



NSA Official Notices

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Proposed New Apprentice Rider Policy

The NSA Stewards Advisory Committee is asking for review and comment (for a 30-day period) of a recommendation from the NSA Safety Committee regarding new apprentice rider policies. All inquires and suggestions should be directed to Courtney Reid via email at Courtneyreid@nationalsteeplechase.com by February 21, 2018. At the end of the 30-day period the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee will make a final proposal to the NSA Board of Directors, which will be in effect for the 2018 NSA season.

National Steeplechase Association

Safety Committee

Requirements for New Rider Applicants to be published on NSA website/condition book:

1. A "Provisional License" issued by the Stewards Advisory Committee will be approved for Flat, Hurdle and/or Timber for each new applicant, as the Committee deems appropriate.
2. Flat wins do NOT count against an apprentice claim in steeplechase races.
3. An Apprentice Jockey shall be "sponsored" by a licensed trainer in good standing and remain in sponsorship throughout their apprenticeship. Additionally, a list of Apprentice Jockeys and their Primary Sponsors will be published on the NSA website.
4. The Stewards Advisory Committee shall review each "new" applicant and approve every license, as well as review any current licensee referred to the Committee by the Stewards.
5. All Apprentice Jockeys will meet with the Stewards on race day, 15 minutes prior to the mandatory jockey's meeting, to review any information pertinent to the day/individual. Additionally, Apprentice Jockeys will be required to participate in a minimum of one of the two Continuing Education Stewards Seminars conducted annually.

Suggested Apprentice Rules Changes over Hurdles:

1. An apprentice jockey shall claim the following:
 - a. First two (2) wins - 10 lbs
 - b. Next three (3) wins - 7 lbs
 - c. Next ten (10) wins - 5 lbs
2. New Applicants shall have started in 5 unrestricted races over fences at Pt-to-Pt's or 3 sanctioned races over timber prior to being granted a NSA hurdle license.
3. An apprentice jockey license shall be considered "provisional" by Stewards Advisory Committee prior to their first two(2) hurdle wins or ten(10) completed sanctioned rides over hurdles, whichever occurs first.
4. An Apprentice Jockey shall not ride any maiden hurdle race prior to their first two(2) hurdle wins or ten(10) completed sanctioned rides over hurdles, whichever occurs first.
5. An apprentice jockey shall not ride a maiden hurdle race on a horse that has not completed two(2) sanctioned hurdle races consecutively in the last twelve(12) months.
6. An apprentice jockey may not ride a three year old in an NSA sanctioned jump race.
7. An apprentice jockey may not ride in an NSA sanctioned jump race at the flat track.
8. An apprentice jockey may not ride in Stakes Races or Handicaps (Ratings Handicaps excluded) until they have won their third(3rd) NSA sanctioned hurdle race.