

Whip Review Committee

Decisions 1 August 2023

On Tuesday 1 August 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 27 July 2023 – 30 July 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Worcester 27 July 2023

Race 6 – The Caerleon AFC Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Mr Tommie M O'Brien, the rider of the winner, CHAMP ROYAL (FR), 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 as follows: Tuesday 24, Thursday 26, and Friday 27 October, and Monday 6 November.

Great Yarmouth 27 July 2023

Race 4 – The William Hill Enhanced Odds Every Day Racing League Race 4 Handicap Stakes (Class 3) (For Horses trained by trainers registered to Racing League)

Sean Dylan Bowen, the rider of YANTARNI, placed fourth, 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 from Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 August inclusive.

Ascot 29 July 2023

Race 5 – The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Qipqo Stakes (Class 1) (Group 1) (British Champions Series)

Jim Crowley, the rider of the winner, HUKUM (IRE), was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 20 days as follows: Tuesday 15 to Monday 21 August, and Wednesday 23 August to Monday 4 September. Additionally, taking into account the class and value of the race, Crowley will be fined £10,000.

Rob Hornby, the rider of WESTOVER, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Hornby has had more than 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip offence mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was then doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 August inclusive.

Race 7 – The Betfred Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Marco Ghiani, the rider of MR MISTOFFELEES (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip when his mount was out of contention. Taking into account this and a deferred suspension following a previous referral to the Judicial Pane for 'totting up', he will be suspended for 13 days as follows: Tuesday 15 to Monday 21, and Wednesday 23 to Monday 28 August.

Newcastle 29 July 2023

Race 1 – The Aveika Apprentice Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Morgan Cole, the rider of the winner, TIFFANY (IRE), was found to have used her whip in the incorrect place. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 August inclusive.

Windsor 29 July 2023

Race 1 – The Racing League on Sky Sports Racing Apprentice Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Tyler Saunders, the rider of MAY SONIC, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 15 to Monday 21 August inclusive.

Uttoxeter 30 July 2023

Race 5 – The Amos Vincent Frederick Clarke Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Charlie Todd, the rider of the winner, RON BURGUNDY (IRE), was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height and with excessive force. He will be suspended for 12 days as follows: Saturday 19, Monday 21, Tuesday 22, Thursday 24, Saturday 26, Monday 28, Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 August, and Friday 1, Saturday 2, and Sunday 3 September.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Georgina Cartwright
Adrian Sharpe