



## NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

**RACE MEETING:** Willowdale

**DATE:** May 13, 2018

**WEATHER:** Overcast, Intermittent rain, Cool

**COURSE CONDITION:**  
Compaction:50-70, Moisture: 10

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Jake Chalfin

**STARTER:** Chris Daney

**STEWARDS:** Reese Howard  
Jim Lages  
Dave Hershbell

**OFFICIAL COMMENTS:** The Stewards spoke with Jockey Barry Foley concerning his ride aboard NEW HORIZON in the second race. Video replay indicated that he steered his horse to the right just before the last fence intimidating the eventual winner EBULLIENCE with Jack Doyle aboard. Jockey Foley was reprimanded, and it was made clear to him by the Stewards that this type of riding was unacceptable and potentially dangerous. Also, Jockey Foley was reprimanded for the excessive speed at which he entered the parking area, parking in an area that he was not supposed to and being rude to the parking personnel. Because of his behavior he is being fined \$250.00 for violating the Code of Conduct policy.

When the Stewards arrived at the racecourse they found that the video/webcast company HCP Sports had set up their equipment in such a way that there was no room for the Stewards on the top level of the tower. This was totally unacceptable as this situation did not allow the Stewards to function in the normal fashion. When the Stewards questioned Damon Sinclair, the owner of HCP Sports, he was evasive and blamed the situation on everyone but himself.

There needs to be better coordination between the course managers and the barn/paddock as the horses had to wait at the start while the course changes were made.

**Race 2:** RED MIST pulled up 3 fences out, tired.

**Race 3:** OUTLAW CODY Z, GOTTA GET AWAY, BOOGIE FEEVA, and INDIGO HEART, pulled up, tired.

**Race 4:** GRAND MANAN lost his rider Chris Gracie. Chris Gracie was cleared to ride.

**Race 5:** DR. K'EOGH pulled up 3 fences from home, tired. KINGOFALLDIAMONDS, PAC YER TACK, and POLITICAL THEATRE fell. After a vet inspection all horses that fell were cleared to ship home. Jockeys Norris, Cullinane, and O'Neill were cleared to ride.

**Race 6:** AHEADOFTHECURVE was chosen for TC02 testing.

**Race 7:** LEFFINGWELL LION pulled up, tired. STRAIGHT TO IT fell. Jockey Brett Ownings was cleared to ride.

Reese Howard, Presiding Steward