

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 10 January 2025 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards and their own independent review of races run from 06 January - 08 January 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Wolverhampton 07 January 2025:

Race 7 - The Extra Winnings With BetUK Acca Club Handicap (Class 5)

Hector Crouch, the rider of DARK MYSTERY (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond approximately one furlong out. Allowing for the fact that Crouch has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days; Friday 24 and Saturday 25 January 2025.

Newcastle 08 January 2025:

Race 1 - The Weekly Free Bets With BetMGM Extra Handicap (Class 5)

Adam Farragher, the rider of FIORELLA PRINCESS (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 24, Saturday 25, Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 January 2025.

Kempton Park 08 January 2025:

Race 5 - The Try Unibet's New Smartview Racecards Handicap (London Mile Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Marco Ghiani, the rider of BEAUTY GENERATION (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond inside the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that Ghiani has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days; Friday 24 and Saturday 25 January 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Sarah Ellison