

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 6 February 2024

On Tuesday 6 February 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 31 January 2024 – 4 February 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Exeter 31 January 2024

Race 1 – The Exeter Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

Elizabeth Gale, the rider of ROYAL JEWEL, placed second, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of seven from the third last flight and in the incorrect place. She will be suspended for 11 days from Tuesday 20 February to Friday 1 March inclusive.

Lingfield Park 2 February 2024

Race 4 – The Boost Your Acca at BetMGM Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Thomas Greatrex, the rider of CLAXTON BAY, unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 February inclusive.

Newcastle 2 February 2024

Race 6 – The BetUK. Home of the Acca-Fenwa Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Tommie Jakes, the rider of BERNIE THE BEAR (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Jakes' fifth suspension within the previous six months for a breach of the whip rules, Jakes was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Wetherby 3 February 2024

Race 2 – The Vickers.bet Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3)

Richard Patrick, the rider of the winner, EATON COLLINA (IRE), was found to have used his whip when his mount was clearly winning. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 February inclusive.

Wolverhampton 3 February 2024

Race 7 – The Boost Your Acca at BetMGM Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Paddy Mathers, the rider of the winner, BERKSHIRE PHANTOM (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 February inclusive.

Kempton Park 3 February 2024

Race 2 – The Unibet More Boosts in More Races Restricted Maiden Stakes (Class 5) (For horses in Bands C and D) (GBB Race)

Georgia Dobie, the rider of SENSITIVE KIND, unplaced, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of contention. She will be suspended for 5 days from Tuesday 20 to Saturday 24 February inclusive.

Musselburgh 4 February 2024

Race 4 – The Pertemps Network Group Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 2) (Pertemps Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB Race)

Jonjo O'Neill Jr, the rider of SPRINGWELL BAY, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the second last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 February inclusive.

Newcastle 4 February 2024

Race 6 – The Boost Your Acca-Fenwa With BetUK Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Billy Loughnane, the rider of CUBANISTA, placed third, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 February inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Richard Fuller
Adrian Sharpe.

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

Wolverhampton 3 February 2024

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

Joshua Bryan, the rider of STOLEN ENCOUNTER, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from entering the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 17 to Tuesday 20 February inclusive.