

National Steeplechase Association
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Stewards Report

Race Meeting: Charleston

Date: 11/17/19

Weather : Partly cloudy, 54°

Course Condition: Good

Moisture: 5

Compaction: 90

Clerk of Scales: Greg Pachman

Starter: Jeff Teter

Stewards: Beale Payne

Larry F. Curtis

Reese Howard, Jr.

Anne Pezzano (Safety Steward)

Official Actions:

A Rider Release was circulated to the named jockeys on Wednesday afternoon from the race association which waived all rights of the riders in case of injury. The riders had a meeting late Sunday morning at which the majority voted not to execute the release . The race association capitulated in order for the card to be run with the understanding that liability issues would be redressed before next year.

Race 2: ALSINAAFY and CHEETAH BEACH fell at the ninth fence in separate incidences. Both horses were described as having "tired falls" and subsequently walked off . The riders were cleared by the course physician. SIR LUCA RICHARD and ACE OF DIAMONDS were pulled up at the second to last fence after tiring.

Race 4 : AYDOUN fell at the ninth fence due to the deep, tiring ground as stated by the rider . AARDWOLF was eased at the second to last fence after "emptying out". GAYE BREEZE pecked at the last fence unseating the rider who was cleared to ride by the course physician.

RACE 5: FANCY PANCE was abruptly pulled up after the third from last fence which forced DECISIVE TRIUMPH off course. After FANCY Pance was untacked on the backside of the course, the horse appeared to be walking sound. The outrider reported the horse was walking fine and he could walk horse to front side with the pony. The horse ambulance was not dispatched because it could not likely reach that area without becoming stuck as multiple vehicles had already been stuck including a wrecker. As the horse reached the entrance to the barn area, he was walking lame. TOLAGA BAY pulled up at the second to last fence tired.

RACE 6: For the safety and well being of horses and riders the distance of the race was changed from 2 1/4 miles to 2 1/16 miles and the first fence down the backside was eliminated due course conditions. HE'LL DO ran through the wing at the fifth fence and unseated the rider who was cleared by the course physician.

Official Comments : The racecourse after receiving 1.6 inches of rain sustained extensive damage which needs to be addressed immediately by a program of back dragging, rolling, and aeration so the ground can be suitable for next year . Along with the course maintenance, an aggressive elimination of fire ants needs to be started as the ants are creating uneven footing and sunken ground throughout the course. Further, an alternate plan must be devised for access for human ambulance, horse ambulance, and veterinarians to all parts of the course such as the when the weather creates such difficult predicaments. Lastly, it is suggested that three year old races over hurdles be kept at the 2 1/16 distance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beale Payne
Presiding Steward