



## NSA Official Notices

### Thursday April 21, 2022

#### Nominations

Nominations (5) for the Daniel van Clief Memorial Sport of Kings hurdle handicap stakes (#40), to be run Saturday, April 30 at the Foxfield Spring Races, are attached.

Nominations (6) for the Queen's Cup MPC 'Chase Sport of Kings novice hurdle stakes (#45), to be run Saturday, April 30 at the Queen's Cup Steeplechase, are attached.

#### Foxfield Spring Races - Course Report

The Foxfield race course was inspected on April 19, 2022 by Jack Sanford, Jr.

**Turf:** The turf consists of thick fescue, which is smooth and uniform throughout at 7" high.

**Smoothness:** The course is smooth throughout.

**Compaction:** 86 (soft).

**Moisture:** 9 (wet).

**Notes:** After one inch of rain, the course is in excellent condition, thick and lush. It will be maintained at 6-7". The course has been aerated twice, overseeded extensively and fertilized.

#### Foxfield Spring Races

The Foxfield Spring race card will be limited to seven (7) races on Saturday, April 30, which may prohibit the split of the maiden claiming hurdle (#35).

Also, please note that all five hurdle races will be run at a distance of 2-1/8 miles. The second to last fence has been removed, leaving five flights of hurdles on the course, for a total of 10 jumps, two less than in prior years.

#### Queen's Cup Steeplechase

Please take note of the following changes to the Queen's Cup conditions. The Queen's Cup, to be run Saturday, April 30, will offer an all hurdle, five-race card. The allowance timber (#47) as well as the training flat (#48) have been canceled, and the Queen's Cup is committed to splitting the maiden hurdle (#44), if there are sufficient number of entries, with a \$30,000 purse in each division. Purses for the meet will now total \$155,000.

#### Queen's Cup - Maiden Hurdle

The Queen's Cup Steeplechase will offer an option of two distances for the maiden hurdle (#44), 2 miles and 2 1/4 miles, in hopes that it will attract a sufficient number of entries for each division. Please

indicate a preference of distance at time of entry. Also, if there is a sufficient number of four-year-olds, the race may be split with four-year-olds in one division and four and upward in another.

### **Queen's Cup - Course Report**

The Brooklandwood race course was inspected on April 16, 2022 by Bill Price.

**Turf:** The turf is dense, thick, and lush. The Brooklandwood course is made up of fine, tall fescue and KY Blue Grass. It is thick, and lush with no clumping. Due to the fall drought, the irrigation was in use during the fall and early winter which allowed for good germination of the seed. The racecourse was aerated (both Aerway and core plugged) September 2021 and then overseeded with fine turf fescue. The Aerway was used again on the entire racecourse March 22, 2022.

The racecourse has been fertilized September 10, 2021 (35-14-3) w/ 2-3% iron, then again February 15 with granular Urea and will be fertilized at a rate of 4 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. April 20 using granular fast release (25-0-5) and iron (2%).

**Smoothness:** The racecourse was Cambridge rolled April 8 after a heavy rain fall two days prior. The course is very smooth throughout.

**Compaction:** 85-110 (soft - good). As the course has received plentiful amounts of rainfall over the winter and during the spring, as well as liberally aerated with the Aerway, the current course conditions are listed as GOOD on the soil compaction tester.

**Moisture:** 9 (wet). Until this past week, the Charlotte region has enjoyed plentiful amounts of rainfall (16.81") since January 1, 2022 with 1.91" the month of April, most of it was an appreciable rainfall event on April 5 (1.83"). The irrigation has been in use beginning April 13 and will be used when necessary leading up to Friday, April 29.

**Notes:** Due to the cool temperatures in March and early to mid-April along with measurable amounts of rainfall during that same time, the racecourse is in perfect shape as the Queen's Cup celebrates it's 25th Anniversary this year!

### **Virginia Gold Cup - Course Update**

There was a section of the North Turn entering the stretch at last fall's International Gold Cup that was missed during the course rolling after the June 2021 Gold Cup. This chewed up and rutted ground has been very carefully and properly repaired for this spring's race meet. Two weeks ago, the course was fertilized with ammonium sulfates and potash. A clover weed kill is scheduled for this week. With expected rains, the course should be in excellent condition for the May 7th running at Great Meadow.

### **Virginia Gold Cup**

The purse of the maiden hurdle (#49) has been reduced to \$30,000. The purse of the allowance hurdle (#51) has been reduced to \$40,000. Entry fees will be adjusted accordingly.

### **Iroquois Steeplechase**

Please take note of the following changes to the Iroquois racecourse:

On the hurdle course, the second to last fence in the stretch has been eliminated. Therefore, there will be 12 jumps in the 2-1/4 mile races, 15 jumps in the 2-3/4 mile race and 16 jumps in the 3-mile Iroquois.

The timber course has been completely redesigned, featuring post and rail fences built to the same specifications as those at the Virginia Gold Cup (see photo below). The 3-mile allowance timber race will include seven fences per circuit, for a total of 18 jumps.

Also, horsemen are encouraged to make hotel reservations early for Iroquois, as rooms are going quickly due to several events in the Nashville area that weekend.



### **Willowdale Steeplechase**

The Liam Magee (#66) and the Marshall W. Jenny Memorial Foxhunter's Chase (#71) may be open to amateur riders if there is an insufficient number of entries with only apprentice riders.

### **Fair Hill Races**

The Fair Hill Races originally scheduled for Saturday, May 28 have been canceled.

### **2022 NSA Summer Steeplechase Schedule**

The 2022 NSA Summer Steeplechase Racing Schedule is attached.

### **ARCA Races**

If a rider or trainer would like to participate in the upcoming ARCA races, please notify Don Yovanovich as soon as possible (dony13@aol.com or 540-270-0115). Several race tracks have inquired about available riders and potential trainers, who will provide entries. This list may be important in scheduling race opportunities.

### **Continuing Education for NSA Trainers**

Reminder: Trainers are required to complete 4 hours of Continuing Education to receive their NSA trainer's license in 2022. CE courses, information, and resources can be found at the following link: <http://tharacing.com/continuing-education/>

### **NSA Shoe Policy**

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 allowable providing there is no toe grab.

**Further Clarification:** No protrusions below the ground surface of the shoe is the target of the rule. On outer rims, consider the rim itself to be the ground surface and grind the toe grabs down flush with it. On everything else the grab gets ground down to flush with the shoe's surface. There are a variety of Block Heels available from various manufacturers. As long as they're labeled Block Heels from the maker, they are permitted. Again, with the toes ground flush to the surrounding shoe surface.

### **Maryland Bred Bonuses**

Breeders and Owners of registered Maryland bred horses competing over fences at National Steeplechase Association sanctioned Maryland meets will now receive a 30% bonus on top of the normal purse amount for 1-2-3 placings. These bonuses are not considered part of purse earnings and will be paid directly from the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. This new program incentive applies to NSA meets at My Lady's Manor, Grand National, Maryland Hunt Cup, and Shawan Downs. For any inquiries please call Cricket Goodall (410-252-2100, extension 111).

### **150-Day Layoff Report Forms - Now Online!**

Attention NSA Trainers: 150-Day **Layoff Report Forms can now be submitted online** at the following link: <http://tharacing.com/resources/layoffreportform/>

Online reports will be sent directly to Reynolds Cowles. If you choose to print and scan the form to complete the process, please email your form to Reynolds Cowles ([rcowles41@icloud.com](mailto:rcowles41@icloud.com)).

Entries for horses that have not raced for 150 days or more (excluding first-time starters) will not be accepted unless the trainer has completed and submitted a Layoff Report Form.

### **Ratings**

Please see the attached current ratings list.

All hurdle/chase winners ages 4 and up planning to run over hurdles in the U.S. this spring must 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 the list – and you are planning to run this spring – please notify the racing office via email ([harper@nationalsteeplechase.com](mailto:harper@nationalsteeplechase.com)). Horses not on the list will be least preferred at entry time and may be excluded. Also, if a horse appears on the list, and is taken out of training for the spring, trainers must notify the office.

A horse with an official rating in another country will race on its most recent mark, however, the Committee does have the discretion to adjust if they deem necessary.

Three-year-old winners will not receive a rating until running one time as a four-year-old.



**The Daniel Van Clief Memorial  
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Handicap Stakes)  
\$50,000 Guaranteed**

**PURSE \$50,000** Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 130 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. No rider allowances.

**TWO MILES AND ONE EIGHTH (HURDLE)**

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

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<b>BRIANBAKESCOOKIES</b>	ch.g.9	Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.	Jack Fisher
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<b>CHIEF JUSTICE (GB)</b>	b.g.7	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
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<b>MIGHTY MARK</b>	dk b/.g.6	Irvin S. Naylor	Katherine S. Neilson
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<b>PRESENCE OF MIND (IRE)</b>	b.g.7	Bruton Street-US	Leslie F. Young
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<b>RAZOUL (IRE)</b>	b.g.7	Del Rio Racing LLC	Kate Dalton
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CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022 WITH 5 NOMINATIONS

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DIRECTOR OF RACING



**The Queen's Cup MPC 'Chase  
(Sport of Kings Novice Hurdle Stakes)  
\$50,000 Guaranteed**

**PURSE \$50,000** Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to March 1, 2021 or which have never won three races, other than three year old. Four-year-olds, 142 lbs.; older, 150 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter or restricted three-year-old race: 3 lbs. extra for each race won.

**TWO MILES AND THREE EIGHTHS (HURDLE)**

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

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<b>DECISIVE TRIUMPH</b>	ch.g.9	Holwood Stable and Port Lairge Stables	Mark Beecher
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<b>FRENCH LIGHT (FR)</b>	b.g.7	Irvin S. Naylor	Keri Brion
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<b>GAYE BREEZE (IRE)</b>	b.g.9	Petticoats Loose Farm	Sean McDermott
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<b>MR. ALEC</b>	b.g.6	Richard C. Colton, Jr.	Arch Kingsley, Jr.
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<b>PERFECT TAPATINO (FR)</b>	ch.g.8	Leipers Fork Steeplechase	Leslie F. Young
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<b>THE MEAN QUEEN (IRE)</b>	ch.m.6	Buttonwood Farms LLC	Keri Brion
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CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022 WITH 6 NOMINATIONS

BILL GALLO  
DIRECTOR OF RACING

# 2022 NSA Summer Steeplechase Racing Schedule

## **COLONIAL DOWNS**

**Monday, July 11**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2

\$40,000 Filly/Mare Maiden Hurdle 2

## **COLONIAL DOWNS**

**Monday, July 18**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2

\$35,000 Ratings Handicap Hurdle (115 or lower) 2-1/4

## **SARATOGA**

**Wednesday, July 20**

\$150,000 A.P. Smithwick Memorial (Gr. 1 Stakes) 2-1/16

## **COLONIAL DOWNS**

**Monday, July 25**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2

\$30,000 Ratings Handicap Hurdle (110 or lower) 2-1/4

## **SARATOGA**

**Wednesday, July 27**

\$75,000 Jonathan Kiser (Novice) 2-1/16

## **COLONIAL DOWNS**

**Monday, August 1**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2

\$40,000 Filly/Mare Maiden Hurdle 2

## **SARATOGA**

**Wednesday, August 3**

\$70,000 Ratings Handicap Hurdle (130 or lower) 2-1/16

## **COLONIAL DOWNS**

**Monday, August 8**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2

\$35,000 Ratings Handicap Hurdle (115 or lower) 2-1/4

## **SARATOGA**

**Wednesday, August 10**

\$65,000 Allowance Hurdle (NW2) 2-1/16

## **COLONIAL DOWNS**

### **Monday, August 15**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2

\$30,000 Ratings Handicap Hurdle (110 or lower) 2-1/4

## **SARATOGA**

### **Wednesday, August 17**

\$150,000 Jonathan Sheppard (Gr. 1 Stakes) 2-3/8

## **COLONIAL DOWNS**

### **Monday, August 22**

\$35,000 Ratings Handicap Hurdle (115 or lower) 2-1/4

\$100,000 Randolph D. Rouse (Filly/Mare Stakes) 2

## **SARATOGA**

### **Wednesday, August 24**

\$75,000 Michael G. Walsh (Novice) 2-3/8

## **COLONIAL DOWNS**

### **Monday, August 29**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2

\$30,000 Ratings Handicap Hurdle (110 or lower) 2-1/4

## **SARATOGA**

### **Wednesday, August 31**

\$65,000 Allowance Hurdle (NW2) 2-3/8

## **COLONIAL DOWNS**

### **Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)**

\$50,000 Flat Race for Jumpers (Horses which have started over fences at the meet, and have not won a jump race) 2

## **BELMONT**

### **Thursday, September 15**

\$75,000 William Entenmann (Novice) 2-1/4

\$150,000 Lonesome Glory (Gr. 1 Stakes) 2-1/2





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The Mean Queen.....	160	Decisive Triumph.....	117	Twenty Years On.....	110
Snap Decision.....	159	Knockholt.....	117	Don't Shout.....	109
Moscato.....	154	Bee Major.....	116	Island Nation.....	109
Belfast Banter.....	144	Glencorrib Sky.....	116	Bella Coola.....	107
Iranistan.....	137	Global Freedom.....	116	Cup of Aiken.....	107
Historic Heart.....	135	Going Country.....	116	Fightinirishtabit.....	106
Redicean.....	132	Mighty Mark.....	116	He'll Do.....	106
Chief Justice.....	130	Mr. Alec.....	116	Criticize.....	105
Amschel.....	130	Queens Empire.....	116	Make a Stand.....	105
Razoul.....	130	Scorpion's Revenge.....	116	Eve's City.....	104
Boulette.....	129	State of Affair.....	116	Three O One.....	102
Bodes Well.....	126	Fearsome.....	115	Shaka.....	101
French Light.....	123	Eryx.....	115	Soramond.....	101
Presence of Mind.....	123	Step to the Bar.....	115	Embrace the Grind.....	100
Brainbakescookies.....	122	Bassmatchi.....	114	Peat Moss.....	98
West Newton.....	121	Bet the Pot.....	114		
Booby Trap.....	120	Chetzeron.....	114		
Sempre Medici.....	120	Drewscourt.....	114		
Animal Kingston.....	119	Gaye Breeze.....	114		
Recent Revelations.....	119	Jump Ship.....	114		
Court Ruler.....	118	Hepcat.....	112		
Down Royal.....	118	Gostisbehere.....	111		
Family Tree.....	118	Ghostlighter.....	110		
Perfect Tapatino.....	118	High Mounte.....	110		
The Happy Giant.....	118	Mr. Bridger.....	110		
Boss Man.....	117	Senor Seville.....	110		