



NSA Official Notices Thursday, May 5, 2022

Willowdale - Stabling Fee

Willowdale Steeplechase will be charging \$150 per stall for 2022. Trainers can pre-pay for stalls by contacting the Willowdale Steeplechase Office at (610) 444-1582 or pay on the day.

Willowdale - Jockey Club OTR Access

Access to the Jockey Club Tent (includes live stream, food and beverages) will be free for race officials and OTRs with horses running on race day. Access for OTRs that do not have a horse running will be \$50pp. These Jockey Club passes must be purchased before May 7th by calling the Willowdale Steeplechase Office at (610) 444-1582.

Willowdale - Timber Fences

Willowdale will be returning to the original style timber fences this year. Horsemen are encouraged to come for a course walk.

Willowdale - Race Conditions

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.

Iroquois Course Report

The Iroquois course was inspected on May 1 by Ted Thompson and track superintendent Zac Lovett.

Turf: The turf consists of a semi dormant bed of Bermuda grass over-seeded with Champion GQ Perennial Rye grass. The turf is thick and consistent throughout and provides a good feel under foot. The grass will be mowed to 5 inches on race day.

Smoothness: The track has been routinely core aerated and Cambridge rolled following last year's running. It is smooth throughout.

Compaction: Averaged 111 (good).

Moisture: Averaged 6 (average).

Notes: The track will be monitored and irrigated until race day to provide going on the safe side of Good barring any unforeseen acts of God.

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.



Radnor Changes

The purse of the Radnor Hunt Cup (#73) has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$20,000 and is no longer considered a stakes race. The purse of the maiden starter hurdle (#75) has been reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000. The training flat (#76) has been canceled and will be replaced by a maiden claiming hurdle with a purse of \$10,000, claiming price \$15,000-\$10,000.

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.

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).

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). 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.



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Snap Decision.....	157	Boss Man.....	117	Gostisbehere.....	111
Moscato.....	150	Drewscourt.....	117	Senor Seville.....	111
Belfast Banter.....	144	Knockholt.....	117	Bold Quest.....	110
Iranistan.....	144	Bee Major.....	116	High Mounte.....	110
City Dreamer.....	137	Freddy Flintshire.....	116	Twenty Years On.....	110
Chief Justice.....	135	Glencorrib Sky.....	116	Who's Counting.....	110
Historic Heart.....	135	Global Freedom.....	116	Don't Shout.....	109
Amschel.....	130	Recent Revelations.....	116	Island Nation.....	109
Redicean.....	130	Scorpion's Revenge.....	116	Ghostlighter.....	108
Boulette.....	129	Spring Heeled Jim.....	116	Cup of Aiken.....	107
Razoul.....	127	State of Affair.....	116	Kicking Myself.....	107
Bodes Well.....	126	Take Profit.....	116	Criticize.....	106
French Light.....	126	Welshman.....	116	Fightinirishtabit.....	106
Sempre Medici.....	123	Fearsome.....	115	Bella Coola.....	105
Brainbakescookies.....	122	Gaye Breeze.....	115	Make a Stand.....	105
West Newton.....	121	Mighty Mark.....	115	Seb's Welcome.....	105
Booby Trap.....	120	Mr. Bridger.....	115	Eve's City.....	104
Going Country.....	120	Queens Empire.....	115	Three O One.....	102
Animal Kingston.....	119	Step to the Bar.....	115	Embrace the Grind.....	101
Court Ruler.....	119	Bassmatchi.....	114	Shaka.....	101
Decisive Triumph.....	119	Bet the Pot.....	114	Bullet Star.....	100
Down Royal.....	118	Eryx.....	114		
Family Tree.....	118	Jump Ship.....	114		
Perfect Tapatino.....	118	Chetzeron.....	113		
The Happy Giant.....	118	Fast Vision.....	111		