



NSA Official Notices Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Revised NSA Whip Policy

Even though steeplechase races are currently “non-covered” races under HISA rules, the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee has now determined, by policy, that the NSA will abide by the HISA crop limitations. Stewards will remain cognizant and enforce the limited strike rule of six (6) and **will** disqualify a horse for ten (10) strikes or more.

NYRA Foal Papers

Foal papers must be on file with the Horse Identifier at Saratoga, or a horse will be scratched.

Woody Maloney Memorial Steeplechase & Luncheon

The allowance hurdle at Saratoga on July 26 will be run as the “Woody Maloney Memorial Steeplechase.” Two engraved trophies will be awarded to the winning connections.

Immediately after the race, a memorial celebration will be held in the tent at the Reading Room. Lunch will be served and all steeplechase owners, trainers and jockeys are invited.

Summer Racing Licensing and Hospitality

As the summer racing at Saratoga and Colonial Downs approaches, please be aware that all race participants must be licensed with the NSA **AND** the appropriate racing jurisdiction, with fingerprints on file with the State’s Racing or Gaming Commission. If you plan to attend the races, on a Steeplechase day, it is highly recommended to reserve seating in advance. Please see the information below with specifics for each of the Summer Meet racetracks.

Licensing

All owners, trainers, and riders must be properly licensed with the NSA before they will be allowed to participate at Colonial Downs. A license with the Virginia Racing Commission is **not** required.

Licensing for Saratoga Race Course can be done at the track, ahead of race day. The application can be found at <https://www.gaming.ny.gov/horseracing/index.php?ID=3>. For additional information on licensing, please contact Scott Taleisnik at scott.taleisnik@gaming.ny.gov.

As an alternative to licensing with each individual State Racing Commission, licensees may register with the National Racing Compact. Please visit <http://www.racinglicense.com/> or phone 859-224-0584 for additional information.

Hospitality

If you plan to visit Colonial Downs on a Steeplechase day, your NSA Horsemen or Member pin is adequate for entry. If you have a horse running and would like to reserve seating, or have questions regarding Horsemen's Relations, please contact sales@colonialdowns.com or 804-557-5684.

If you plan to visit Saratoga on a Steeplechase day, your NSA Horsemen or Member pin is adequate for entry. If you have a horse running and would like to reserve seating, or have any questions regarding Horsemen's Relations, please contact Alysse Jacobs at ajacobs@nyrainc.com or 718-659-2206.

NYRA 180-Day Layoff Report

Any trainer planning to run a horse at Saratoga or Belmont @ Aqueduct that has been laid off for 180+ days must contact Director of NYRA Veterinarians, Dr. Sarah Hinchliffe (301-788-2215).

Preference at Colonial Downs

Preference for all steeplechase races at Colonial Downs will be Virginia Bred, Virginia Sired, Virginia Certified, and all other horses that are stabled or trained in Virginia or owned by Virginians.

Summer Racing Shoe Policy & Whip Policy

For all steeplechase races at Colonial Downs and Saratoga, horses must only wear Queen's Plate shoes. Also, the NSA whip policy, which restricts strikes to six per race, will be in effect at both race-tracks.

Summer Rules and Regulations

As we head into the summer steeplechase program at Colonial Downs and Saratoga, please be aware of all rules and regulations that are applicable at each track.

NYRA Medications & Testing

Horsemen and practicing veterinarians are advised to review all medication rules on the New York State Gaming Commission website with regards to proper usage and administration of all medications while racing in the State of New York. Please feel free to contact New York State Equine Medical Director, Dr. Scott Palmer with any questions at (908) 672-0965 or Director of NYRA Veterinarians, Dr. Sarah Hinchliffe (301-788-2215).

A negative Coggins test required for each calendar year. On January 1st each year, all horses stabled at NYRA facilities will be required to have an updated Coggins test for the new year. This test will be valid January 1st through December 31st at all NYRA tracks. **A Coggins must have the tattoo or microchip number of the horse on the original result. Horses without it will be scratched.**

NYRA Racehorse Monitoring Conditions

All horses shipping to a NYRA facility must meet the HISA Racehorse Monitoring conditions below. Horses will not be permitted entry without such proof.

RACEHORSE MONITORING (Effective January 1, 2023)

1. Certificate of veterinary inspection within the prior 5 days or few days if high risk situations dictate
2. Verification of EEE/WEE/WNV (encephalitides), rabies, and tetanus vaccinations within the prior 12 months.

3. Verification of Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis vaccinations within the prior 180 days or few days if high risk situations dictate
4. Verification of Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) Test within the calendar year or in a shorter period of time if high risk situations dictate

NYRA First Time Lasix

For those horses which have never run on Lasix shipping in from out-of-state, the certification form must be filed with the Lasix Coordinator located in the Racing Office PRIOR TO DAY OF ENTRY.

Contact **Kelly Gecewicz** - (718) 659-2234 - kgecewicz@nyrainc.com

Colonial Downs Coggins Test, Health Certificate, and Inoculations

All horses, including stable ponies, entering the racetrack grounds must have a health certificate and required vaccinations, which shall include: (1) Certificate of veterinary inspection (Health Certificate) within the prior 3 days; (2) Verification of EEE/WEE/WNV (encephalitides), rabies, and tetanus vaccinations within the prior 12 months; (3) Verification of Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis vaccinations within the prior 120 days; and (4) Verification of Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) Test valid through the entire meet.

The Coggins test must be attached to the horse's Jockey Club certificate when placed on file in the horse identifier's office. Coggins must be attached to all digital certificates.

Horses not current on flu/rhino, need to be vaccinated immediately, and documentation given by the attending vet directly to the VRC Equine Medical Director. Horses without a current vaccination record will not be allowed to enter.

Colonial Downs 150-Day Layoff Report

Entries for horses that have not raced for 150 days or more will NOT be accepted unless the trainer has completed and submitted a Layoff Report Form to Dr. Ada Caruthers, Equine Medical Director (ada.caruthers@vrc.virginia.gov). Forms must be submitted at least 30 days prior to entry, and are valid for 60 days.

The form can be accessed on the VRC Website: www.vrc.Virginia.gov (click on "Veterinary Forms and Info" and complete the 150-day layoff report from your phone, tablet or computer).

Revised NSA Policy

The current NSA Rules of Racing 9.2.C Forbidden Practices reads as follows:

No person may possess at a sanctioned race meet an instrument used for shock wave therapy. No horse may be treated with any form of shock wave therapy within ten (10) days of racing. The administration of shock wave therapy may only be performed by a licensed veterinarian. A veterinarian using shock wave therapy shall document and report each treatment on his daily medication report. A trainer or veterinarian who has been found to have violated any of the above provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the stewards including, but not limited to, a maximum suspension of ninety (90) days.

This rule has been modified by the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee as follows:

No person may possess at a sanctioned race meet an instrument used for shock wave therapy. No horse

may be treated with any form of shock wave therapy within **thirty (30)** days of racing. The administration of shock wave therapy may only be performed by a licensed veterinarian. A veterinarian using shock wave therapy shall document and report each treatment on his daily medication report, **and must submit that report to the NSA Equine Medical Director**. A trainer or veterinarian who has been found to have violated any of the above provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the stewards including, but not limited to, a maximum suspension of ninety (90) days.

NSA Equine Medical Director, Dr. Reynolds Cowles: **rcowles41@icloud.com**