



## **NSA Official Notices Friday, November 6, 2020**

### **Steeplechase of Charleston**

Please note that the Apprentice Training Flat race (#41) at the Steeplechase of Charleston may be open to all riders.

### **Steeplechase of Charleston Course Report**

The Steeplechase of Charleston race course was inspected on November 1, 2020 by Steve Spencer and Toby Edwards.

**Turf:** Mixture of Bermuda and other native grasses.

**Smoothness:** Smooth

**Compaction:** 90-110 (yielding to good)

**Moisture:** 4-6 (average dry to average)

**Notes:** The course received 1/2 inch of rain on Saturday night. Periods rain are forecast over the next 14 days. There are some thin areas around the turn into the backstretch and again at the turn out of the backstretch. The course has been harrowed and rolled numerous times since the 2019 races and was last core aerated the week of October 19. Grass has been mowed to 4/5 inch in height.

### **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 1/4 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.

### **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.