

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 7 May 2024

On Tuesday 7 May 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 2 May 2024 – 5 May 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Lingfield 2 May 2024

Race 2 – The Get Raceday Ready Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

David Probert, the rider of RABINAL, unplaced, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position, and without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25, and Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 May.

Goodwood 3 May 2024

Race 5 – The William Hill Epic Boost Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Callum Hutchinson, the rider of KING'S LYNN, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Hutchinson 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: Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 May.

Joe Leavy, the rider of DREAM COMPOSER (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 May inclusive.

Cheltenham 3 May 2024

Race 1 – The Congratulations Keith And Michelle Smith Open Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Mr Bradley Gibbs, the rider of FIER JAGUEN (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from after the final fence. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 21, Sunday 26, Monday 27, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30, and Friday 31 May, and Saturday 1 June.

Mr Frederick Philipson-Stow, the rider of the winner, A JET OF OUR OWN (IRE), was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven from rounding the final bend. He will be suspended for 10 days as follows: Tuesday 21, Sunday 26, Monday 27, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30, and Friday 31 May, and Saturday 1, Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26, and Friday 28 June.

Race 2 – The Holland Cooper Intermediate Point-To-Point Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 4)

Mr Huw Edwards, the rider of the winner, ISKANDER PECOS (FR), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 21, Sunday 26, Monday 27, and Wednesday 29 May.

Race 5 – The Cheltenham And South West Racing Club Mares' Open Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 4)

Mr Charlie Sprake, the rider of DAISY YEATS, which later fell, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 21, Sunday 26, Monday 27, and Wednesday 29 May.

Goodwood 4 May 2024

Race 4 – The British Stallion Studs Ebf Daisy Warwick Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)

R P Whelan, the rider of the winner, GATHER YE ROSEBUDS, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 May inclusive.

Thirsk 4 May 2024

Race 3 – The Vickers.Bet Thirsk Hunt Cup Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

James Sullivan, the rider of the winner, TITAN ROCK, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25, and Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 May, he was also fined £450.

Uttoxeter 4 May 2024

Race 4 – The Carlsberg Marston's Staffordshire Plate Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Brendan Powell, the rider of the winner, IMPERIAL ALEX (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the third last fence. Allowing for the fact that Powell has had over 175 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 May.

Salisbury 5 May 2024

Race 1 – The Kingsclere Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Miss Lauren Frost, the rider of AMAYSMONT, placed second, was found to have used her whip without giving her mount time to respond. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 28, and Thursday 30 May, and Friday 7, and Wednesday 12 June.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)
Adam Barker
Shaun Parker