



NSA Official Notices Monday, September 21, 2020

Foxfield Fall Extra Race (Apprentice Rider Hurdle)

Purse \$5,000. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 155 lbs. Claiming price \$20,000. To be ridden by apprentice riders. In the case of a horse ridden by the owner, the horse may be entered with no claiming price. Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. **No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$25; \$25 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$100 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

Note: \$2,500 of this purse has been donated by the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation for the promotion of amateur racing.

Foxfield Fall Course Report

The Foxfield race course was inspected on September 19, 2020 by Jack Sanford.

Turf: Lush, thick, fescue, bluegrass, fall grasses.

Smoothness: The race course is smooth.

Compaction: averaged 110 (good, soft in places)

Moisture: averaged 9 (wet)

Notes: This course has been fertilized and aerated well and is in very good condition. Height is 7 inches and will be mowed again before race day. We have had generous rain throughout August and September but will be dry for the next week. Showers are predicted race week.

Virginia Fall Race Condition Revisions

The purse for the open timber race has been increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000. With that, the race will be run as a timber stakes (**The National Sporting Library and Museum Cup**).

Nominations close Monday, September 28.

The maiden claiming hurdle race (#14) will be replaced with a ratings hurdle handicap (115 or lower).

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. Apprentice allowances may be claimed in this race. Entry fee \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$400 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

Virginia Fall Extra Race (Maiden 3 & 4YO Hurdle)

Purse \$10,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Three and Four Years Old. Three Year Olds, 146 lbs.; Older, 154 lbs. Entry fee \$50; \$50 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$200 additional to start.

Two Miles over National Fences.

Willowdale Point-to-Point

Willowdale Race Course will host Point-to-Point races on Saturday, October 17. The non-sanctioned races include an open timber and a maiden timber run at three miles, plus an apprentice rider flat race at one and a half miles. There will be one NSA sanctioned timber race, The Louis Neilson III, for apprentice riders.

The BNY Mellon Wealth Management and Selkirk Partners Race Run in honor of Louis Neilson III (Apprentice Rider Timber)

Purse \$7,500. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 170 lbs. Non-winners of a timber stakes, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race over timber, 10 lbs. **To be ridden by apprentice riders.** Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. **No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$35; \$40 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$150 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

International Gold Cup Extra Race (Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 120 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. Apprentice allowances may be claimed in this race. Entry fee \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$500 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

Pennsylvania Hunt Cup

Please note that post time for the first race is 1:00 PM. Andrea Collins is the race director for the meet.

NSA Voided Claim Policy

By order of the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, a claim for a horse entered in a claiming race may be voided by the claimant if the horse suffers a fatal injury during or immediately following the running of the race, or the horse is deemed to be "unsound" by the examining veterinarian, up to one (1) hour after the race.

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.

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.

Revised Apprentice Rider Policy

By order of the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee the Apprentice Rider Policy has been revised for the 2020 Fall Steeplechase Season. If a trainer would like to use an apprentice rider that has not met the prior conditions of eligibility, they must submit a "Petition to Ride" request to the Stewards Advisory Committee, **at least two weeks prior to the time of entry for the race in question.** The petition should include the experience of the rider, the experience of the horse to be ridden, and whether the horse has been schooled by that rider. The rider will not be permitted to ride a first-time starter. That request will be thoroughly reviewed by the Committee and a determination will be made on their best judgement. **Petitions not sent in a timely manner will automatically result in a denial of the request.**