

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 4 July 2023

On Tuesday 4 July 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 29 June 2023 – 2 July 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Leicester 29 June 2023

Race 3 – The Hope – Sponsored by Hilton – Jo Metcalf Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)

Kyle Strydom, the rider of ALL ABOUT ALICE (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 18 to Monday 24 July inclusive.

Race 7 – The Hope – Sponsored by Nucleus NR Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Dougie Costello, the rider of I STILL HAVE FAITH, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 July inclusive or will spend a day receiving training.

Jefferson Smith, the rider of GOING TO THE MOON (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip twice down the shoulder in the forehand and without giving his mount time to respond from approximately three furlongs out. He will be suspended for 11 days from Tuesday 18 to Friday 28 July inclusive.

Hamilton 29 June 2023

Race 1 – The Change Mental Health Saints & Sinners Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (For the Saints and Sinners Challenge Cup)

Mr Thomas Easterby, the rider of the winner, TWO AULD PALS (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Wednesday 19, Tuesday 25, Thursday 27, Friday 28 July.

Doncaster 30 June 2023

Race 2 – The Doncaster Supporting Racing Staff Week Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Duran Fentiman, the rider of the winner, GOLDEN DUKE, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand from approaching the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 July inclusive.

Race 6 – The Celebrating Racing's Workforce Fillies' Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

David Allan, the rider of STRANGERONTHESHORE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 July inclusive.

Race 7 – The #weareracing Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Zak Wheatley, the rider of the winner, RWENEARLYTHEREDAD, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six and in the incorrect place from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 11 days from Wednesday 19 to Saturday 29 July inclusive.

Lingfield Park 1 July 2023

Race 1 – The Janet Gibbs Memorial Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Shane Kelly, the rider of the winner, ROBUSTO (IRE), was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 July inclusive.

Race 6 – The Follow @attheraces on Twitter Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Jefferson Smith, the rider of INVERINATE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place from approaching the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 29 July to Tuesday 1 August inclusive.

Uttoxeter 2 July 2023

Race 2 – The bet365 Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Robert Dunne, the rider of SIR TIVO (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from the second last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Wednesday 19, Thursday 20, Saturday 22, and Sunday 23 July.

Cartmel 2 July 2023

Race 2 – The Oakmere Homes Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Denis O'Regan, the rider of the winner, FIVEONEFIVE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the final flight. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20, Saturday 22, Sunday 23, Monday 24, Tuesday 25, Thursday 27 July.

Joe Anderson, the rider of TROLLEY BOY, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the final flight. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20, Saturday 22, Sunday 23, Monday 24, Tuesday 25, Thursday 27 July.

Panel

Shaun Parker (Chair)
Sarah Ellison
Richard Westropp