NSA Official Notices
Monday, May 11, 2015

Stewards’ Actions – Willowdale

Second Race: Jockeys Mark Beecher, Diana Gillam, Connor Hankin, Kieran Norris, Garet Winants, and Martin Rohan were fined $250 each for not following Stewards’ orders about the prescribed course.

Fifth Race: Trainer Todd McKenna was fined $250 for inappropriate behavior directed toward a racing official in violation of NSA Rules of Racing 5.2.B.3.

Stewards’ Ruling – Grand National

On May 4, 2015, the Grand National Stewards were informed by Dalare Associates, Inc. that the blood sample collected on April 18, 2015, from MAJOR MALIBU, trained by William Dowling, who placed first in the Third Race at the Grand National Steeplechase, tested positive for dexamethasone in excess of the maximum permitted threshold. Dexamethasone is a Controlled Therapeutic Substance under the RCI Guidelines and its presence in excess of the maximum permitted threshold is a violation of NSA Rule 9.1.A. Trainer William Dowling was informed of the test results and waived his right to a hearing. Following a discussion with Mr. Dowling and his veterinarian, the Stewards determined that there were mitigating circumstances. As a result, the Stewards made the following determination: MAJOR MALIBU is hereby disqualified and deemed to be an unplaced finisher and the purse monies are ordered to be redistributed as follows:

Third Race: 1st – SUMO POWER ($6,000), 2nd – OUR TOWN ($1,800), 3rd – BRAND’S HATCH ($1,000), 4th – HENRY SAN (IRE) ($500), 5th – BLACK TOP HAT ($400) and 6th – GREAT HALO ($300). In addition, Trainer William Dowling is hereby fined the sum of $1,000.

Stewards’ Ruling – Middleburg Spring

On May 4, 2015, the Middleburg Spring Stewards were informed by Dalare Associates, Inc. that the blood sample collected on April 18, 2015, from DEMONSTRATIVE, trained by Richard Valentine, who placed first in the First Race at the Middleburg Spring Races, tested positive for Cetirizine (Zyrtec). Cetirizine is a Class 4 substance under the RCI Guidelines and its presence is a violation of NSA Rule 9.1.A. Trainer Richard Valentine was informed of the test results and waived his right to a hearing. The Stewards made the following determination: DEMONSTRATIVE is hereby disqualified and deemed to be an unplaced finisher and the purse monies are ordered to be redistributed as follows:

First Race: 1st – DR. SKIP ($1,500 to owner and $1,000 to trainer). In addition, Trainer Richard Valentine is hereby fined the sum of $500.

Virginia Gold Cup

Owners, trainers, jockeys and officials that participated at the Virginia Gold Cup are reminded not to throw away their VRC license, as it is good for this year (2015) if they have any other races and for the International Gold Cup this fall.

Iroquois

A jockey left a “Yeti” cup at Iroquois. If it is yours, please call the Iroquois office at 615-591-2991.

Fair Hill

Nominations (8) for the Valentine Memorial Novice Timber Stakes (#90) with weight and trainer are as follows: BRAVE PROSPECT (165 – Fisher), CLASSY RASCAL (160 – Meister), GRAND MANAN (160 – Meister), LE CHEVALIER (160 – Morris), LEFFINGWELL LION (160 – Korrell), SAINT DYNAFORMER (160 – Morris), TOUCHDOWNTONY (160 – B. Davies), WEST IS BEST (160 – A. Murphy).

Fair Hill Substitute Race #1
(Ratings Hurdle)

Purse $25,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated from 100 to 120. 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 $125; $125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with $250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Fair Hill Substitute Race #2
(Conditioned Claiming Hurdle)

Purse $15,000. Hurdle. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. Claiming price $15,000. For each $2,500 to $10,000, allowed 3 lbs. Non-winners in 2015, allowed 4 lbs.; since September 1, 8 lbs.; in 2014-2015, 12 lbs. Entry fee $75; $75 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with $150 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Fair Hill Course Inspection

The Fair Hill race course was inspected on May 10, 2015 by Frank Hopkins, Jr.

Turf: The flat, hurdle and timber courses have a cover of fescue and native grasses 6 inches in height.

Smoothness: The courses were aerated and rolled in the fall and spring.

Compaction: 117 (Good) The cover of thick turf provides a good cushion.

Moisture: 5.7 (Average)
ATTENTION HORSEMEN: Original foal papers and current Coggins must be turned in to the Foal Clerk, located in the paddock office, prior to the race.

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.

NSA Safety Policy Reminder
A non-winning apprentice jockey (over hurdles) shall not be named to ride a horse (over hurdles) that has failed to complete three races to the Stewards’ satisfaction.

ATTENTION: NSA HORSEMEN, RACE CHAIRMEN AND OFFICIALS
The NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, on behalf of the NSA Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, reminds all licensees that insubordinate or detrimental conduct directed at either race chairmen (or their volunteers) or any of the race day officials, will not be tolerated, and will be adjudicated by the Stewards of the day, with the possibility of penalties assessed according to the NSA Rules of Racing 5.2.B.3. The Stewards have power to regulate and control the conduct of all officials, and of all owners, trainers, riders, grooms and other persons attendant on horses as well as employees of the Association. All alleged misconduct should be reported to the Stewards immediately.

Attention: NSA Jockeys
By order of the Stewards Advisory Committee, on behalf of the NSA Board of Directors, all NSA-licensed jockeys intending to ride at the major race tracks this summer must attend a mandatory Jockey Education Seminar, scheduled for Sunday, May 24, at the NSA’s Fair Hill headquarters, 400 Fair Hill Drive, Fair Hill, Maryland.

The Seminar, which begins at 10:00 a.m. sharp, will be co-hosted by NSA Board members Nick Ellis, Dr. Reynolds Cowles (Chairman of the Safety Task Force), and Dwight Hall (Chairman of the Stewards Advisory Committee).

The morning session will focus on riding technique with video review and commentary by former steeplechase jockeys, Paddy Neilson, Chuck Lawrence and Gregg Morris, along with renowned 3-day event rider, Jimmy Wofford. This will include open discussion and interactive dialogue with the current steeplechase jockey colony.

Lunch will be served from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., followed by an afternoon session focused on a discussion of NSA rules and regulations, led by Dwight Hall and NSA Director of Racing Bill Gallo.

At 3:00 p.m. there will be a special presentation by Dr. SarahJane Cullen, a Sport and Exercise Physiologist for the Turf Club, who is traveling from Ireland and will provide valuable information about jockey health, conditioning, strength, and weight control.

The seminar, which is open to all NSA licensed riders, is expected to conclude at 5:00 p.m. The NSA Board encourages all riders, beyond those who are required to attend, to consider joining the group for what promises to be a beneficial learning experience.

Please contact Nancy Dougherty (410-392-0700) at the NSA office at your earliest convenience to reserve a seat at the seminar as seating will be limited.

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 for a replacement.

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.

Annual Awards Dinner
The NSA Board of Directors would like to inquire and develop a consensus about the Annual Awards Dinner. For the past several years the Awards Dinner has been held in Camden, South Carolina on the evening of the Colonial Cup. Last year the Awards Dinner was moved from Springdale Hall Club to the Steeplechase Museum. One suggestion for 2015 was to have the dinner and awards ceremony back at Springdale Hall, to be followed by a Jockeys Ball/Dance at the Museum. Another thought is to possibly move the Awards Dinner to January at The Maryland Club in Baltimore, which has hosted the event in the past.

Please indicate via email to the NSA office your preference from the following three options:
1. Have the Awards Dinner and Jockeys Ball at the Steeplechase Museum similar to last year.
2. Have the Awards Dinner at Springdale Hall with the Jockeys Ball immediately following at the Steeplechase Museum.
3. Have the Awards Dinner/Jockeys Ball in January at The Maryland Club in Baltimore.

Retirement Database
The Safety Task Force and the Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association (SOTA) are working to create a retirement database, which will provide a way to keep track of horses retiring from steeplechasing. It will be a simple process for owners and trainers, where they will be able to call or email a point person when a horse is retired.

Steeplechasing provides a second career to many flat horses. The implementation of a retirement database would hopefully show how many steeplechase horses go on to a third career. The goals are to keep track of our horses, be able to provide tangible data for horses retiring and, perhaps, promote the successful stories when horses find new careers after steeplechasing. Further information will be provided.

2015 Sport Of Kings Series
The Sport of Kings Series is comprised of several designated races, offering premier purses in maiden and novice hurdle races on the NSA circuit. The series was introduced several years ago by former amateur rider and steeplechase promoter George Sloan, whose vision was to create racing opportunities, with lucrative purses, for the “younger” novice horses. It had an immediate positive impact on the horse inventory as well as the overall racing product and was considered one of the most innovative changes in the history of the sport.

For 2015, the Sport of Kings Series will offer a special bonus derived from the 5% fee (of any purse money earned) paid by owners. The complete series features a total purse structure of over $1 million which will generate a bonus fund of approximately $50,000. That bonus fund will be divided at year’s end between the top three point earners in the series with 60% for first, 30% for second and 10% for third.

Points will be earned in maiden and novice series races only as follows:

Maiden races: 12 points for first, 5 points for second; 3 points for third; 1 point for all other starters.

Novice races: 24 points for first; 10 points for second; 6 points for third; 2 points for all other starters.

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Conditions for the novice races will be as follows for the entire year:

For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to March 1, 2014 or which have never won three races, other than three-year-old.

The list of spring maiden and novice races is listed below. The series will be complimented by additional summer and fall races.

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### 2015 SUMMER STEEPLECHASE SCHEDULE

#### Monmouth Park

- **Friday, June 19**
  - $30,000 Sport of Kings Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4 (Possible Split)
  - $35,000 Allowance Optional Claiming Hurdle (1OT or for $25,000) 2-1/4

#### Suffolk Downs

- **Saturday, July 11**
  - $30,000 Sport of Kings Maiden Hurdle 2-1/16 (Possible Split)
  - $40,000 Allowance Hurdle (NW 2) 2-1/16
  - $10,000 Training Flat 1-1/2
  - $30,000 Substitute Overnight Ratings Hurdle Handicap 2-3/8

#### Saratoga

- **Wednesday, July 29**
  - $65,000 Allowance Hurdle (NW2) 2-1/16
- **Thursday, July 30**
  - $75,000 Jonathan Kiser Novice Hurdle Stakes (NW prior to 3/1/14 or NW 3, OT3YO) 2-1/16

#### Saratoga

- **Wednesday, August 5**
  - $65,000 Allowance Optional Claiming Hurdle (1OT or for $30,000) 2-1/16
- **Thursday, August 6**
  - $125,000 A.P. Smithwick Hurdle Stakes (Grade I) 2-1/16

#### Suffolk Downs

- **Saturday, August 8**
  - $30,000 Sport of Kings Maiden Hurdle 2-1/16 (To Be Split)
  - $30,000 Overnight Ratings Hurdle Handicap 2-3/8
Saratoga

**Wednesday, August 12**
- $65,000 Allowance Hurdle (NW2) 2-1/16

**Thursday, August 13**
- $75,000 Mrs. Ogden Phipps Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes 2-1/16

**Wednesday, August 19**
- $65,000 Allowance Optional Claiming Hurdle (1OT or for $30,000) 2-3/8

**Thursday, August 20**
- $75,000 Michael G. Walsh Novice Hurdle Stakes (NW prior to 3/1/14 or NW 3, OT3YO) 2-3/8

**Wednesday, August 26**
- $65,000 Allowance Hurdle (NW2) 2-3/8

**Thursday, August 27**
- $150,000 New York Turf Writers (Grade I) Hurdle Stakes 2-3/8

**Wednesday, September 2**
- $65,000 Allowance Optional Claiming Hurdle (1OT or for $30,000) 2-3/8

**Thursday, September 3**
- $75,000 Mrs. Walter M. Jeffords Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes 2-3/8

**Kentucky Downs**

**Saturday, September 5**
- $45,000 Sport of Kings Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4 (To Be Split)
- $50,000 Overnight Ratings Hurdle Handicap 2-1/2

**Belmont Park**

**Thursday, September 24**
- $75,000 William Entenmann Novice Hurdle Stakes (NW prior to 3/1/14 or NW 3, OT3YO) 2-1/4
- $150,000 Lonesome Glory (Grade I) Hurdle Stakes 2-1/2

*Note:* Guaranteed purse plus 100% Kentucky Bred Bonus