

GENERAL RULES

1. All courses should be flagged on the Sunday prior to the meeting and no later than the Wednesday before.
2. All entries must be checked in with the race day secretary at least 1 hour prior to post time of the entered race. All entries failing to check in after the said time will automatically be scratched.
3. Entries that are not in the paddock at least 10 minutes prior to post time will automatically be scratched.
4. Horses are to be saddled in the paddock unless otherwise granted permission by the Paddock Judge.
5. Horses/ponies may only run in one race per meet.
6. All horses/ponies must present proof of a current negative coggins test on the day of the race.
7. Proper documentation, all dues, and entry fees must be paid before an entry will be given a number cloth.
8. Riders must wear either formal hunting attire or racing silks, unless otherwise specified. Protective vests, ASTM/NSA approved helmets, and over girths are strongly encouraged.
9. Racing (light) tack is permitted unless otherwise noted. Overgirths are mandatory.
10. All entered horses and riders are to have fairly hunted unless otherwise noted. Entries must present a validation of hunting certificate signed by the MFH of a hunt. Every horse and rider entered must have proof of having hunted a minimum of 2 times during the current hunting season (see condition book of r certification form). A horse must be out with hounds for a minimum of 2 hours to count as a hunting day.
11. Ponies will be measured the day of their first start. At the time a measurement card will be issued. This card is good for the duration of the racing year and must be presented whenever the pony is entered.
12. No race conditions shall be changed without the approval of the Stewards of that race meeting.
13. Races are to be run over fair hunting country, which may include water and road crossings.
14. Those wishing to obtain points for the NAPPA Series (all riders, owners, and trainers) must be current members of the NAPPA. Points will be counted only after membership fees have been paid.
15. No entry with outstanding debts with any NAPPA race meet may participate in the NAPPA Inter-Hunt Challenge until those accounts are settled.
16. All horses and riders are to be acceptable to the Race Committees, the Stewards, and the North American Point to Point Association. Individual meetings reserve the right to refuse any entry.
17. The Race Committees reserve the right to split, combine, change the order of, add, or cancel any race.
18. Races are to be combined or split upon adequate number of entries. No field may exceed 16 entries.
19. The NAPPA, Race Committees, all officials, and the owners of the properties on which the races are held assume no responsibility for injury or loss incurred by either participants or spectators and entries are accepted only under the conditions that the participants release them from any and all liability.
20. All owners, trainers, and riders agree to hold harmless the NAPPA, each respective Committee, all officials, and all landowners for any injuries, accidents and mishaps that might occur prior, during and following the races.
21. Workmen's Compensation or personal health insurance of all riders is strongly encouraged.
22. Stewards: Three stewards are to be present at each race meet.
23. The Stewards may scratch any horse or rider at their own discretion.
24. The Race Committees may vary the conditions or courses in any way that may seem in the best interests of the race meets.
25. In any situation that NAPPA rules do not cover, The National Steeplechase Association rules may be used as a guideline by the Stewards.
26. Any rider who falls will not be allowed to ride again that day until he or she is examined and cleared by the official physician who will advise the presiding NAPPA Steward. This Steward is responsible for granting, or denying permission to ride after a rider has fallen.
27. All riders must have reached their 16th birthday as of the first of the current year. (This rule does not apply to Junior and Pony Races.)
28. Horses must be entered and run under their registered names if they have one.
29. All allowances must be claimed at time of entry. Correct weights are the responsibility of the person making the entry.
30. Riders are responsible for their own lead pads and weights.
31. The NSA does not sanction point-to-points; therefore, results will have no effect on a horse's eligibility in sanctioned races.
32. Pre-race veterinary exams will be conducted.
33. The official veterinarian may recommend to the Stewards that an entry be scratched.
34. All riders wishing to qualify for the NAPPA Challenge Series must ride in the name of a hunt as recognized by the MFHA. All riders must be either a member of a MFHA hunt or approved by the MFHA Master under which hunt they will compete.
35. There will be a 5-pound mare allowance.

The NAPPA Challenge series is open to all fairly hunted horses of any breed. All racecourses are to be run over ground resembling hunting country, which may include water and road crossings.

In the best interest of the riders, NAPPA strongly urges participants to take the greatest safety precautions in racing attire and tack.