



## NSA Official Notices

### Wednesday, March 1, 2023

#### **Fair Hill Races**

Please note that the Fair Hill Spring Races, which were listed in the NSA Spring Condition Book as “tentative” are no longer on the NSA spring schedule. Any plans for future racing at Fair Hill will be communicated when available.

#### **NSA Summer Racing Schedule**

Please see the attached summer steeplechase schedule. This document is also available on the NSA website.

#### **Race Condition Clarification**

In any Ratings/Optional Claiming race, a horse may be entered for the claiming price and if such horse is not rated, he/she will be assigned highweight of 158 lbs. regardless of age or sex.

#### **Grand National Condition Book Correction**

Post time for the first race at the Grand National will be 2:30 PM.

#### **Radnor Condition Book Change**

The condition of the Allowance Hurdle (#72) should read as follows: **For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won a race other than maiden, claiming, ratings 115 or restricted three-year-old.**

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

Reminder: All trainers are required to complete **4 hours** of Continuing Education to receive an NSA trainer's license in 2023. CE courses, information, and resources can be found on the THA website at the following link: <http://tharacing.com/continuing-education/>

All CE certificates/proof of completion should be emailed to Rosella Hunter as part of the license application process ([rosella@nationalsteeplechase.com](mailto:rosella@nationalsteeplechase.com)).

#### **150-Day Layoff Report Forms**

150-Day Layoff Report Forms can be submitted directly to Dr. Reynolds Cowles online at the following link: <http://tharacing.com/resources/layoffreportform/>

If you choose to print the form, please scan and return the document by email directly to Dr. 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.

### **Old Dominion Hounds Point to Point**

The following NSA-sanctioned races will be run at the Old Dominion Hounds Point to Point on Saturday, April 8. Entries for the NSA-sanctioned races will close with the NSA office on Monday, April 3.

#### **(Filly & Mare Maiden Hurdle)**

**Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maidens Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward.** Four-year-olds, 145 lbs.; older, 153 lbs. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$250 additional to start; with \$100 additional to be paid to the Old Dominion Hounds Point to Point.  
**Two Miles over National Fences.**

#### **(Maiden Hurdle)**

**Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward.** Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 154 lbs. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$250 additional to start; with \$100 additional to be paid to the Old Dominion Hounds Point to Point.  
**Two Miles over National Fences.**

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#### **(Open Timber)**

**Purse \$15,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward.** Five-year-olds, 165 lbs.; older, 170 lbs. Non-winners of a timber stakes, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race over timber, 10 lbs. Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$150 additional to start; with \$100 additional to be paid to the Old Dominion Hounds Point to Point.  
**Three Miles over Timber.**

### **Charles Wayne (Skip) Achuff Jr. – Annual Memorial Stalwart of Steeplechase Award**

The application process is now open from the Charles Wayne (Skip) Achuff, Jr. Memorial Stalwart of Steeplechase Award. Please see the attached application. The \$1000 award will be given to a jockey, race official, race meet director, or other who supports the growth of steeplechase.

Please send all completed applications to [jacquelyn.m.achuff@lmco.com](mailto:jacquelyn.m.achuff@lmco.com).



## **2023 NSA Summer Steeplechase Racing Schedule**

### **COLONIAL DOWNS**

**Friday, July 14**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4

\$40,000 Filly/Mare Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4

### **SARATOGA**

**Wednesday, July 19**

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

### **COLONIAL DOWNS**

**Friday, July 21**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4

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

### **SARATOGA**

**Wednesday, July 26**

\$70,000 Allowance Hurdle (NW2) 2-1/16

### **COLONIAL DOWNS**

**Friday, July 28**

\$40,000 Filly/Mare Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4

\$30,000 Maiden Starter Hurdle (\$25,000 or less) 2-1/4

### **SARATOGA**

**Wednesday, August 2**

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

### **COLONIAL DOWNS**

**Friday, August 4**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4

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

### **SARATOGA**

**Wednesday, August 9**

\$70,000 Allowance Hurdle (NW2) 2-3/8

## COLONIAL DOWNS

**Friday, August 11**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4

\$75,000 Randolph D. Rouse (Filly/Mare Stakes) 2-1/4

## SARATOGA

**Wednesday, August 16**

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

## COLONIAL DOWNS

**Friday, August 18**

\$40,000 Four-Year-Old Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4

\$30,000 Ratings Handicap Hurdle (115 or lower) 2-1/4

## SARATOGA

**Wednesday, August 23**

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

## COLONIAL DOWNS

**Friday, August 25**

\$30,000 Maiden Starter Hurdle (\$25,000 or less) 2-1/4

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

## SARATOGA

**Wednesday, August 30**

\$70,000 Allowance Hurdle (Non-winners of a race other than maiden, claiming, or ratings 115 or never won two races) 2-3/8

## COLONIAL DOWNS

**Friday, September 1**

\$40,000 Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4

\$40,000 Four-Year-Old Maiden Hurdle 2-1/4

## COLONIAL DOWNS

**Friday, September 8**

\$75,000 Life's Illusion (Filly/Mare Stakes) 2-1/4

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

## AQUEDUCT RACETRACK

**Thursday, September 14**

\$75,000 William Entenmann (Novice Stakes)\* 2-3/8

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

*\* For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to September 1, 2022 or which have never won three races, other than three-year-old.*

## Official Notes:

- Permission for apprentice riders to ride in jump races at Colonial Downs, Saratoga, and Aqueduct 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 Aqueduct, 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 Colonial Downs, Saratoga and Aqueduct, Lasix is prohibited. Also, horses 10 years old and upward are not permitted to run at NYRA racetracks.
- 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.
- Post times for the Colonial Downs jump races will be 1:30 PM (first) and 2:30 PM (third) each Friday during the meet. The Colonial jump races are now part of the regular parimutuel racing program and as such will follow all of the standard racetrack protocols.
- 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.



### **Charles Wayne (Skip) Achuff Jr. – Annual Memorial Stalwart of Steeplechase Award**

- \$1000 award given to a jockey, race official, race meet director, or others who support the growth of Steeplechase.

#### **Qualifications of the award recipient:**

- Represents the sport with professionalism, integrity, and dedication
- Knows and upholds the rules of the sport
- Prioritizes safety of the horses, jockeys, and others

Potential recipients are nominated by their peers for performance in 2022 (previous year). Petitioners for nominees must complete an application and submit to the NSA by 28 February. The Achuff family will select from the nominees in March. The winner will be announced and awarded during the 2023 Steeplechase Season.

#### **Brief background on Skip Achuff's career with National Steeplechase Association**

Skip Achuff grew up in Glen Riddle, Pennsylvania and was a teenager when he first worked as an exercise rider. He became a regular jockey on the National Steeplechase Association circuit in the 1970s and 1980s. He rode his first race May 23, 1970, at Fair Hill in Maryland, finishing seventh aboard Tip Tank for Woodcrest Stable. Achuff had many wins while teaming primarily with legendary trainer Morris "Pop" Dixon. His first official win came May 8, 1971, at Radnor Hunt Spring Race Meeting in Pennsylvania aboard Waterloo Place; a race meet where Achuff would ultimately take the reins as Race Director for almost 2 decades.

Achuff rode many races in the 1970s and into the 1980s and put together a five-win season in 1984. The highlight was a flat win aboard future member of Thoroughbred Racing's Hall of Fame, Flatterer, at Tanglewood in North Carolina. Achuff retired as a jockey then but returned for one more ride in an amateur race finishing fourth at Atlanta in 1986.

After retirement from race riding, Achuff stayed connected and devoted to Steeplechase by serving as an official, a chart caller, and a mentor to young jockeys. In 2005, he became the Race Director for Radnor Hunt Races. He served in that position until his passing, expanding the participation of horsemen and spectators. He was committed to growing the sport and was always quick to encourage and recognize others who did the same.

Skip Achuff passed away on August 28, 2022. He had many talents but was first and foremost a horseman. The Achuff family has created the *Stalwart of Steeplechase* award to honor Skip Achuff's contributions to the sport of steeplechase racing.

## Stalwart of Steeplechase Application

### Nominee Information:

Name:
Address:
Email:
Mobile Phone:
Other Phone:
Number of years working in sport of Steeplechase:
Role(s) in the work of Steeplechase Racing, past and present:

### Petitioner Information:

Name:
Address:
Email:
Mobile Phone:
Other Phone:
How long have you known the nominee:
Describe your relationship with nominee:
Answer below and add extra sheets if needed.
Please list examples of how the nominee represents the sport with professionalism, integrity, and dedication.
Please list examples of how nominee knows and upholds the rules.
Please list examples of how nominee prioritizes safety of horses, riders, others.

Please send all completed applications to [jacquelyn.m.achuff@lmco.com](mailto:jacquelyn.m.achuff@lmco.com)