



NSA Official Notices

Thursday, March 21, 2024

NSA Equine Emergency Treatment Policy

Notwithstanding the prohibitions contained in NSA Rules of Racing 9.1 and 9.2, an equine emergency medical kit to be used solely to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the horse while being transported off Association Grounds may be securely stored in a van or truck pulling a trailer.

Revised Age Restriction Policy

Hurdle horses may not race over hurdles beyond the age of 12. Timber horses aged 13 and up may race, however they are required to have a physical examination by a veterinarian, and clearance from that examination, before its first race each calendar year. That clearance must be submitted to the NSA office.

NYRA Policy: Horses aged 10 years old and upward will not be permitted to run at NYRA race-tracks. This policy does apply to steeplechase races.

Revised NSA Shoe Policy

No toe grabs, caulks, stickers, turndowns, inserts, trailers, or heel extensions will be allowed on the front or hind shoes. Note: The insert on the toe of the Queen's Plate is considered a "wear plate," not a toe grab. Block heels on the hind shoes (not to exceed ¼ inch) are permissible. Outer rim shoes are allowable providing there is no toe grab. **Note: Equishox Shoes, by Olov, may be used under NSA Rules.**

Clarification of NSA Weighing Policy

Rule 7.6.A.4. A rider's assigned weight shall include his clothing, boots, saddle, pad, lead pad, under girth, and any other equipment, excluding the over girth, girth channel, breast plate, yoke, number cloth, safety helmet and vest, and whip.

Riders, please note that the over girth, girth channel, and breastplate (or yoke) are not to be included in the assigned weight when weighing out or in. Therefore, these pieces of safety equipment should not be included with your tack weighing out, and must be dropped (along with your helmet and crop) before getting on the scale to weigh in.

AS A CONVENIENCE, riders will weigh out (before the race) two (2) pounds over the assigned weight, to allow for the safety vest they are wearing. Therefore, when they weigh in (after the race) they will be weighing with the safety vest and should be at the same weight, two (2) pounds over the assigned weight.