

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 2 April 2024

On Tuesday 2 April 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 23 March 2024 – 31 March 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Doncaster 23 March 2024

Race 5 – The William Hill Lincoln (Heritage Handicap) (Class 2)

David Egan, the rider of the winner, MR PROFESSOR (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 April inclusive.

Newcastle 26 March 2024

Race 6 – The Quinnbet Acca Bonus Novices' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Derek Fox, the rider of the winner, CLOVIS BOY, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the final flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 April inclusive.

Fontwell Park 28 March 2024

Race 4 – The Daily Price Boosts at Yeeehaaa.Bet Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

James Davies, the rider of the winner, AWORKINPROGRESS (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from rounding the home bend. Allowing for the fact that Davies 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: Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 April.

Newcastle 29 March 2024

Race 2 – The Betuk All-Weather Championships Marathon Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Oisin Murphy, the rider of VAGUELY ROYAL (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Murphy has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 2 race worth £150,000, the penalty in relation to above the permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 6 days as follows: Friday 12 and Saturday 13 April and Monday 15 to Thursday 18 April inclusive.

Chelmsford City 29 March 2024

Race 4 – The bet365 Best Odds Guaranteed Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Jack Gilligan, the rider of the winner, MERRIJIG, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from entering the home straight. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 16 to Monday 22 April inclusive.

Market Rasen 31 March 2024

Race 2 – The Ferry Ales Brewery Mares' Maiden Hurdle Race (Class 4) (GBB Race)

Brian Hughes, the rider of the winner, PITWOOD ROAD, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 April inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)
Georgina Cartwright
Shaun Parker