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STEWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RULING

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Pursuant to NSA Rule 8.2, the National Steeplechase Association (NSA) Stewards Advisory Committee conducted a hearing for jockey Gerard Galligan on May 17, 2018 regarding his behavior at the Virginia Gold Cup on Saturday, May 5, 2018, where he was observed to have acted unprofessionally and inappropriately in the jockey area. The Virginia Racing Commission Stewards referred the matter to the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee for review and determination of the penalty.

The Stewards Advisory Committee hearing was conducted telephonically. Mr. Galligan, Forest Kelly, President of the Steeplechase Jockeys of America Association (SJAA), and Virginia Gold Cup Presiding Steward Tad Zimmerman were all present. The Stewards Advisory Committee heard testimony from Mr. Galligan and affidavits were read from SJAA Representative Jennie Pearson and the course physician at the Virginia Gold Cup, Dr. Andrew R. Bishop.

Based upon the testimony, which corroborated that Mr. Galligan did, in fact, act unprofessionally and inappropriately as alleged, the Stewards Advisory Committee finds that Mr. Galligan violated the NSA Code of Conduct Policy, which reads “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.”

For his violation of the NSA Code of Conduct Policy, the Stewards Advisory Committee has determined that Mr. Galligan is hereby fined \$1,000 and is suspended until further notice.

NSA Stewards Advisory Committee
Dwight Hall, Chairman
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