



NSA Official Notices

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Notice to Horsemen

This past January, the NSA adopted a 30-day stand down rule for joint injections so that we would be in compliance with flat racing requirements. However, the NSA's rule caused confusion because the rule appeared to be in conflict with the recommended withdrawal time for corticosteroids as recommended by RMTTC and adopted by ARCI which was in place for racing in 2024.

Due to the confusion over the new rule (7.4.A.5.) and the suggested withdrawal guidelines, the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, after consultation with horsemen and attending veterinarians, has suspended the 30 day rule effective immediately.

It is important to note that the regulation of corticosteroids is based upon the concentration of the drug in a post-race sample. Withdrawal time guidance is given to assist with compliance and is based on the best published data from the RMTTC. However, horsemen should be aware that various drugs clear differently, that some horses do not clear within the suggested times and that deposition of the intra-articular drug into the surrounding joint capsule or the adjacent tissue may result in a prolonged clearance. Allowing additional time beyond the suggested clearance times is prudent. If there is doubt about clearance, the horse should be tested prior to entry to prevent a positive test.

Stewards Advisory Committee

Jack Sanford, Chairman
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Thursday Course Reports

Virginia Gold Cup

The Great Meadow racecourse was inspected on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, by Don Yovanovich. Irrigation took place on Monday and Tuesday, and the grass has accelerated in growth, prompting an additional mowing of the racing lanes on Wednesday morning. The grass height is still over 6 inches. The entire racecourse is thick with lush, green grass. Mowing is completed and the racecourse will be ready to walk Thursday evening. Consistent readings were taken for both moisture and compaction.

Compaction: 88 (soft)
Moisture: 8.5 (average wet)

Winterthur

Compaction: 140 (firm)
Moisture: 4 (average dry)
We anticipate getting ¼" rain Saturday and we are arevating tomorrow with 4" tines.

Radnor Substitute Races

(Filly & Mare Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maiden Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 145 lbs.; older, 153 lbs. Entry fee \$250; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$50,000. Handicap Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 130 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 \$500; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Tuesday; \$500 additional to start.

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Note: These races will only be carded if one or more of the book races fail to attract a sufficient number of entries.

