

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 28 February 2023

On Tuesday 28 February 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 20 February 2023 – 26 February 2023 inclusive. A summary of their findings are outlined below.

Carlisle 20 February 2023

Race 3 – The Campbell Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4) (Go North Monet's Garden Series Qualifier)

Conor O'Farrell, the rider of the winner, KNOCKNAMONA (IRE), was found to have used his whip once over the permitted level of seven, from the second last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 18 March to Tuesday 21 March inclusive.

Race 7 – The Cambridge Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5) (Go North Brindisi Breeze Series Qualifier)

William Shanahan, the rider of the winner, OUR SAM, was found to have used his whip twice over the permitted level of seven from the second last flight. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 14 March to Monday 20 March inclusive.

Lingfield Park 20 February 2023

Race 7 – The Sky Sports Racing Sky 415 Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Sam Twiston-Davies, the rider of SUPASUNRISE (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from after the third last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 18 March to Tuesday 21 March inclusive.

Market Rasen 21 February 2023

Race 2 – The Follow Us On Twitter @bethino Mares' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (Challenger Mares' Hurdle Series Qualifier)

Tom Cannon, the rider of PRESENTING A QUEEN, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from rounding the bend. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 18 March to Tuesday 21 March inclusive.

Taunton 21 February 2023

Race 7 – The Maurice Broadway 70th Birthday Celebration Open Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Miss Alice Proctor, the rider of GOLDEN POET (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of contention in the home straight. She will be suspended for 11 days as follows: Tuesday 14, Thursday 16, Friday 17, Sunday 19, Thursday 23, Friday 24, Sunday 26, and Thursday 30 March, and Monday 3, Wednesday 5, and Saturday 8 April.

Huntingdon 23 February 2023

Race 6 – The Bet at racingtv.com Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Mr Jamie Neild, the rider of DANCE AT NIGHT, placed fourth, was found have used his whip without regard to his mount's stride pattern, from the final flight. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Sunday 19, Thursday 23, Friday 24 and Sunday 26 March 2023.

Chepstow 25 February 2023

Race 3 – The Pertemps Network EMEA Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3) (Qualifier for The Challenger Two Mile Hurdle Series Final)

Fergus Gillard, the rider of NO NO TONIC, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven, from after the third last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 18 March to Tuesday 21 March inclusive.

Exeter 24 February 2023

Race 4 – The Virgin Bet Devon National Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3)

Philip Armson, the rider of the winner, GWENCILY BERBAS (FR), was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven, and without regard to his mount's stride pattern, from the third last fence. He will be suspended for 14 days from Tuesday 14 March to Monday 27 March inclusive. The Committee ordered that one of these days shall be spent at the British Racing School (or another BHA approved provider) for training. Taking into account the value of the race and that Armson's suspension was more than seven days, he will also be fined £650.

Newcastle 25 February 2023

Race 1 – The Fresh Approach at Vertem Mares' Open National Hunt Flat Race (Class 5) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB Race)

Mr James Turner, the rider of MAVIS PIKE, placed second, was found to have used his whip five times over the permitted level of seven, from two furlongs out. Taking into account that none of the uses were clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes, MAVIS PIKE was disqualified under Rule (L)47.11, and the placings revised as follows: First, ICI LA REINE (IRE); second, STORM SPIRIT; third, WOOGREY (IRE); fourth, FORCETA (IRE). Mr Turner will be suspended for 20 days as follows: Tuesday 14, Thursday 16, Friday 17, Sunday 19, Thursday 23, Friday 24, Sunday 26, and Thursday 30 March, and Monday 3, Wednesday 5, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Monday 10, Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12, Thursday 13, Sunday 16, Monday 17, Friday 21, Sunday 23 and Monday 24 April.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)

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Shaun Parker