

STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: Winterthur

Date: May 30, 2021

Stewards: Gregg Morris, Presiding
Charlie Fleischman
Bruce Rodman
Doris Paxson, Safety Steward

Weather: Cloudy, showers

Course: Good
Average Moisture: 9
Average Compaction: 8.5

Clerk of Scales: Mary Guessford

Starter: Chris Daney

Official Actions:

First Race: As the field rounded the turn on the far side of the southern portion of the course MASTER SEVILLE (Sean McDermott) and YOU'RE NO BETTER (Courtney Dankanich) both fell. Subsequently, FIRST FRIDAY (Barry Foley) fell over MASTER SEVILLE and STOOSHIE lost rider Jamie Bargary when he stumbled over FIRST FRIDAY. After this melee Sean McDermott caught his horse, remounted and rode back to the van area.
All four riders were cleared by the course physician.
After the race the Stewards questioned McDermott as to why he remounted despite being well aware of a longstanding NSA rule that prohibits it and the fact that there was an outrider in the vicinity who offered to take the horse.
McDermott stated that he remounted for 'safety' reasons. McDermott is therefore fined \$250 for violation of NSA rule 7.7 F (1).

The Stewards, in collaboration with the Race Chairman, repositioned the beacons around the turn where the horses fell to give the turn a much wider radius.

Second Race: The Stewards directed the testing vet to perform pre-race Cobalt testing on the following randomly selected horses: HIGHWAY PRINCE, OVERDRAWN, ALERT N READY, and BROOKLYN SPEIGHTS.
ALERT N READY unseated McLane Hendriks at the 5th fence.
LUCKY SOUL and LOVE OF THE BAY both pulled up after the 3rd last fence.
Both riders reported their horses had tired.
Hendriks was cleared by the course physician.

Third Race: No incidents.

Prior to the fourth race the Stewards once again inspected the turn where the horses fell in the first race. Since the ground had become considerably chewed up, the beacons were once again moved outward to provide for fresh ground.

Official Comments:

The Race Director, Race Committee, and Winterthur grounds crew are commended for bringing this event back live despite ongoing Covid restrictions, and after a two-year hiatus.

Gregg Morris, Presiding
(Electronically signed)