



NSA Official Notices Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Ruling in Final Adjudication by the NSA Hearing, Review and Appeals Committee

The NSA Hearing, Review and Appeals Committee (the “Committee”) held a hearing on October 29, 2021, in Fair Hill, Maryland, on appeals filed on behalf of NSA licensed owner, Jeremy Batoff, and NSA licensed jockey, Gerard Galligan, requesting that the Committee review the Stewards’ Ruling concerning the disqualification in the Sixth Race at Shawan Downs on September 25, 2021 of second place finisher Elucidation (IRE) and the imposition of an \$1,800 fine on Galligan. Having heard the testimony and arguments presented at the hearing and reviewing the official Scale Sheet, the Committee hereby affirms the decision of the Stewards that Elucidation be disqualified for violations of NSA Rules 7.8.D.1 and 7.8.D.2 and determines to reduce the fine imposed on Galligan to \$750.

NSA Hearing, Review and Appeals Committee

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Charleston Course Report

The Steeplechase of Charleston racecourse was inspected on Sunday, October 31, 2021 by Toby Edwards.

Turf: The turf is a mixture of Bermuda and other native grasses.

Smoothness: The course is smooth throughout.

Compaction: 100 - 110 (good).

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

Notes: The course received a ¼ inch of rain on Friday, October 29, and periods of rain are forecast over the next 14 days. The course has been harrowed and rolled numerous times since the 2020 races. The grass has been mowed to 4 - 5 inches in height.

Possible Condition Change at Charleston

The Apprentice Rider Training Flat race (#118) at Charleston may be open to all riders if a sufficient number of apprentice riders is unavailable.

Distance Corrections at Charleston

The Maiden Claiming Hurdle (#115) will be run at a distance of 2 3/8 miles. The Alston Cup three-year-old hurdle (#117) will be run at a distance of 2 1/16 miles.

Charleston Substitute Race

(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Three Years Old and Upward. Three-year-olds, 142 lbs.; four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 154 lbs. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences.

Ratings

All hurdle/chase winners ages 4 and up planning to run over hurdles in the U.S. this fall should appear on the weekly ratings list. Trainers are responsible for checking the list for their in-training horses. If your horse does not appear on that list – and you are planning to run this fall – please notify the racing office via email (harper@nationalsteeplechase.com). Horses not on the list will be least preferred at entry time and may be excluded.

New NSA Pre-Race Inspection Policy

If a horse is lame at the first jog, it will be given the chance to re-present after a walking warmup. If the horse does not re-present, it will be declared a vet scratch and reported to the stewards immediately. If the horse jogs a second time and it is not cleared, it will be reported immediately as a vet scratch. Both instances will automatically put the horse on the Vets List and all procedures apply.