



NSA Official Notices **Friday, June 5, 2020**

Middleburg Spring Scratch Time

Scratch time for the Middleburg Spring Races is **Monday, June 8** at 10:00 a.m. Horses may not remain cross-entered beyond scratch time on Monday.

SOTA Course Report for Middleburg, Friday, June 5

Course is in good condition with good cover of grass, smooth throughout. Ground will be firm unless it rains prior to race day. Heavy rainfall predicted for tonight (Friday) and some rainfall last night (Thursday). There is more rain forecast for next Thursday.

Virginia Gold Cup

Entries for the Virginia Gold Cup close on **Monday, June 15**. See attached conditions.

Substitute Race for Virginia Gold Cup **(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 125 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. Entry fee \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$500 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences

Extra Race for Virginia Gold Cup **The Louis Neilson, III** **Sponsored by Selkirk Partners** **(Amateur Apprentice Timber)**

Purse \$10,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. (Winners Only). To be ridden by amateur apprentice riders. 170 lbs. Non-winners of a timber stakes, allowed 5 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; \$200 additional to start.

About Three Miles over Timber

Ratings

Please see the attached current ratings list. **Note: Fillies/Mares and Four-Year-Olds will be allowed 4 lbs. additional in a Ratings Handicap.**

Revised NSA Waiver Claimer Policy

At the time of entry into any NSA steeplechase claiming race, the trainer may declare a horse ineligible to be claimed provided:

1. The horse has not started for a minimum of **90** calendar days since its last race; **and**
2. The horse is entered for a claiming price equal to or greater than the price at which it last started over jumps **or on the flat**.

Note: Horses entered in the Maiden Claimer at Middleburg and the Virginia Gold Cup may run as waiver claimers if eligible. Contact the NSA office to make that declaration prior to scratch time on Monday.

NSA Shoe Rule

NO toe grabs, caulks, stickers, turndowns, inserts, trailers or heel extensions will be allowed on the front or hind shoes. **Note: The insert on the toe of the Queen's Plate is considered a "wear plate," not a toe grab.** Block heels on the hind shoes (not to exceed ¼ inch) are permissible.

Outer rim shoes are prohibited.

ONLY QUEEN'S PLATE FLAT, QUEEN'S PLATE WEDGE AND STEEL TRAINING PLATES OR THEIR EQUIVALENT MAY BE USED.

Equivalent shoes by manufacturer are as follows:

Thoro'Bred

Legacy Queen's Plate Flat, Silver Queen Flat, Queen's Plate Flat, Queen's Wedge, Light Training Steel Flat, Heavy Training Steel Flat, Halverson Egg Bar.

Victory

Sport Queens, EC Queens Wedge, RX, EC Steel Training Plate, Elite Egg Bar.

St. Croix Forge by Delton Mustad

Turf Plates, Concorde Turf, Blurton Steel Bar Shoes; Heart, Straight, Egg.

NSA Vet's List Policy

A horse may be placed on the NSA Vet's List by the Stewards, based on a recommendation by the race meet veterinarian, due to pre-race veterinary examination findings or lameness or injury during a race or lameness or health conditions observed post race. During the pre-race examination, if the examining vet discovers a condition that warrants a second review, that horse may be walked "in hand", not lunged or ridden before a second examination.

Any horse that is placed on the NSA Vet's List "for lameness" shall not be eligible for race entry for at least seven (7) days and said horse must be examined by an equine veterinarian at the resident stable. That exam must consist of a complete assessment of that horse with particular attention to the findings that placed the horse on the vet's list. The horse will be observed in hand and under tack at a walk, trot and canter. If examination findings indicate that the horse is racing sound, a drug screen shall be drawn and submitted to a testing laboratory. If that screen is negative, the horse will be removed from the Vet's List. The cost of the examination and the drug screen shall be the responsibility of the trainer or owner of the horse.

This examination of a horse on the NSA Vet's List differs from most flat racing jurisdictions in that there is no designated work required other than observation under tack. This difference is due to the widespread geographic distribution of horses involved in jump racing and the lack of supervising regulatory veterinarians in most areas.

NSA Race Day Barn Policies

- Only NSA third party veterinarians administer race day Salix (furosemide), which will be performed 4 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. Please have an attendant with the horse during this period. Veterinarians will not administer Salix to an unattended horse.
- Salix is the only permitted injection a horse may receive on race day.
- No oral administration of any medication or substance (such as oral electrolytes or lubricants) is permitted on race day prior to a horse running. **(The use of a dose syringe, other than by the attending veterinarian, is prohibited).** Horses may be treated post-race by the attending veterinarian. Also, horsemen may self-treat horses after the final race of the day.
- The following are prohibited on race day: electro-shock or shockwave therapy; Nebulizer or puffer treatment; Transdermal patches.
- On race day, blood samples for TCO₂ analysis will be collected randomly from horses selected between 45 minutes to 1 hour before post time.

THE 95th RUNNING OF
THE VIRGINIA GOLD CUP
GREAT MEADOW RACE COURSE (Irrigated)
THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020
FIRST RACE - 12:30 P.M.
TOTAL PURSES \$185,000

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, JUNE 22
SCRATCHES BY 10:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

FIRST RACE 10
THE VIRGINIA EQUINE ALLIANCE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs. Entry fee \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$400 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

This race may be split 3 ways with a \$20,000 purse in each division, with Four-Year-Olds in one division.

Note: This race is sponsored in part by the VEA for the promotion and growth of steeplechase racing in Virginia.

SECOND RACE 11
(Steeplethon)

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 160 lbs. Entry fee \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$400 additional to start.

Three Miles over the Steeplethon Course.

THIRD RACE 12
THE DAVID SEMMES MEMORIAL
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, June 15

Purse \$35,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 152 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. Non-winners of \$45,000 twice in 2019-2020, allowed 4 lbs.; of \$45,000 once in 2019-2020, 8 lbs.; of \$45,000 once at any time, 12 lbs. (Novice races not considered in estimating allowances). Nomination fee \$75; \$100 additional to enter; \$175 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$700 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$350, may be made at the time of entry. *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences

FOURTH RACE 13
THE VIRGINIA GOLD CUP
(Timber Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, June 15

Purse \$40,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 165 lbs. Nomination fee \$100; \$100 additional to enter; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$800 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$400, may be made at the time of entry.

Four Miles over the Virginia Gold Cup Timber Course.

FIFTH RACE 14
(Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$10,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Claiming price \$15,000. For each \$2,500 to \$10,000, allowed 3 lbs. Entry fee \$50, \$50 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$200 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

SIXTH RACE 15
(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 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. Entry fee \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$400 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

NOTICES

Virginia bred horses are preferred in all races. Virginia bred, sired or certified horses will be eligible for a 25% owners' bonus with a \$10,000 cap for any win in all races.

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Official Ratings • May 29, 2020

Scorpiancer	154	Barnacle Bill	120	Elfitz	111
Zanjabeel	150	Espoir de Loire	120	Court Ruler	110
Moscato	148	Hepcat	120	Down Royal	110
Surprising Soul	148	Indian Hawk	120	Set To Music	110
Pravalaguna	145	Our Legend	120	Aardwolf	109
Snap Decision	145	Praecept	120	Inverness	109
Rashaan	143	Veneer of Charm	120	Mavourneen	108
Redicean	140	Skydiving	119	Maximum Horsepower	108
Gibralfaro	138	Ebullience	118	Eve's City	107
Balance The Budget	136	Maccabee	118	Motivational	107
Sempre Medici	136	Bodes Well	117	Barhanpour	106
Gowiththeflow	134	Orchestra Leader	117	Brooklyn Speights	106
Amschel	133	Repeat Repeat	117	Be Counted	105
Winner Massagot	133	Soluble	117	Five Carat Cat	105
City Dreamer	132	Anticipating	116	Holiday Mousse	105
Chief Justice	130	Big Bend	116	Mighty Mark	105
Cracker Factory	130	Brianbakescookies	116	Mutin	105
New Member	129	Clondaw Camp	116	Paddy's Crown	105
Fearsome	127	Corky Lemon	116	Attracting	104
Iranistan	127	Elucidation	116	Change Maker	102
Noah and the Ark	127	Fightinirishtabit	116	Junonia	100
Pik Em	127	Galway Kid	116		
Detroit Blues	126	Must See The Doc	116		
Belisarius	125	Prayer Hope	116		
Invocation	125	Sixty Five	116		
Stooshie	125	Whitman's Poetry	116		
Family Tree	124	Jump Ship	115		
No Wunder	124	Global Freedom	114		
The Holy One	124	Go Get The Basil	114		
Zanzi Win	124	Swellelegent	114		
Mutasaawy	123	Tomgarrow	114		
Bercasa	122	Gaye Breeze	113		
My Afleet	122	Laser Light	113		
Show Court	122	Last Shani	113		
Caldbeck	121	Undisclosed	112		