



NSA Official Notices Thursday, October 19, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NSA Horsemen are advised that the Stewards Advisory Committee is particularly focused on preserving the integrity of racing and ensuring confidence that a “level playing field” exists for all NSA licensees. With that in mind, please be cognizant of all NSA Rules of Racing, which will be strictly enforced, as well as the NSA Code of Conduct. In these times of heightened oversight to assure the welfare of our equine and human athletes, any actions not in the best interest of racing will be dealt with swiftly and according to the NSA Rules of Racing. Your continued commitment to these shared goals is very much appreciated.

MONTPELIER SUBSTITUTE RACE

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 110 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

MONTPELIER FLAT RACE

Please note that the Training Flat Race (#119) **is opened to Virginia bred, Virginia sired, Virginia certified horses, as well as horses owned or trained by Virginians, with preference to Virginia bred, Virginia sired, and Virginia certified horses.**

VIRGINIA GENERAL PREFERENCE

Similar to Colonial Downs, all Virginia race meets will have a Virginia General Preference. The Preference, in order, will be Virginia Bred, Virginia Sired, Virginia Certified, and all other horses that are stabled or trained in Virginia or owned by Virginians. Note: The “stabled or trained in Virginia or owned by Virginians” is restricted to one horse per trainer.

It is the trainer’s responsibility to claim preferences at the time of entry.

AIKEN RACE CONDITION CORRECTION

The condition for race number #138 should read:

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 115 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The “European Gather Up Start” will be used at all NSA race meets this fall, except for the Parimutuel meets at Far Hill’s and International Gold Cup, where races will be started in post position order.

The new standard fine for “careless riding” will be \$500. Should the infraction be deemed “reckless” or “dangerous” by the stewards, the penalty will be a minimum fine of \$1,000 plus a one (1) day suspension or greater.

