

**Whip Review Committee**  
**Decisions 21 March 2023**

On Tuesday 21 March 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 13 March 2023 – 19 March 2023 inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

**Taunton 13 March 2023**

**Race 4 – The William Hill Stayers Hurdle Top Price Guarantee Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3)**

Luca Morgan, the rider of the winner, BANGERS AND CASH (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from three fences out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Saturday 8 April.

**Race 6 – The William Hill Cheltenham Extra Places Every Day Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)**

Rex Dingle, the rider of DOYAINNE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond and in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 4 to Thursday 6 April inclusive and Saturday 8 to Wednesday 12 April inclusive.

**Plumpton 13 March 2023**

**Race 2 – The Phone Betting At Goodwin 08000 421321 Novices' Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)**

Dylan Kitts, the rider of the winner, BOLSOVER BILL (IRE), was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from after the second last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Saturday 8 April.

**Cheltenham 14 March 2023**

**Race 5 – The Close Brothers Mares' Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Registered as the David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle) (Grade 1) (GBB Race)**

Jonathan Burke, the rider of LOVE ENVOI (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place from after the final hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Saturday 8 April.

**Cheltenham 15 March 2023**

**Race 3 – The Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)**

J J Slevin, the rider of AN EPIC SONG (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once over the permitted level of seven, from turning in. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, Slevin's penalty in relation to above the permitted level was doubled and therefore he will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 4 to Thursday 6 April inclusive and Saturday 8 to Wednesday 12 April inclusive.

**Cheltenham 16 March 2023****Race 5 – The Magners Plate Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)**

Sean Bowen, the rider of FUGITIF (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place, from after the final fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Saturday 8 April.

**Cheltenham 17 March 2023****Race 2 – The McCoy Contractors County Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)**

Mr Freddie Gordon, the rider of HIGHWAY ONE O TWO (IRE), placed sixth, was found to have used his whip once over the permitted level of seven, from turning into the home straight. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, Gordon's penalty in relation to above the permitted level was doubled and therefore he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Wednesday 5 April, Saturday 8 April, Sunday 9 April, Monday 10 April, Tuesday 11 April, Wednesday 12 April, Thursday 13 and Sunday 16 April.

**Race 3 – The Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Grade 1) (Registered as the Spa Novices' Hurdle Race) (GBB Race)**

Harry Cobden, the rider of the winner, STAY AWAY FAY (IRE), was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height, from after the final flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Wednesday 5, Thursday 6, Saturday 8, and Sunday 9 April.

**Race 7 – The Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 2) (GBB Race)**

Lorcan Murtagh, the rider of MIGHT I (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once over the permitted level of seven, from just after turning in. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race, Murtagh's penalty in relation to above the permitted level was doubled and therefore he will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 4 to Thursday 6 April inclusive and Saturday 8 to Wednesday 12 April inclusive.

**Newcastle 18 March 2023****Race 4 – The Guinness Nitro Surge Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3) (Challenge Staying Chase Series Qualifier)**

Tom Midgeley, the rider of DONNA'S DOUBLE, placed fifth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from two fences out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Saturday 8 April.

**Panel**

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## **Flat Racing**

### **Newcastle 17 March 2023**

#### **Race 5 – THE TOP ODDS EVERY DAY WITH BETUK CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Laura Coughlan, the rider of the winner, HURT YOU NEVER (IRE), was found to have used her whip in the incorrect place inside the final furlong. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 4 April to Friday 7 April inclusive.

### **Wolverhampton 17 March 2023**

#### **Race 1 - THE SPREADEX SPORTS CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL OFFERS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV I)**

Frederick Larson, the rider of the winner, RED EVELYN, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 2 days from Tuesday 4 April and Wednesday 5 April.

#### **Race 8 - THE TOP ODDS EVERY DAY WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Mollie Phillips, the rider of POETIC FORCE (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used her whip down the shoulder in the forehand inside the final furlong. She will be suspended for 2 days from Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 April.

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