



## **NSA Official Notices**

### **Monday, March 27, 2017**

#### **Course Report – Steeplechase of Charleston**

The Steeplechase of Charleston race course was inspected by Clerk of Course Bud Brawner on March 27, 2017.

**Turf:** The turf on this course consists of a mixture of Bermuda and broadcast seeded Rye grass that averaged 4 inches in height at the time of the inspection. Mowing before race day will be done to keep grass at around 6 inches in height.

**Smoothness:** This course has been fertilized, aerated and harrowed a number of times during the year and is smooth throughout.

**Compaction:** 110-130 (Good to Firm)

**Moisture:** 1-2 (Dry) with 3 days of rain and showers forecast over the next 10 days.

**Notes:** Overall the course is in great shape, but due to a very dry spring (only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch of rain in March) the course is firmer than we would like. We will core aerate again before race day and hope we get the forecasted rain.

#### **Steeplechase of Charleston Substitute Race** **(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

**Purse \$20,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which are rated 110 or lower.** 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 \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday with \$200 additional to start.

**Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.**

#### **Early Entries may be submitted on Sundays**

Trainers who would like to enter early via email and/or text message, please do so in **writing** on Sundays to both Bill Gallo ([billgallo@nationalsteeplechase.com](mailto:billgallo@nationalsteeplechase.com)-443-553-1882) and Courtney Reid ([courtneyreid@nationalsteeplechase.com](mailto:courtneyreid@nationalsteeplechase.com) - 443-553-1881). Please make sure all complete and pertinent information for your entry is included and that you have received a confirmation of delivery for the entries you submit.

#### **2017 Licenses Applications**

Please submit your 2017 license applications [owner/trainer](#) or [jockey](#) via email, fax or regular mail. You can now make your payment online. Click [here](#) to pay for your license after you have submitted your application.

#### **Reminder - New Jockey License Applicants**

License applications for new jockeys must be submitted a minimum of ten (10) days in advance of the race meet for approval by the Stewards Advisory Committee. There will be no exceptions. All new jockey licenses must be accompanied by a copy of the medical insurance card and appropriate written endorsements from NSA-licensed trainers, as indicated on the license application. All jockeys must complete the ImPACT (concussion) test. Submit license application to [nancydougherty@nationalsteeplechase.com](mailto:nancydougherty@nationalsteeplechase.com) or fax 410-392-0706.

### **Ratings**

Please find attached a current ratings list. If your horse does not appear on the list and you submitted a Horses in Training list, please let the office know. If you did not submit a spring Horses in Training list, please do so and your ratings horses will be added. If you believe your horse needs a ratings review, please request one and the ratings committee will be informed.

### **Apprentice Rider Policy**

The NSA Stewards Advisory Committee has determined that the NSA Apprentice Rider License Policy for 2017 will be as follows:

*A rider who has been granted a conditional license may apply to the Stewards Advisory Committee for an unrestricted license after he or she has completed 10 rides to the satisfaction of the Committee. These 10 rides may be at point-to-point or at sanctioned race meets and can have been over timber or hurdles. This license is granted at the discretion of the SAC and may be deferred if the Committee decides the applicant needs more experience before being granted an unrestricted license.*

### **\$100,000 Willowdale/PA Hunt Cup Challenge**

Any horse who wins both the Willowdale Steeplechase Amateur Timber Stakes and wins the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Open Timber Stakes will receive a \$100,000 bonus. Please click the following link for more information: [Willowdale/PA Hunt Cup Bonus](#)

### **Fair Hill Races Contact Information**

The correct contact numbers for Nancy Simperts at the Fair Hill races are 410-398-2578 Fax 410-398-2527.

# Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials

*Shawan Downs, Cockeysville, Maryland*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**POST TIME 2:00 PM**

## **Hurdle Trial**

About 1 7/8 miles over 12 national fences. Catch Weights.

## **Apprentice Flat Trial**

About 1 7/8 miles on the turf. Catch Weights

### NOTES:

- As demand requires, there will be approximately Five Hurdle Trial heats comprised of no more than Ten Horses each.
- If warranted, there will be an apprentice heat. Preference may be noted upon entering.
- The Divisions will be Drawn by the Committee after Entries Close.
  
- There will be Apprentice Flat Trial heats comprised of no more than Fifteen Horses each.
- The Divisions will be Drawn by the Committee after Entries Close.
  
- Heats will be posted on the Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials page of the Shawan Downs website by noon on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **RACE ENTRIES**

Visit: [www.shawandowns.org](http://www.shawandowns.org)

**Go to the Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials' event page to complete the online entry form.**

### **NO POST ENTRIES.**

**Entries Close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

**Entry Fees \$125**

### **RECEPTION**

Immediately Following the Last Heat in a tent in the Stable Area.

For additional information, please contact [info@shawandowns.org](mailto:info@shawandowns.org) or call 410.446.0939