

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 6 October 2023

On Friday 6th October 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 2 October – 4 October 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newcastle 2 October 2023

Race 4 – The Join Vickers, bet Racing Club EBF Fillies' Restricted Novice Stakes (Class 5) (for horses in Bands C and D) (GBB Race)

Sam James, the rider of VINTAGE LOVE, placed second, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 20, Monday 23, Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 October.

Ayr 3 October 2023

Race 4 – The Virgin Bet Handicap Stakes (Class 3)

Jason Watson, the rider of AUTUMN FESTIVAL, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 20, Monday 23, Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 October.

Panel

Shaun Parker (Chair)
Steve Drowne
Richard Fuller

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

Newcastle 2 October 2023

Race 3 – The Vickers, bet Weekly Free Bet Club Handicap Stakes (Class 3)

Billy Loughnane, the rider of CONCORDE, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Loughnane has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Friday 6 and Tuesday 17 October.

Sedgefield 3 October 2023

Race 7 – The Paxtons Supporting With Peregrine Finance Open National Hunt Flat Race (Class 5) (Category 1 Elimination) (Go North Jodami Series Qualifier) (GBB Race)

Thomas Dowson, the rider of TOMMY TIME (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Dowson has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 October inclusive.