



NSA Official Notices Friday, September 20, 2019

Revised Course Report – Shawan Downs

The Shawan Downs course was inspected Sunday afternoon, September 15 by H. Bruce Fenwick.

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: 98 (good) Lange Penetrometer readings over the Racecourse Proper average; 111 (good) over the Outer Timber course.

Moisture: Racecourse Proper 5.9 (average). Outer Timber course 3.3 (average dry)

Notes: Since the 15th of August, the Racecourse Proper has received a minimum of 1-¼” of water **each week** whether by nature or irrigation. Rainfalls of note occurred on August 17 and August 24.

The Racecourse Proper was aerated on August 15. The Infield and Outer Timber Course were aerated last week. Between now and race day, weather permitting, the course may be aerated again.

Updated Compaction and Moisture Readings will be submitted for publication on the Overnight next Monday, September 23rd.

Irrigation will continue in order that the Racecourse Proper receives 1-¼” of water per week until race day.

Shawan Downs

Extra races for Shawan Downs are as follows:

Amateur Apprentice Timber

Purse \$10,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won a timber stakes. To be ridden by amateur apprentice riders. 165 lbs. Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. No other rider allowances. Entry fee \$50; \$50 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$100 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

Amateur Apprentice Training Flat

For Three Year Olds and Upward. To be ridden by amateur jockeys that have never won ten jump races. Non-winners of a race, allowed 5 lbs. No other rider allowances. Three-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. 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 Half on the Turf.

Course Report – Foxfield Fall

The Foxfield race course was inspected on September 17, 2019 by Thomas Shifflett.

Turf: The turf is at 4.5 inches and fairly consistent.

Smoothness: The course is smooth throughout.

Compaction: 12.5 (good to firm)

Moisture: 3 (average dry)

Notes: We have not had much rain. The course has been aerated but we need some rain.

Fall Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials

Please see the general conditions and race conditions for the Fall Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials run at Shawan Downs on Saturday, October 5th. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Maryland Horse Industry Foundation

Far Hills Races

Please note the eligibility condition for the Novice Hurdle (#123) should read: For Four Years Old and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to March 1, **2018** or which have never won three races, other than three-year-old. Also, for this race, the penalty clause should now read – **Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter or three-year-old, or Ratings 115 or lower, 3 lbs. extra for each race won.**

In the seventh race (Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes), the weights will be assigned by the handicapper.

Hotel Information for Far Hills

Far Hills Race Meeting has a block of rooms at the Delta Hotels Basking Ridge, 80 Allen Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, telephone **908-580-1300**. Rates \$209 + tax Wednesday, October 16; \$119 + tax October 17 through October 20. Mention Far Hills Race Meeting when you book. **NOTE:** cutoff date for these rates is October 7. There are other events in the area so please book in advance.

Aiken Fall Steeplechase

Please note that there will be a "trick riding" performance following the running of the second race. Post times will be as follows:

First Race – 1:00 p.m.; second race – 1:30 pm; third race – 2:30 pm; fourth race – 3:00 pm; fifth race – 3:30 pm.

International Gold Cup

Please be advised that the Maiden Flat (#138) and the Maiden Filly & Mare Flat (#139) have been canceled.

Extra Race For International Gold Cup is as follows:

Ratings Handicap Hurdle

Purse \$25,000. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated from 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 Furlong over National Fences.

Steeplechase at Callaway

Please be advised that post time for the first race at The Steeplechase at Callaway has been changed to **12:00 PM.**

The penalty clause for the AFLAC Supreme Hurdle (#154) should now read as follows - **Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter or three-year-old, or Ratings 115 or lower, 3 lbs. extra for each race won.**

Fall Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials
General Conditions
Shawan Downs, Cockeysville, Maryland
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

1. **Acceptability to Committee:** All owners, jockeys, trainers, and horses must be acceptable to the Committee.
2. **Release Forms:** All jockeys (parents or guardians for anyone under eighteen (18) years old) must file signed release forms complete with insurance information online with the Racing Secretary. **ALL release forms must be completed, signed, and submitted by 5PM on Wednesday, October 2nd.** The link for the Release Forms will be received by each trainer upon completion of entering. Trainers may forward the release link to their jockeys or the jockeys may access the form on the "trials" event page of the Shawan Downs website. Proof of insurance will be required.
3. **Entries:** All entries must be placed by a licensed NSA Trainer.
4. **Protective Equipment:** All jockeys must wear protective headgear and protective vests, as prescribed by the National Steeplechase Association.
An NSA "approved" safety helmet is defined as one which carries an SEI label certifying that it conforms to ASTM standard #1163; or is approved by the British Horseracing Authority.
5. **Check-In:** All trainers (or trainer's representatives) must report to the stable tent to receive their number cloth(s). No number cloth will be distributed unless the entry's jockey submitted the rider release form by 5PM Wednesday, October 2nd.
6. **Split/Combine/Cancel:** The Committees reserve the right to split, combine, or cancel any heat.
7. **Stable Departure Times:** ALL Entries must be ready to leave the stable area 15 minutes after the finish of the previous heat.
8. **No Entries at Post:** **Entries close at 5PM on the Tuesday, October 1st** prior to race day.
9. **Release of Committees, Sponsors, Landowners:** The Committee and the owners of the properties on which the trials are held assume no responsibility for injury or loss that may be incurred by participants or spectators, and entries are accepted only under the condition that the participants release all the aforesaid parties from any and all liability.

Fall Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials
Shawan Downs, Cockeysville, Maryland
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
POST TIME 12:00 NOON

Hurdle School

Over 4 national fences on the back stretch. Catch Weights.
School from 12:00 NOON to 12:30 PM

Amateur/Apprentice Flat Trial

Open to NSA licensed Amateur Apprentice jockeys.
About 1 3/8 miles on the turf. Catch Weights.

Flat Trial

Open to NSA licensed jockeys and horses that have started in an NSA sanctioned race
About 1 3/8 miles on the turf. Catch Weights.

Open Flat Trial

Open to jockeys and horses acceptable to the committee.
About 1 3/8 miles on the turf. Catch Weights.

Junior Flat Trial

Open to amateur jockeys age 14-18 years old.
About 7/8 miles on the turf. Catch Weights.

Entries must train/work under a licensed NSA trainer. Mounts must be currently in work with the NSA trainer.

NOTES:

- There will be Hurdle Schooling Between 12 NOON and 12:30 PM.
- No Divisions. All those wishing to participate must enter, sign a release, check-in and receive a number cloth before entering the course.
- There will be Amateur/Apprentice Flat Trial heats comprised of no more than Fifteen Horses each.
- The Divisions will be Drawn by the Committee after Entries Close.
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- As demand requires, there will be approximately two Junior Flat Trial heats comprised of no more than Six Horses each.
- At the discretion of the committee, a designated pace setter may join the field.
- The Divisions will be Drawn by the Committee after Entries Close.
- Heats will be posted on the Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials page of the Shawan Downs website by noon on Friday, October 4th.

RACE ENTRIES

Visit: www.shawandowns.org

Go to the Fall Horseman's Invitational Steeplechase Trials' event page to complete the online entry form. Entries will open at 9AM on Monday, September 30th.

NO POST ENTRIES.

Entries Close at 5PM on Tuesday, October 1st.

Entry Fees \$150

For additional information, please contact info@shawandowns.org or call 410.446.0939