



NSA Official Notices Friday, April 21, 2017

Tyron Block House Stewards Ruling

Jockey Keith Dalton was fined \$250 for “careless riding” in the fifth race at the Tryon Block House Races on Saturday, April 15, 2017, in violation of NSA Rules of Racing 7.7.B.1

Course Report – Foxfield Spring

The Foxfield race course was inspected on April 17, 2017 by Clerk of Course, Thomas Shifflett.

Turf: Height it 3 to 4 inches.

Smoothness: The course is smooth throughout.

Compaction: 120 to 140 (Firm)

Moisture: 6 to 8 (Average to Average Wet)

Notes: We have not had a great deal of rain although showers are expected today. The course was aerated, seeded, and fertilized following the fall race meet.

Updated Course Report – Maryland Hunt Cup

The Maryland Hunt Cup race course was inspected by Shockey Gillet on April 21, 2017.

Overall, the course looks very good. The course received approximately 5/8 inch of rain on Thursday night, April 20, and more is expected over next few days.

The turf continues to improve and should be very good to excellent by race day.

Compaction 5-12 (Yielding to Good) depending on elevation

Moisture rating 10 (Wet) throughout

Course Report – Queen’s Cup

The Queen’s Cup racecourse was inspected on Monday, April 17, 2017 and was inspected by Bill Price and Kevin Tobin.

Turf: Consistent, thick and lush throughout. The Brooklandwood Racecourse turf is made-up of a blend of fine turf fescues, hybrid bluegrass & perennial rye grasses. Spotty weeds consisting primarily of chickweed and small clumps of clover was spot treated where needed March 26 and April 15 has had its desired affect. The turf has been aggressively aerated, over-seeded, fertilized and top-dressed in certain areas. There continues to be some areas of poa annua (part of the bluegrass family) that has produced seed heads with particular note around Hurdle & Timber fences #2 on the top stretch of the backside. There is also a few areas of “ground under repair” in a few areas near the hub rail coming down the hill from Turn 3 to 4. Although worthy of note, these areas will ultimately present more of an imperfection and should be no cause for concern.

Smoothness: Smooth. Divots from last year’s race were filled and the course was “Cambridge” rolled several times after last year’s race, particularly on the turns.

Compaction: Averages 100 (Good). Multiple readings were taken on April 17, averaged 100-110 (Good). The course was aerated using the Aerway during the fall seeding, February 12 and again April 9. Irrigation is being used daily. Depending on the forecast the week of the race, we may Aerway areas of known compaction selectively and the course will be irrigated through Friday morning. Race day, Horsemen should expect “good” going with average of 110-120.

Moisture: 8-10 (Average Wet to Wet). Readings taken with average moist to wet a full depth of 9”. The region has had below average amounts of rainfall this past spring along with below normal cold and high temperatures in conjunction with persistent winds over the past two months despite the aforementioned, the racecourse ground has remained moist with help of the TORO in-ground automated irrigation system. As is our SOP, the irrigation system has been used as-needed during the month of April so as not to allow the top and subsoil to dry out.

Other Comments:

- The “Modified National Fence” frame hurdle packed with SafTfence® plastic birch will be placed along the hub rail of the racecourse while the portable timber fences will be placed along the outside rail. The water hurdle (Fence #7) will be in play again this year but only for the timber race. Immediately after the third race, the “Modified National Fences” will be removed to prepare for the training flat race, the last race on the card, which will be run along the hub rail.
- Depending on the rain forecast, the last mowing is expected Tuesday evening (April 25) race week with turf height around 6” race day.

Queen’s Cup Substitute Race (Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$15,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 144 lbs.; older, 154 lbs. **Claiming price \$15,000.** Entry fee \$75; \$75 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$150 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

VRC Licensing Requirements for Virginia Gold Cup Races

All owners, trainers, riders, and grooms participating in the Virginia Gold Cup races are required to be licensed by the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC). The easiest way to obtain a license is by going to the Commission’s website at www.vrc.virginia.gov and clicking on “Virginia Racing License” in the upper left hand side of the home page. You will then see a list of documents including the “Racing Application for Participants”, “General Application Instructions”, “Fee Schedule”, and “Credit Card Verification Form”. Simply print out the application and complete it by referring to the fee schedule and general instructions. Once the application is completed, signed, and dated you may either mail it along with the appropriate payment to 5707 Huntsman Road, Suite 201-B, Richmond, VA 23250 or scan the application along with Credit Card Verification Form and e-mail to VRCLicense@vrc.virginia.gov. If you would like your badge mailed to you before the races, your application and payment must be received by April 21st, otherwise badges will be distributed on the day of the races at the horsemen’s check-in tent located in the stable area. The VRC will also be on site at the Spring House on Wednesday, May 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for licensing or picking up badges. (Please note: All licensing must to be completed by Friday, May 5th.) If you have any questions or require assistance with this process, please contact Rhonda Davis at (804) 461-0740. Owners and trainers, etc. participating in the flat races only do not need to be credentialed by NSA. Grooms must have a VRC license unless they have a current license from another jurisdiction, in which case they may obtain a day pass on the day of the races at the horsemen’s check-in tent located in the stable area.

A horsemen's check-in tent will be in the stable area to handout and sell wristbands (only needed for those without a license). Horsemen will receive 4 complimentary wristbands per participating owner, 1 per trainer and jockey; additional wristbands may be purchased at \$35 each. The 2017 NSA mirror-hung car pass will admit the vehicle to Gate 2. The NSA pin will allow entrance to Members Hill only. Anyone with questions can contact the VGCA office at 540-347-2612.

New NSA Policy- Microchips

By order of the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, horses that have been microchipped per The Jockey Club standards, are eligible to run under NSA rules provided they can be properly scanned and identified.

Quick Official

The NSA has adopted a “quick official” policy which requires riders to claim foul immediately after pulling up following a race. There will be a designated NSA official, either on the ground or on horseback, identified with a distinctive vest, that the riders must lodge an objection with regarding an incident occurring during the running of a race. The stewards will be immediately informed of any such objection and if there are none, the race will be declared “official” before the horses return to be unsaddled.

Ratings

Please find the most current ratings list below. 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. **Finally, if you have a horse on the current ratings list that is out of training for the Spring, please contact us to remove the horse.**

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-443-553-1882) and Courtney Reid (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 a 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 or fax 410-392-0706

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 Race Change (#92)

**The Iris Ann Coggins Memorial Race
(Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes)
Nominations Close Monday, May 15th**

Purse \$50,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. The highest rated horse will be assigned 155 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on current ratings. Nomination fee \$100; \$200 additional to enter; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$500, may be made at the time of entry.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Fair Hill Contact Information

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

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Sara Cavanagh
Editor



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