



## NSA Official Notices Monday, September 17, 2018

### Shawan Downs Course Report

The Shawan Downs course was inspected Sunday, September 16 by H. Bruce Fenwick and Alix Smith. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, the Racecourse has received more than 7" of rain.

Since the spring, the racecourse has been aerated and Cambridge rolled. Between now and race day, weather permitting, the course may be rolled and aerated again.

**Turf:** The turf consists of a mixture of blue grass, native fescue & a "Kentucky 31" mix that averaged 4" in height at the time of inspection. On race day, we expect to be running over 6" of grass.

**Smoothness:** The course is smooth and even.

**Compaction:** Lange Penetrometer readings over the Racecourse Proper averaged 93 (good). Readings over the Outer Timber course averaged 84 (good).

**Moisture:** Racecourse Proper 7.6 (average wet). Outer Timber course 6.5 (average wet)

**Notes:** Updated Compaction and Moisture Readings will be submitted for publication in the Overnights next Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. If deemed necessary, we will irrigate. At this point in time, it is our intention to have all timber races on the Original Timber course.

### Shawan Downs Invitational Trials

SOTA and The Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation will sponsor the third Trials at Shawan Downs on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon. There will be three Thoroughbred flat races carded for Juniors, NSA licensed Amateur Apprentice Jockeys, and horses which have previously started in a NSA sanctioned steeplechase race. Further conditions will be released next week. Entries, entry fees (\$100 per entry), and rider releases will be taken through the Shawan Downs website starting September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation Flat Race Bonus

In an effort to give amateur/apprentice jockeys more experience, the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation will pay a \$500 bonus to the owner and trainer of any horse winning an NSA **flat** race this fall that is ridden by an amateur/apprentice jockey, in addition to any bonus already advertised.

### Substitute Race – Foxfield (Training Flat)

**For Three Year Olds and Upward.** Three-year-olds, 145 lbs.; older, 150 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. **Jump riders are eligible for applicable jump apprentice allowances.** Entry fee \$50. The result of this race does not count toward a horse's official record. A \$500 award to the owner and the trainer of the winner to be paid by the race meet.

**One Mile and One Quarter on the Turf.**

### Far Hills Licensing – New Jersey Racing Commission

All Owners, Trainers, Assistant Trainers and Jockeys participating in the Far Hills Race Meeting are required to be licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC). The easiest way to obtain a license is by going to the Commission's website (<https://www.nj.gov/oag/racing/>) and click on "Licensing Forms" on the left-hand side, or by clicking [here](#). Grooms that are licensed in another racing jurisdiction will be granted reciprocity, as long as they bring proof of a current license. Horsemen that ran at Monmouth Park in August should already be licensed.