



NSA Official Notices Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Old Dominion Stewards Ruling

A report from the University of California, Davis, Kenneth L Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory, the official Laboratory of the National Steeplechase Association, reported that blood sample EQ20403, taken from the horse WINNING SPIRIT, who finished first in the first sanctioned race at Old Dominion on Saturday, April 5, 2025, tested positive for “Betamethasone”.

On April 29, 2025, trainer Julie Gomena was notified by the Old Dominion Stewards of the adverse finding. The horse WINNING SPIRIT, owned by Bonnie Rye Stables, is hereby disqualified for all purse monies. The purse is ordered to be redistributed as follows: 1st – VINTAGE YEAR (\$18,000); 2nd – DYNAMITE DAN (\$5,400); 3rd – SPLIT IN TWO (\$3,000).

Trainer Julie Gomena is hereby fined \$1,000.

Refer to National Steeplechase Association – Rules of Racing: 5.2.D.1.; 6.3.B.1.; 7.8.E.1.; and 10.2.A.3.

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Michael Pearson
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Foxfield Spring Stewards Ruling

Jockey James O’Sullivan (VINTAGE YEAR) was fined \$500 for “careless” riding in the second race at the Foxfield Spring Races, Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Nominations

Nominations for the stakes races at Iroquois are now available and are attached to the link below.
<https://nationalsteeplechase.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Iroquois-Noms-2025.pdf>

Nomination for the stakes race at Willowdale are now available and attached to the link below.
<https://nationalsteeplechase.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Willowdale-Stakes-Noms.pdf>

Iroquois Arrival Policy

By order of the Stewards Advisory Committee:

All horses participating in the Iroquois Steeplechase Races on May 10, 2025, must be on Association Grounds, properly identified and checked in with NSA Safety Steward, Annie Mitchell, not later than 1 pm (central time) on Friday, May 9, 2025. This is 24 hours prior to post time of the first race on Saturday. There will be no exceptions to this order and tardiness to the grounds will result in a scratch.

Upon arrival on Association Grounds, vans/vehicles and tack boxes will be subject to search per NSA Rules of Racing.

On site veterinary services will be provided, if needed, from 1 pm Friday May 9, by Tennessee Equine.

Iroquois Course Report

The Iroquois course was inspected Sunday, April 27th by Ted Thompson and Zac Lovett.

The turf consists of a dormant thatch of Bermuda overseeded with Perennial GQ Rye. The turf cover is thick and consistent throughout. It will be mowed to five inches on race day.

The course has been core aerated and Cambridge rolled several times throughout the summer and fall and is even and smooth.

Compaction readings varied from 106 to 108 with an average of 107 Good. Moisture was 6 Average. Rain is predicted this week. We will take moisture and compaction readings daily and adjust irrigation with the intent of producing ground that is on the kind side of Good on race day barring random acts of God.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ted Thompson, Clerk of Course. 931-212-9076



Willowdale Course Report

Date of Inspection: 4/28/2025

Date of Race Meeting: 5/10/2025

Clerk of Course: James Slater / Brian Harrop

Race Meet Director: Andrea Collins Others on Inspection: Brian Harrop

Time In: 10am

Time Out: 11am

Turf: Green, thick, lush cover of mostly fescue, with some blue grass.

Smoothness: The turf was aerated in March and is currently at a mowing height of 4". Overall, the surface is smooth throughout. Tree damage that occurred on the upper section of the course has been addressed—those areas have been leveled and reseeded. The entire course will be irrigated. Half of the course has been done, the other half will be finished by next Monday. While moisture levels differ slightly between irrigated and non-irrigated sections, readings remain consistent within each area.

Compaction: Irrigated: 90 (soft) Non – Irrigated: 110 (good)

Moisture: Irrigated: 8 (average wet) Non – Irrigated: 7 (average wet)

Notes: Hurdle courses use standard foam rolls in front of natural hedges. Hedges are trimmed at 52". Fixation of the Foam Rolls has been tested and approved by NSA Safety Committee. Course is open for walking – please call ahead so Grounds Crew knows you are coming.