



NSA Official Notices

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Claiming Restrictions

Horses claimed at a racetrack will be subject to the “in-jail” claiming restrictions of that individual racing jurisdiction. However, a horse may run in an NSA “training flat race,” which is listed as a workout on the horse’s past performances, inside of that time-frame.

Jockey Fees

Riding fees have increased from \$150 to \$200 (plus expenses) for hurdle, timber and steeplechase races, and increased from \$50 to \$100 (plus expenses) for training flat races. Riding fees for flat races with a purse are to remain at \$100 (plus expenses) for the 2023 season onwards.

Bedding at Old Dominion

Trainers are required to bring their own bedding for the NSA stalls at the Old Dominion Hounds Point to Point. The race meet requests straw only for easy disposal.

My Lady’s Manor Nominations

Nominations (6) for the My Lady’s Manor timber stakes (#15), to be run Saturday, April 15, are attached.

Tryon Course Report

Please see the attached course report for the Tryon Block House Races.

Queen’s Cup Course Report

Please see the attached preliminary course report for the Queen’s Cup Steeplechase.

Willowdale Fence Change

All hurdle races at Willowdale will be run over natural brush hurdles.

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/>

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.



The My Lady's Manor
(Timber Stakes)
\$50,000 Guaranteed

PURSE \$50,000 Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. To be ridden by amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs.

THREE MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

FLETCHED dk b/.g.10 Black and Blue Stable Forrest Kelly

GOODOLDTIMES (IRE) b.g.9 Armata Stables Alicia S. Murphy

MYSTIC STRIKE b.g.14 Upland Partners Todd McKenna

RENEGADE RIVER dk b/.g.10 Kiplin Hall William Dowling

ROYAL RUSE dk b/.g.9 Charles C. Fenwick, Jr. Sanna Neilson

VINTAGE VINNIE (IRE) b.g.14 Armata Stables Joseph G. Davies

CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 WITH 6 NOMINATIONS

BILL GALLO
DIRECTOR OF RACING



April 3, 2023

National Steeplechase Association
400 Fair Hill Drive
Elkton, MD 21921
410.392.0700

RE: Green Creek Race Course Report (Tryon Block House Steeplechase)

Good afternoon. Please accept the following letter in regard to the course inspection conducted at the **Green Creek Race Course** located at 6881 S. US Hwy 9, Columbus, NC 28722.

Date of Inspection: April 3, 2023

Time of Inspection: 3:00pm

Time Inspection complete: 4:45pm

Course: Green Creek Race Course (Location of the Tryon Block House Race Meet)

Inspection: Completed by Molly Oakman, Chris White, and Micah Yarboro

Report: Completed by Molly Oakman, Race Operations

Date of Race Meet (Tryon Block House Steeplechase): April 15, 2023

- Equestrian Operations Director: Molly Oakman
- Race Director: Toby Edwards
- Clerk of Course: Chris White
- Course Manager: Micah Yarboro

Turf:

The course is in overall good condition for equestrian sport. We have a solid course of grass with a small percentage of weeds.

The grasses prominently seen throughout the course are fescue's (fine and turf type tall fescue), with a small amount of poa annua. We have continued to spray foliar fertilizer feeds on rotation, with a granular feed starting in February of 10-20-20. The course was sprayed for disease back in 2022, and is not scheduled for additional treatment until after the race meet.

Smoothness:

The mowing schedule has been modified to help create a dense turf profile. The track will be mowed one last time the Monday/Tuesday before the race meet so we can achieve the consistent height of 6 plus inches for race day.

**Compaction:**

Compaction readings were taken throughout the course with a Penetrometer, with an average reading of 11.24 and a range of 10 to 12.5. The reading is a little high due to our irrigation program set for the freshly germinated overseed from February, as we are watering frequently to encourage rooting and growth from the seedlings. We will continue to monitor this reading and will consider aggravating the course at a depth of 6 inches to reduce this number, if necessary over the next week. These tested locations and readings are indicated on the map attached with the purple pins and the letter "P".

Moisture:

Readings were taken with a moisture probe around the entire race course and marked on the map provided with the blue/water pin and letter "M". The average was 4.8% with a range from 1.6%-7%. These numbers are lower than normal due to the irrigation not being turned on today due to impending rain. At the time of the course inspection, very little rain had fallen with no accumulation recorded. Irrigation will be continued daily and adjusted according to the weather conditions. The lowest percentages between 1.6%- 3.6% were measured at the top of hill #1 as you approach Road Crossing #2 and on the finish line, straight away. Both sections will be adjusted for longer irrigation times, to provide a more consistent moisture level around the track.

Additional Notes:

Our anticipated winter growth schedule was setback, like most outdoor grass venues by the extremely cold spell in December of 2022. Unfortunately, this freeze happened right after fall preparations for seeding. With the course not progressing as well as we had anticipated, aggressive measures were started at the end of February and beginning of March to allow the track time to improve prior to the scheduled race meet on April 15.

Approximately 456 pounds per acre of a perennial rye mix was spread on the entire course. Following this spread, 150 pounds per acre of a turf type, tall fescue was spread. Following the seeding, a 15-15-10 fertilizer was applied.

The irrigation schedule is managed daily and will continue to be leading up to the race meet. With this type of seed doing best in cool weather, the last two weeks have been critical to our growth. The germination process has been successful to fill in the bare spaces left once the crab grass died off. The forecast continues to be in our favor and we predict with the warmer temperatures expected over the next ten days we will continue to see significant improvements in the root structures and coverage of the grass.

We will be available between now and days leading up to the race meet to schedule site visits on the track for anyone who would like to walk the course. We are also available by phone or email with any questions or concerns. Molly Oakman- 828.289.5335, moakman@tryon.com or Chris White at cwhite@tryon.com



Horses arriving early will be stabled at the Tryon International Equestrian Center and have access to the turf training hill located at 25 International Blvd. Mill Spring, NC 28756. Arrangements must be made directly with Molly Oakman for early arrivals.

We appreciate your continued support and trust to provide you and your horse with a safe and fast track on race day! We look forward to seeing you on April 15, 2023 for the 75th Tryon Block House Steeplechase.

Sincerely,

Molly G. Oakman

Molly G. Oakman
Director of Equestrian Operations

Chris White

Chris White
Clerk of Course

Attachments:

Photos of the course from multiple locations.

A course map with additional details and locations of moisture readings and compaction testing.







NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

Queen's Cup Steeplechase

2023 PRELIMINARY Course Inspection

Report #1

Race Meet Date:
Saturday, April 29, 2023

Racecourse:
Brooklandwood Racecourse

Co-Chairs: Bill & Carrington Price

Time In: 4:15 pm

Preliminary Inspection Date:
Saturday, April 1, 2023

Clerk of Course:
Bill Price

Others on Inspection:

Time Out: 5:45 pm

Turf: Dense, Thick, Lush:

The racecourse is made-up of a mixture of turf-type tall fescue, KY Blue Grass and perennial rye. It presents as thick, and lush with no clumping under foot. Fall seeding and aeration produced good germination of seed and is generally free of seed except as noted. The inside rail between Turn 3 and Turn 4 contains a little winter weed, which has been spot treated where necessary. Also noted; the inside-middle of Turn 3, there is one small area of scattered bare ground that should be of little concern as the hurdles and beacons will be placed on or near the middle of the course. Over two tons of granular slow-release urea was applied October 28, 2022 and again January 28, 2023, which has subsequently improved spring green-up. The last fertilization will be applied early-April, which will enhance its color, density and top growth.

Smoothness: Smooth:

The racecourse was Cambridge rolled mid-March after a heavy rain fall two days prior. The course is very smooth throughout and under foot.

Compaction: Avg. 80-95 (GOOD):

The course has received plentiful amounts of rainfall over the winter and during the early spring. The racecourse will be aerated using an Aerway, this coming week.

Moisture: 10 scale of 1-10 (WET):

The racecourse has enjoyed generous amounts of rainfall, (15.4 inches) since January 1, 2023. More rain is expected almost daily this coming week.

Additional Comments:

- Soil samples were taken July 2022 on and around the racecourse and grounds. From those soil samples, an aggressive course of treatment was taken to get the soils make-up back in balance.
- Due to continued cold temperatures throughout February and cool temperatures in March, along with measurable amounts of rainfall both months, the racecourse turf and "going" continues to be in perfect shape. NOTE: Racecourse pictures taken Saturday, April 1st.



(SEE SECOND PAGE)

Other Notes:

- In lieu of a timber race, a NSA Training Flat race at 1¼ mile, will offer a \$250 “starter’s appearance fee” for all runners with \$1,000 to the winning Owner and \$750 to the winning trainer!
- The Safffence “Modified National Fence” hurdles will be set near or in the middle of the racecourse.
- The “water hurdle”, at the base of Member’s Hill, will be in play for ALL four hurdle races.
- Rather than the usual two flights on the finishing stretch, there will be one flight placed mid-stretch with an approximate 700’ run to the finish-line.
- The Club House Turn was once again, heavily aerated and top dressed immediately after last year’s race with 20+ tons of course sand.
- To facilitate timely post times, saddling will be in the stable area only. All runners, once saddled, will be organized in the stabling area by saddle cloth number 15 minutes prior to each Post Time and then parade single-file to the Parade Ring adjacent to the racecourse.

JOCKEYS, PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Thanks to a generous donation from **Safffence | EasyFix** and **Bill & Carrington Price**, two outdoor shower stalls, with **hot** and **cold** running water, were built last year, placed down in the stable area, for the primary use of the participating jockeys. *Please bring your own towels!*

