



## NSA Official Notices Friday, June 10, 2022

### **Stewards Advisory Committee Ruling**

Please see the attached ruling from the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee.

### **HISA**

HISA (Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority) has determined that steeplechase races and horses are not “covered” at this time. Therefore, owners, trainers, riders, and horses running over jumps do not have to be registered with HISA. However, all owners and trainers that participate on the flat must be registered, along with their horses running on the flat.

### **New NSA Whip Policy**

The NSA will adopt the new HISA Riding Crop Rule, effective July 1. This policy will be in effect at Colonial Downs and Saratoga, as well as during the NSA fall racing season.

Please see the attached HISA Riding Crop Rule, which is also available on [hisaus.org](http://hisaus.org).

### **Official Notices for Summer Racing**

- Permission for apprentice riders to ride in jump races at Colonial Downs, Saratoga, and Belmont will be granted by the Stewards Advisory Committee on a case by case, and race by race basis.
- In all steeplechase races at Colonial Downs, Saratoga, and Belmont, the first fence in the stretch will not be jumped on the final circuit; therefore, the last fence down the backside at all venues will be the final fence.
- In all stakes races at Saratoga and Belmont, Lasix is prohibited. Also, horses 10 years old and upward are not permitted to run at NYRA racetracks.
- Lasix may be used in all jump races at Colonial Downs.
- Maiden claiming winners are eligible for Saratoga allowance races providing they have won for \$20,000 or greater.
- Maidens over jumps are ineligible for steeplechase races at Saratoga.
- All horses will be saddled in the barn area at Colonial Downs. Post times for the jump races will be 12:15 PM and 12:50 PM each Monday during the meet. On Monday, September 5 (Labor Day), the flat race for jumps will have a 12:50 PM post time. The flat race will have a walk-up start from a flag.
- Limit of field in the maiden hurdle races at Colonial Downs is 10, with 12 allowed in ratings races and the filly/mare stakes.
- All horses entering the Colonial Downs racetrack grounds must have proof of health certificate and required vaccinations, and a current negative Coggins test.

## NSA Stewards Advisory Committee Order

On Wednesday, June 1, 2022 the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee conducted a hearing for jockey Gerard Galligan regarding the second race at the Radnor Hunt Races run on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The hearing was conducted via ZOOM. Mr. Galligan was present and represented by counsel.

In this race, it was reported by the Clerk of Scales to the Stewards that Mr. Galligan weighed-in at one (1) pound under the weight assignment for BREVARD PLACE in violation of NSA Rule 7.8.D.1. The Stewards reviewed this issue at the end of the day and decided to refer the case to the Stewards Advisory Committee for a resolution or adjudication per NSA Rule 8.2.A.

After considering all of the testimony and arguments presented and reviewing the Official Scale Sheet, the Stewards Advisory Committee has determined the following:

1. In the second race at the Radnor Hunt races on Saturday, May 21, 2022, jockey Gerard Galligan weighed out at 152 lbs and weighed in at 151 lbs in violation of NSA Rule 7.8.D.1.
2. Mr. Galligan was sanctioned for an identical violation on November 1, 2021 for his improper weight in the sixth race at Shawan Downs on September 25, 2021.
3. The prior sanction, together with Mr. Galligan's prior disciplinary record with the NSA, constitute aggravating circumstances when considering his penalty.
4. Mr. Galligan's violation of the rule did not affect the outcome of the race.

Accordingly, by order of the Stewards Advisory Committee, jockey Gerard Galligan is hereby fined \$1,000 and suspended from Monday, July 11 through Wednesday, July 27, 2022. BREVARD PLACE is not disqualified and there is no change to the order of finish.

Stewards Advisory Committee  
Jack Sanford, Chairman  
Dwight Hall  
Duncan Patterson  
Tad Zimmerman

June 10, 2022

# Riding Crop Rule



## Crop Use

A jockey or exercise rider can only use a riding crop during a race or workout:

- ✓ To maintain the horse's focus & concentration for the safety of both horse and rider
- ✓ For encouragement to achieve optimal performance

### The crop can be:

- ✓ On the horse's hindquarters no more than 6 times and in increments of no more than 2 strikes before allowing horse to respond for at least 2 strides
- ✓ To tap the horse's shoulder while both hands are holding the reins & touching neck
- ✓ To show or wave to the horse without making contact
- ✓ To preserve your & your horse's safety



### The crop cannot be used:

- ✓ If your wrist is raised above your helmet
- ✓ Anywhere except the horse's shoulders or hindquarters
- ✓ In a manner that injures the horse or leaves physical marks
- ✓ Persistently without response from the horse
- ✓ After the horse has attained its maximum placing in the race
- ✓ During the post parade or after the finish of the race unless you are avoiding a dangerous situation
- ✓ On two-year-old horses in races before April 1 each year unless you are avoiding a dangerous situation
- ✓ To strike another person or horse

*When a jockey is riding without a crop, that fact shall be declared to the racing office upon entry, included in the official racing program & announced via the public address system*

## Violations & Penalties

Disciplinary actions for violating the crop rule include fines, suspensions & disqualification from purse winnings

Classification	Violation	Penalty
3	1-3 strikes over 6-strike limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fine: \$250 or 10% of jockey's portion of purse, whichever is greater</li><li>• Jockey suspension: 1+ days</li><li>• 3 Points (expire after 6 months)</li></ul>
2	4-9 strikes over 6-strike limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fine: \$500 or 20% of jockey's portion of purse, whichever is greater</li><li>• Horse disqualified from purse earnings</li><li>• Jockey suspension: 3+ days</li><li>• 5 Points (expire after 9 months)</li></ul>
1	10 or more strikes over 6-strike limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fine: \$750 or 30% of jockey's portion of purse, whichever is greater</li><li>• Horse disqualified from purse earnings</li><li>• Jockey suspension: 5+ days</li><li>• 10 Points (expire after 1 year)</li></ul>
Multiple	11-15 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7-day jockey suspension</li></ul>
Multiple	16-20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15-day jockey suspension</li></ul>
Multiple	20+ points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 30-day jockey suspension</li></ul>

# Equipment Standards & Requirements



## Helmet & Safety Vest



Required when you are mounted on a horse



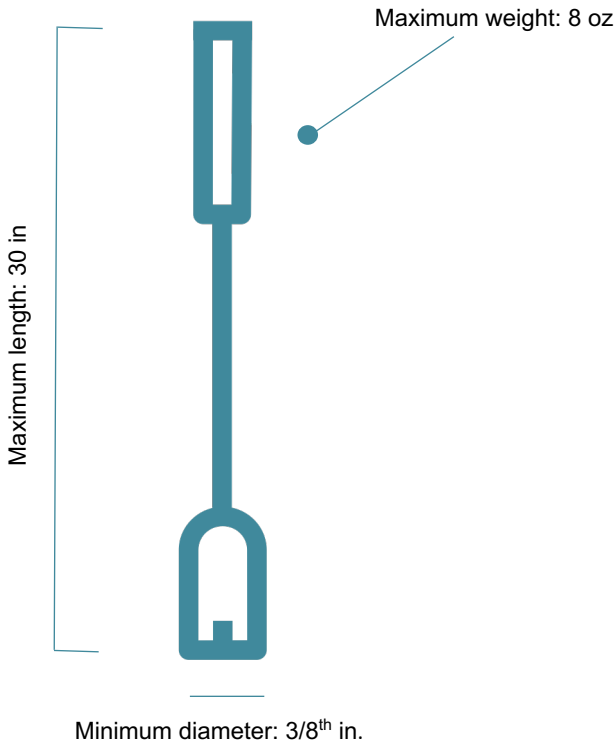
To be inspected by stewards at the start of the race meet & at random



Cannot be altered in any way & must comply with 1 of the minimum safety standards outlined in the Racetrack Safety Rules



Product labels cannot be removed or defaced



## Riding Crop

### Shaft:

- | Smooth without any protrusion or raised surface
- | Covered in shock absorbing material with minimum compression factor of 1 mm (2/50<sup>ths</sup> in)
- | No binding within 7 in of end of shaft

### Only permitted attachment: smooth foam cylinder without reinforcements or additions

- | Maximum length beyond shaft: 1 in
- | Minimum diameter: 0.8 in
- | Maximum width: 1.6 in
- | Compression factor: at least 5 mm (1/5<sup>th</sup> in)
- | Made of waterproof, ultraviolet & chemical resistant shock-absorbing material
- | Replaced after reasonable wear & tear

**NOTE: The crop use rule and penalties take effect on July 1 and jockeys will have until August 1 to procure a HISA-compliant crop.**