

National Steeplechase Association
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Stewards Report

Race Meeting: Georgia Steeplechase

Date: April 7, 2018

Weather: Overcast 54°

Course Condition: Firm

Moisture: 10

Compaction : 120

Clerk of Scales: Bill Gallo

Starter: Jeff Teter

Stewards: Beale Payne

Larry Curtis

Reese Howard

Anne Pezzano (Safety Steward)

Official Actions:

Race 1: ETCHED IN TIME was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing. MISFORTUNE (Bernie Dalton) fell over the last jump with the rider reporting that the horse stabbed at the fence and failed to make it over the top. Dalton, the unseated rider, was cleared by the course physician. Protocol for fallen riders was not followed as Dalton quickly regained his feet and walked back to the scales nor did transport arrive expeditiously to the incident. There was no apparent immediate medical response either.

Race 2: Trainer Jack Fisher made a late scratch of BARHANPOUR which was to be ridden by Sean McDermott. Fisher opted to replace rider Jack Doyle on MOTIVATIONAL with McDermott. Fisher was advised and accepted that the owner or trainer of MOTIVATIONAL would be responsible for double rider fees under rule 6.4 B.3.

Race 3: SLUG AND JOCKEY was pulled up at the last fence after leading and tiring down the backside.

Official Comments: Review with the production team of the video coverage of the race course, identification of problem areas, and viewing capabilities in the stewards stand should become a standard of race day preparations of the stewards. Riders need to be reminded of their responsibility to await transport to the scales after a fall. Georgia Steeplechase needs to review and update their medical protocol with particular emphasis on medical response at fences.

Beale Payne
Presiding Steward