



Summary Whip Data for 2023

The following sets out a summary of data around whip ride referrals and offences from the introduction of new rules in 2023 up until **31 December 2023**.

Summary:

- Total number of rides: 75,932
- Referrals to the Whip Review Committee: 686
- Breaches found: 594
- % of rides: **0.78%**

Offence type:

Offence	Breaches	% of all breaches
Above permitted level	381	64.14%
Without time to respond	105	17.68%
Incorrect place	29	4.88%
Above shoulder height	27	4.55%
Down shoulder in forehand	19	3.20%
Out of contention	17	2.86%
Excessive down shoulder	7	1.18%
Weal	4	0.67%
Clearly winning	3	0.51%

Excessive force 2 0.34%

76% (288) of the above permitted level breaches were one over the allowed limit (i.e. seven uses in a flat race or eight in a jump race). This equates to 48% of all whip offences under the new Rules in 2023.

Offences by licence type:

Licence type	Rides	Offences	Offence rate	% of total rides	% of total offences
All	75,932	594	0.78%	100%	100%
Fully professional	58,436	342	0.59%	76.96%	57.58%
Apprentice	9,479	98	1.03%	12.48%	16.50%
Conditional	4,889	73	1.49%	6.44%	12.29%
Amateur	2,007	53	2.64%	2.64%	8.92%
International	1,121	28	2.50%	1.48%	4.71%

Note: Fully Professional jockeys accounted for **77%** of rides but only **58%** of offences in this period.

There were **four** disqualifications in 2023:

- 14/02/2023 – LUNAR DISCOVERY (GB) finished 2/12 – 4 over
- 25/02/2023 – MAVIS PIKE (GB) finished 2/7 – 5 over
- 13/05/2023 – DESIGN PLAN (IRE) finished 5/9 – 5 over
- 23/11/2023 – MIXEDWAVE (IRE) finished 1/9 – 8 over