



## NSA Official Notices Tuesday, March 27, 2018

### Georgia Steeplechase - Course Report

Kingston Downs was inspected on March 24, 2018 by the Clerk of Course Anthony-Scott Hobbs.

**Turf:** Kingston Downs has benefitted from 4.25 inches of rain in March. There is more rain forecasted for this week on Thursday and Friday. The fescue/blue grass turf mix is established, but in some areas of the track spotty. The course was mowed a month ago at 4 inches, and with the rain and warmer temperatures has a green appearance and has grown to 5-6 inches. There are some patches of other grasses (Bermuda and rye) and some spots of broad leaf weeds.

**Smoothness:** The course has not been aerated or rolled, fairly smooth

**Compaction:** Average: 135 (Firm)

**Moisture:** Average: 7 Almost all readings were 7-8 from different points on the track. On the first turn just pass the tower it was 4. Note: The most recent rainfall was two days prior to the date of inspection.

**Note:** Rug Howard will be inspecting the course on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and will provide updates.

### Aiken Stewards Ruling

Jockey Gerard Galligan was fined \$250 for failure to comply with the orders of a security officer.

### Code of Conduct

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

### Substitute Races

**Georgia Steeplechase  
Saturday, April 7, 2018**

#### **(Maiden Claiming Hurdle)**

**Purse \$15,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward.** Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. **Claiming Price \$15,000.** For each \$2,500 to \$10,000, allowed 3 lbs. Entry fee \$75; \$75 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$150 additional to start.

**Two Miles over National Fences.**

#### **(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 over National Fences.**

#### **(Conditioned Claiming Hurdle)**

**Purse \$20,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and upward which have never won two races.** Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. **Claiming price \$20,000.** For each \$2,500 to \$15,000, allowed 3 lbs. Entry fee \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday with \$200 additional to start.

**Two Miles over National Fences.**

**Tryon Block House Races  
Saturday, April 14, 2018**

**(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

**Purse \$25,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which are rated 115 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 \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday with \$250 additional to start.

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

**Nominations and Entries**

Please direct all nominations and entries to Courtney Reid (443) 553-1881 [courtneyreid@nationalsteeplechase.com](mailto:courtneyreid@nationalsteeplechase.com) or Bill Gallo (443) 553-1882 [billgallo@nationalsteeplechase.com](mailto:billgallo@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**.