

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 01 March 2024

On Friday 01 March 2024 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 for races run from 26 February 2024 – 28 February 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ayr 26 February 2024

Race 1 – THE NEW BET-IN-RACE WITH CORAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (Go North Monet's Garden Series Qualifier)

Henry Brooke, the rider of the winner, NIGHTS IN VENICE, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from having jumped the fourth last fence. Allowing for the fact that Brooke has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Saturday 16 to Monday 18 March inclusive.

Leicester 27 February 2024

Race 5 – THE JUMPING FOR FUN OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3)

Mr Josh Williamson, the rider of HARDLINE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height after the second last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 19, Thursday 21, Friday 22, and Monday 25 March.

Wincanton 28 February 2024

Race 6 - THE DICK AND SUE WOODHOUSE MEMORIAL HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5) (FOR THE DICK WOODHOUSE TROPHY)

Mr William Biddick, the rider of FAMOUS CLERMONT (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip without time to respond after the last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 19, Thursday 21, Friday 22, and Monday 25 March.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)
Sarah Ellison
Adrian Sharpe