

National Steeplechase Association
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Stewards Report

Race Meeting: Foxfield Spring

Date: April 27, 2024

Weather : Overcast 51° F.

Course Condition : Good
Moisture : 6.62 Average
Compaction : 99.2

Clerk of Scales : Harrison Young

Starter : Sterling Young

Stewards : Beale Payne

Larry Curtis

Cooke Edens

Wayne Van Sant (Safety Steward)

Official Actions :

Through search discovery by the NSA Safety Steward, a needle and syringe were found in a bag in the tack room of trainer Jack Fisher, in violation of NSA Revised Rule 9.2. Forbidden Practices A. "No person other than a veterinarian described in Rules 5.15, 5.16 or 5.17 shall have in their possession on Association Grounds, during the Race Period, any hypodermic needle, syringe, dose syringe, applicator, or similar device of any type or nature." Any violation of the REVISED NSA RULES OF RACING regarding Chapter 9, Forbidden Substances and Practices, will result in automatic scratch of any horses associated with the offending trainer.

The matter is referred to the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee.

Through search discovery by the NSA Safety Steward, a dose syringe was found in the horse trailer of trainer Lilith Boucher, in violation of NSA Revised Rule 9.2.

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Race 1 : After video review of the race, jockey Ryan Treacy was observed striking FINGAL nine times during the running of the race. Ryan Treacy is hereby fined the sum of \$250 and suspended one non-engaged racing day Sunday, May 5, 2024 for violation of the NSA Whip Policy.

Race 2 : UNION GEN. GEORGE lost rider at second fence. Rider Gerard Galligan was cleared to ride by course physician. In this incidence, the ambulance was dispatched onto the course without authorization. The vehicle was not clear of the course as the horses progressed to this area. An attempt was made to close the fence but the patrol judge could not hear the communication. Fortunately, the field negotiated the situation without complications.

Race 3 : A claim of foul was lodged by Jamie Bargary aboard second place finisher, IRELANDS CALL, against the winner, HIDDEN PATH ridden by Harrison Beswick, for interference from the last fence to the wire. After review the claim of foul was disallowed.

Race 4 : POST WAR was pulled up at the second to last fence, tired.

Race 6 : Upon review of the video of the race, Sean McDermott was observed striking WHO’S COUNTING, the eventual winner, seven times.

Sean McDermott is hereby fined the sum of \$250 and suspended one non-engaged racing day Sunday, May 5, 2024 for violation of the NSA Whip Policy.

Race 7 : Upon review of the video of the race, Brian Barry was observed striking OSCAR WINNER, the eventual winner, seven times. Brian Barry is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars \$250 and suspended one non-engaged racing day Saturday May 4, 2024 for violation of the NSA Whip Policy of July 11, 2023.

Official Comments : An additional camera is needed for head-on view of stretch particularly as course is oriented to oblique finish. Placement of the Jumbotrons should be oriented to not obscure the view of the jumps from the stewards stand. The development of a superior racing surface and facility improvements along with the purse enhancements has produced a superior race meet.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beale Payne
Presiding Steward