



## **NSA Official Notices Thursday, October 1, 2020**

### **Foxfield Fall Races – Live Streaming**

The Foxfield Fall Races will be available via “live streaming”, starting at **12:15 p.m.** Please go to the NSA website – [www.nationalsteeplechase.com](http://www.nationalsteeplechase.com), and click on the NSA Network Live Stream button to access the 7-race program airing on Sunday from **12:15 to 4:45 p.m.**

### **NSA Fall Condition Book**

The revised NSA Fall Condition Book is now available on the NSA website. The book now includes revisions as of September 30, 2020. Please be advised that any additional revisions will **only** be listed on the NSA Official Notices for the remainder of the racing season. A copy is attached.

### **NSA Ratings**

The latest NSA Ratings List (September 28) is attached and available on the NSA website.

### **Virginia Fall Races Course Inspection**

The Virginia Fall course was inspected on September 22, 2020 by Doug Fout. Turf: Consists of fescue; Compaction: 109 (good); **Moisture:** 8 (average wet); **Notes:** The course has been mowed every two weeks throughout the summer. With the abnormal amount of rain it has been great for the course. The course will be mowed one week before race day.

### **Virginia Fall Races Nominations**

Please see the attached list of nominations (6) to the National Sporting Library and Museum Cup.

### **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 Races (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.**

**(Apprentice Training Flat)**

**New Addition to Previously Published Fall Condition Book**

**For Three Year Olds and Upward.** Three-year-olds, 145 lbs.; older, 150 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. **To be ridden by Apprentice Riders.** Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. **No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$100. The result of this race does not count toward a horse's official record.

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

**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 Races**

**(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)**

**The Baltimore Stables 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.**

**(Apprentice Training Flat)**

**New Addition to Previously Published Fall Condition Book**

**For Three Year Olds and Upward.** Three-year-olds, 145 lbs.; older, 150 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. **To be ridden by Apprentice Riders.** Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. **No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$100. The result of this race does not count toward a horse's official record.

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

**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 TCO<sub>2</sub> 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.**

## **NSA CLAIMING RULES**

Below are the NSA claiming rules as listed in the NSA Rule Book.

### 5. CLAIMING RACES

#### A. General Provisions

1. A person entering a horse in a claiming race warrants that the title to said horse is free and clear of any existing claim or lien, either as security interest, mortgage, bill of sale, or lien of any kind; unless before entering such horse, the written consent of the holder of the claim or lien has been filed with the Stewards or the Racing Secretary and its entry approved by the Stewards. A transfer of ownership arising from a claiming race will terminate any existing prior lease for that horse.
2. Every horse claimed shall race for the account of the original owner, but title to a claimed horse shall be vested in the successful claimant at the time the horse starts, or, in the case of a refusal, when the starter has dispatched the field. The successful claimant shall then become the owner of the horse whether it is alive or dead, sound or unsound or injured at any time during the race or after.
3. The Stewards may set aside and void a claim for any horse from a claiming race upon a showing that any party to the claim committed a prohibited action, or that the owner of the horse at the time of entry failed to comply with any requirement of these Rules. Should the Stewards void a claim, they may make a further order for the costs of maintenance and care of the horse as they may deem appropriate.

#### B. Claiming of Horses

1. Every horse starting in a claiming race is subject to be claimed for its entered price by any person licensed as an owner with the NSA.
2. The registration certificate of every horse entered in a claiming race shall be on file with the Horse Identifier at the race meeting prior to paddock time for the race in question. If the Stewards find that this rule has been violated they shall order the horse to be scratched from the race, and they may fine the trainer.

#### C. Prohibitions

1. An owner, trainer, or authorized agent shall not:
  - a. claim a horse in which the person has a financial or beneficial interest;
  - b. cause another person to claim a horse for the purpose of obtaining or retaining an undisclosed financial or beneficial interest in the horse;
  - c. enter into an agreement for the purpose of preventing another person from obtaining a horse in a claiming race;
  - d. claim a horse, or enter into any agreement to have a horse claimed, on behalf of an undisclosed person; or
  - e. claim more than one horse in any one race.
2. Owners having the same trainer are not permitted to claim any horse in the custody of that trainer.
3. Any prohibition stated above shall apply equally to the spouse of a person attempting to claim a horse.

#### D. Procedure for Claiming

1. Each person desiring to make a claim shall:
  - a. deposit at the office of the NSA, verified funds which are sufficient to cover the whole amount of the claim (sales tax excluded); or
  - b. deliver such funds to the Stewards or their representative at the race meet before the first horse leaves the paddock for the race in question. **Note:** These funds must be in the form of a cashier's check only, payable to the National Steeplechase Association. For purposes of this rule, cash is not an acceptable form of payment.
2. A valid claim shall:
  - a. be deposited with the Stewards or their representative before the first horse leaves the paddock for the race in question;
  - b. be in writing on a form provided by the NSA;
  - c. be signed by the person, or the duly authorized agent of the person, in whose name the claim is made;
  - d. contain the name of the horse to be claimed in a manner sufficient to avoid confusion with the name of another horse in the race; and
  - e. be for the amount printed in the program as the claiming price of the horse.

**E. Approval of Claims**

1. After a claim has been lodged, it is irrevocable and at the risk of the claimant.
2. The Stewards or their representative shall inspect the claim forms when the horses for the race enter the track on the way from paddock to post. They then shall ascertain whether or not the proper credit balance has been established with the NSA.
3. If more than one claim is filed on a horse, the successful claimant shall be determined by lot, by the Stewards immediately following the running of the race.
4. An owner shall not be informed that a claim has been made until after the race has been run.
5. Notwithstanding any designation of sex or age appearing in the program, the claimant of a horse shall be solely responsible for the determination of the sex or age of any horse claimed.

**F. Transfer of Claimed Horses**

1. Upon a successful claim, the Stewards shall issue an authorization of transfer of the horse from the original owner to the claimant. Copies of the transfer authorization shall be forwarded to and maintained by the NSA.
2. A person shall not refuse to deliver a properly claimed horse to the successful claimant.
3. Transfer of possession of a claimed horse shall take place immediately after the race has been run, in the area designated for unsaddling. If the horse is required to be taken to the post-race testing area, the successful claimant or his representative shall take physical custody of the claimed horse after the testing procedure has been completed.
4. When a horse is claimed from a race, the horse's engagements are transferred to the claimant.
5. Ownership interest in any horse claimed from a race shall not be resold or transferred back to the original owner for thirty (30) days after such horse was claimed, except by claim from a subsequent race.
6. A claimed horse shall not remain in the same stable or under the control or management of its former owner.



## Official Ratings • September 28, 2020

City Dreamer.....	130	A Silent Player .....	117	Zoom Zoom Zoe .....	109
New Member .....	129	Court Ruler.....	117	Inverness .....	108
Winner Massagot .....	128	Ebullience .....	117	Mavourneen .....	108
Detroit Blues .....	126	Skydiving .....	117	Go As You Please.....	107
Belisarius.....	125	Baltimore Bucko .....	116	Barhanpour.....	106
Invocation .....	125	Big Bend .....	116	Eve's City.....	106
Cracker Factory.....	124	Clondaw Camp.....	116	Motivational.....	106
French Light.....	123	Not In Charge.....	116	Be Counted.....	105
Adjutant.....	122	Orchestra Leader.....	116	Brooklyn Speights.....	105
My Afleet .....	122	The Happy Giant.....	116	Mighty Mark .....	105
Noah and the Ark .....	122	Anticipating.....	115	Paddy's Crown.....	105
Bercasa .....	120	Corky Lemon .....	115	Aardwolf .....	104
Elucidation .....	120	Jump Ship.....	115	Five Carat Cat .....	103
Espoir de Loire.....	120	Maccabee .....	115	My Own Lane .....	103
Family Tree .....	120	Repeat Repeat .....	115	Attracting .....	102
Galway Kid.....	120	Show Court .....	115	Change Maker.....	102
Hepcat .....	120	Critical Data .....	114	Junonia .....	101
Mutasaawy .....	120	Brianbakescookies .....	113	Handsome Hoyt .....	100
Praecepts .....	120	Elmutahid.....	113		
Zanzi Win.....	120	Gaye Breeze.....	113		
Bodes Well .....	119	Whitman's Poetry.....	113		
Sportswear.....	119	Notjudginjustsayin .....	112		
Go Get The Basil.....	118	Prayer Hope .....	112		
Must See The Doc.....	118	Tomgarrow.....	111		
Our Legend .....	118	Undisclosed.....	110		



**National Sporting Library and Museum Cup  
\$25,000 Guaranteed**

**PURSE \$25,000** Timber Stakes. For Four Year Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; five-year-olds, 155 lbs.; older, 160 lbs. Winners of two races over timber in 2017-2018, 5 lbs. extra. Non-winners over timber in 2017-2018, allowed 5 lbs.; at any time, 10 lbs.

**THREE AND ONE FOURTH MILES (TIMBER)**

**TO BE RUN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020**

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**CURVE OF STONES**

gr/ro.g.9 S. Rebecca Shepherd

David M. Bourke

**JUST WAIT AND SEE (IRE)**

dk b/.g.11 Kinross Farm

Richard L. Valentine

**LE CHEVALIER**

gr/ro.g.11 Michael A. Smith

Julie Gomena

**ROYAL RUSE**

dk b/.g.6 Charles C. Fenwick, Jr.

Sanna Neilson

**STORM TEAM**

ch.g.6 Sheila J. Williams & Northwoods Stable

Jack Fisher

**SUPER SATURDAY**

gr/ro.g.11 Irvin S. Naylor

Katherine S. Neilson

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**CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 WITH 6 NOMINATIONS\***  
**\*PENDING LATE MAIL**

**WILLIAM GALLO, JR.**  
**DIRECTOR OF RACING**