior to 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.