

NSA Official Notices Tuesday, October 7, 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 beginning August 27, 2014. If approved, it would be in effect 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).

NSA Medication Guidelines Update

When using Methocarbamol in conjunction with bute, it is possible the recommended withdrawal time of 48 hours for Methocarbamol is inaccurate. The latest research indicated a minimum of 72 hours should be used if using in conjunction with bute, please adjust your pre-race treatments accordingly.

Far Hills

Nominations (10) with weight and trainer for the \$75,000 Peapack Sport of Kings Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes (#133) are as follows: BAU BAI GOLD (143 – Napravnik), BITTERSWEETHEART (155 – Young), BRIEF HOLIDAY (143 – Bentley), CASABLANCA LILY (143 – Voss), DELPHINUS (143 – Valentine), EC'S FAVORITE (139 – Sheppard), IVY MILLS (139 – Fisher), KISSER N RUN (155 – Valentine), LILLEHAMMER (147 – Dalton), MISSTERIA (147 – Leaf)

The purse for the Harry E. Harris Sport of Kings Maiden Hurdle (#134) has been increased from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The fees will be adjusted accordingly. **Note:** If the Three-Year-Old race does not attract a sufficient number of entries, three-year-olds will be allowed to run in the Harry E. Harris at a weight of 138 lbs.

Nominations (14) with weight and trainer for the \$100,000 Foxbrook Champion Sport of Kings Novice Hurdle Stakes (#135) are as follows: ADDRESS UNKNOWN (156 – C. Murphy), ALL THE WAY JOSE (145 – Sheppard), CHORAL SOCIETY (153 – C. Murphy), DAHOUD (153 – Fisher), DR. SKIP (153 – Graham), FOG ISLAND (153 – Valentine), FOOLISH SURPRISE (150 – Swope), LONG HOUSE SAINT (150 – Hendriks), ONE GIANT STEP (153 – Sheppard), PRIVATE EQUITY (156 – Valentine), SCHOODIC (148 – Fisher), SYROS (153 – Fisher), TEMPT ME ALEX (153 – Voss), WITOR (150 – Wyatt)

Nominations (9) with trainer for the \$250,000 Grand National (Gr. I) Hurdle Stakes (#136) are as follows: BARNSTORMING (Sheppard), BLUEGRASS SUMMER (Sheppard), DEMONSTRATIVE (Valentine), DIVINE FORTUNE (Sheppard), DR. SKIP (Graham), FOR NON STOP (C. Murphy), INTI (C. Murphy), PARKER'S PROJECT (Sheppard), SPY IN THE SKY (Weaver) All horses will carry 156 lbs.

Nominations (7) with weight and trainer for the \$50,000 New Jersey Hunt Cup Timber Stakes (#138) are as follows: BROTHER SY (165 – Wyatt), CORNHUSKER (165 – A. Murphy), GOLDEN SLAMMER (165 – McKenna), SUPER SATURDAY (160 – K. Neilson), VINE HILL (165 – Valentine), WILDCATTER (165 – Voss), WINGO STAR (165 – Meister),

Far Hills – Substitute Race (Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$50,000. Hurdle. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 152 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Non-winners since September 1, allowed 4 lbs.; in 2014, 8 lbs.; in 2013-2014, 12 lbs. (Claiming races not considered in estimating allowances). Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; with \$500 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

Far Hills – Course Inspection

The Far Hills race course was inspected by Clerk of Course, Dean Torsilieri, on October 6, 2014.

Turf: The entire turf course at Moorland Farm was aerated, slice seeded, and sand top dressed immediately after the Far Hills Race Meeting Association's Fall 2013 meet. Spring 2014 operations included divot repair, fertilization, rolling and aeration. Weekly mowing, weed control, and an aggressive IPM program have continued to keep the quality and consistency of the turf at the highest possible level. The turf is thick, lush, and has a clipped top out height of 6-8". There are no bare or thin areas in any parts of the timber or NSA brush fence courses.

Smoothness: The course has been rolled, aerated and hand walked with root zone mix to fill any divots or cupping. The surface is smooth and consistent with a giving, yet firm resiliency. There is NO vehicular traffic allowed on the course at any time.

Compaction: Readings taken with a Lang Penetrometer put the turf course at a reading of 100-130 (Good to firm).

Moisture: Average Dry to Average (4-5)

Notes: For 2014 and future meets, all four road crossings will be covered with stone dust screenings to a depth of at least 6". Each crossing will be harrowed/groomed to a depth of 1" prior to the start of each race to insure suitable footing in these locations. This is a departure from the hardwood mulch used in previous meets. Each crossing will have a smooth transition on entry and exit. Please advise riders to gauge this surface change accordingly.

Due to unfavorable weather conditions, the turf courses did require supplemental irrigation this year. As of this inspection the irrigation system is up and ready to run. We plan on watering through the week if no significant rainfall is forecast.

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

Nominations for the David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial (Gr. III) Hurdle Stakes (#146) and International Gold Cup Timber Stakes (#150) close **Tuesday, October 14th** with the NSA office.

Virginia bred in all races **except** the Zeke Ferguson Hurdle Stakes (#146), the International Gold Cup (#150) and the Virginia Bred or Sired Flat (#151) at the International Gold Cup are eligible for a 100% bonus (with a \$10,000 cap).

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.

Callaway – Substitute Race
(Filly & Mare Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maiden Fillies and Mares, Three-Years-Old and Upward. Three-year-olds, 137 lbs.; four-year-olds, 149 lbs., older, 155 lbs. Entry fee \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Fegentri World Cup of Nations Team Races

Friday, October 10 - Penn National (entries Wednesday October 8) Fillies and Mares NW2 Claiming \$10,000
One Mile on the Turf

Friday, October 10 - Laurel Park (entries Tuesday Oct 7) **Purse \$27,000** For Maidens, three-years-old and upward. Three year olds, 141 lbs; older 145 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000. For each \$2,500 to \$20,000 allowed 2 lbs.
Five and One Half Furlongs on the Turf

Saturday, October 11- Delaware Park (entries Wednesday Oct 8) **Purse \$16,000.** For Three Year Olds and Upward which have started for a claiming price Of \$5,000 or less in the last five starts Three Year Olds 136 lbs.; older 140 lbs. Non-Winners of a race since September 11, 2014 allowed 3 lbs.; of a race since July 11, 2014, 5 lbs.

One Mile and Seventy Yards

Extra race - October 11- Delaware Park (entries Wednesday Oct 8) Maiden Claiming \$12,500 (Gentlemen)
Seven and One Half Furlongs on the Turf

Sunday, October 12 – Parx Racing (entries Tuesday Oct 7) **Purse \$19,000** For Maiden Fillies and Mare, 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Three year olds 136 lbs.; older 139 lbs. Claiming price \$15,000 - \$13,000. All turf eligibilities waived.
One Mile on the Turf

Team USA won the Fegentri World Cup of Nations on Monday, October 6. Eilidh Grant rode the winner, defeating the riders from Norway and England