Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 02 May 2025 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 run from 30 April – 04 May 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 30 April 2025:

Race 3 - THE BLOOMFIELDS HORSEBOXES HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Elle May Croot, the rider of LENDIKOV, placed third, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six from rounding the home bend. She will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 20 to Saturday 24 May inclusive and Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 May.

Southwell 01 May 2025:

Race 1 - THE GOLF AND GALLOP APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBBPLUS RACE)

Warren Fentiman, the rider of ROBUSTO (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Fentiman has had more than 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 May.

Chelmsford 01 May 2025:

Race 4 - THE bet365 CHELMER FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 1) (Listed Race)

Dylan Brown McMonagle, the rider of the winner, LADY WITH THE LAMP (IRE) was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one furlong 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 8 days as follows: Tuesday 20 to Saturday 24 May inclusive and Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 May inclusive.

Cheltenham 02 May 2025:

Race 3 - THE JUNIOR JUMPERS OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

Mr James King, the rider of GLENMOUNT (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the second last. Allowing for the fact that King has had more than 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days as follows: Tuesday 20, Sunday 25 and Monday 26 May.

Race 6 - THE BROOKLANDS WATCHES GOLDEN MILLER CHRONOGRAPH OPEN HUNTERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4)

Mr Henry Bailey, the rider of FRONTAL ASSAULT, which later pulled up, was found to have used his whip when his mount was out of contention. He will be suspended for 5 days as follows: Tuesday 20, Sunday 25, Monday 26, Wednesday 28 and Friday 30 May.

Thirsk 03 May 2025:

Race 4 - THE LADBROKES THIRSK HUNT CUP HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Kevin Stott, the rider of HI ROYAL (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 20 to Saturday 24 May and Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 May.

Uttoxeter 03 May 2025:

Race 5 - THE 1664 BIERE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Stan Sheppard, the rider of TUNE IN A BOX (IRE), placed second, 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 from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 May inclusive.

Hexham 03 May 2025:

Race 5 - THE NEIGH WAY LAURA STEWART'S 60 HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Alan Doyle, the rider of the winner, CAVE HILL, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the last. He will be suspended for 4 days as from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 May inclusive.

Doncaster 03 May 2025:

Race 7 - THE attheraces.com/marketmovers HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

William Pyle, the rider of QUIRKE ON PAROLE, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 May inclusive.

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