

**Whip Review Committee**  
**Decisions 2 January 2024**

On Tuesday 2 January 2024 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 28 December – 31 December 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

**Kelso 28 December 2023**

**Race 7 – The AJA Amateur Jockeys’ Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4) (Challenger Staying Chase Series Qualifier)**

Mr Gregor Walkingshaw, the rider of CAMP BELAN (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height and with excessive force. He will be suspended for 9 days as follows: Thursday 18, Monday 22, Friday 26, and Monday 29 January, and Thursday 1, Saturday 3, Wednesday 7, Friday 9, and Thursday 15 February.

**Newbury 30 December 2023**

**Race 5 – The Coral Mandarin Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3)**

Kielan Woods, the rider of BANGERS AND CASH (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from three fences out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 January inclusive.

**Race 6 – The Coral Challow Novices’ Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Grade 1) (GBB Race)**

Jack Quinlan, the rider of LOOKAWAY (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the first hurdle in the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Quinlan has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach 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 doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 January inclusive.

**Race 7 – The Coral Get Closer to the Action Novices’ Limited Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3) (GBB Race)**

Kielan Woods, the rider of the winner, HENRY’S FRIEND (IRE), was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven from after the third last fence. Taking into account that this was to be Woods’ fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Woods was referred to the Judicial Panel.

**Taunton 30 December 2023**

**Race 5 – The Racing TV 100% Profits Back to Racing Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3)**

Mr Ben Sutton, the rider of BALLYDISCO (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Thursday 18, Monday 22, Friday 26, and Monday 29 January

### **Wolverhampton 30 December 2023**

#### **Race 6 – The Boost Your Acca-Fenwa With BetUK Handicap Stakes (Class 5)**

Dougie Costello, the rider of the winner, PEPSI CAT (IRE), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 16 to Monday 22 January inclusive.

### **Lingfield Park 31 December 2023**

#### **Race 4 – The BetUK Quebec Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)**

Jack Mitchell, the rider of the winner, TYRRHENIAN SEA (IRE), was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 January inclusive.

#### **Panel**

Sam Angell (Chair)  
Georgina Cartwright  
Richard Westropp

**Following riders' admissions of a breach of Rule (F)45, the following penalties were applied by the racecourse Stewards.**

**Taunton 30 December 2023**

**Race 5 – The Racing TV 100% Profits Back to Racing Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3)**

Paul O'Brien, the rider of GAME WINNER (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the second last flight. Allowing for the fact that O'Brien has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 January.