



NSA Official Notices

Friday, January 26, 2018

2017 Steeplechase Eclipse Award Winner

Congratulations to the Bruton Street-US team for winning the 2017 Eclipse Award with Scorpiancer last night at Gulfstream Park in Florida.

Code of Conduct

As a condition of license all NSA licensees are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the best interests of racing. Any conduct deemed to be detrimental to the sport, the NSA, or the individual race meets and their representatives will subject the offender to a fine or suspension, or both, in accordance with the NSA Rules of Racing.

By order of the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee January 19, 2018

NSA Stewards School

The NSA is inquiring about possible interest in a three-day Stewards School, to be held sometime next winter at a location to be determined. The school, which is part of the Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP), makes all graduates eligible to serve as an accredited NSA Steward. It consists of three days of classes, eight hours per day, followed by a comprehensive three-part exam (written, oral and video).

Those interested should contact either Bill Gallo (billgallo@nationalsteeplechase.com) or Courtney Reid (courtneyreid@nationalsteeplechase.com).

Grand National Purse Increase

The race committee for the Grand National Steeplechase, to be run on Saturday April 21, 2018, is pleased to announce that the purse for The Grand National (#26 in spring condition book) has been increased from \$30,000 to **\$50,000**. Total purses offered for the day will now be **\$85,000**.

Condition Book Correction

The Fair Hill Races to be run on Saturday, May 26, 2018 marks the 84th running of the races.

Horses in Training List

All NSA trainers are **required** to submit a "Horses in Training" list for the spring of 2018. For your convenience, a form is below which should be filled out and either emailed, faxed, or mailed to the NSA office. Horses which are entered that are **not** on the "Horses in Training" list will be least preferred in any race which overfills.

Ratings

The first ratings list for 2018 will be published when all Horses in Training lists are submitted.

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.



Spring 2018 Steeplechase Horses in Training

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	Name of Horse	Sex/Age	Eligibility	Ready to Start Date	Owner
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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.