

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 19 September 2023

On Tuesday 19 September 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 14 September 2023 – 17 September 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Doncaster 15 September 2023

Race 5 – The Betfred Mallard Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Mark Winn, the rider of the winner, LEGENDARY DAY, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. Taking account that this was to be Winn's fourth offence suspension within the previous six months for using his whip above the permitted level, Winn was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Sandown 15 September 2023

Race 5 – The Christophe Duchamp Grand Mont Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Stefano Cherchi, the rider of MISTROSONFIRE, placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 October inclusive. One of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Lingfield Park 16 September 2023

Race 8 – The www.wathbastallions.com Handicap Stakes (ARO Race)

Miss Teagan Padgett, the rider of HERITAGE VADEL, unplaced, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of contention. She will be suspended for 5 days as follows: Wednesday 4, Friday 6, Monday 9, Monday 16, and Wednesday 18 October.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Adam Barker
Steve Drowne

Following riders' admissions of a breach of Rule (F)45, the following penalties were applied by the racecourse Stewards.

Chester 16 September 2023

Race 5 – The Camden Town Brewery Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

David Probert, the rider of the winner, URBAN OUTLOOK, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from the top of the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Probert has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Tuesday 19 September and Monday 2 October.

Doncaster 16 September 2023

Race 7 – The Hippo Pro 3 Sealant Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Clifford Lee, the rider of the winner, LIBERTY LANE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Lee has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Wednesday 20 September and Monday 2 October.