

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 08 April 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 03 April 2025 – 06 April 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Plumpton 03 April 2025:

Race 4 - The BetGoodwin Supports Jamie's Farm Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Marc Goldstein, the rider of the winner BALLINTARA (IRE), was found to have used his whip when his mount was clearly winning. Allowing for the fact that Goldstein has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 April 2025.

Aintree 03 April 2025:

Race 5 - Radox Foxhunters' Open Hunters' Chase (Class 2)

Miss Ellie Callwood the rider of BOTHWELL BRIDGE (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of contention from jumping the last fence. She will be suspended for 14 days as follows: Wednesday 23 and Friday 25 April, Friday 02, Wednesday 07, Saturday 10, Wednesday 14, Friday 16, Tuesday 20, Sunday 25, Monday 26, Wednesday 28 and Friday 30 May, and Sunday 01 June 2025. She will also spend a further day receiving specialised coaching.

Mr Charlie Mullins, the rider of ONTHEROPES (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond after jumping the third last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Wednesday 23 and Friday 25 April, and Friday 02 and Wednesday 07 May 2025.

Mr Huw Edwards, the rider of the winner GRACCHUS DE BALME (FR), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on two occasions on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Wednesday 23 and Friday 25 April, and Friday 02, Wednesday 07, Saturday 10, Wednesday 14 and Friday 16 May 2025.

Race 7 - The Goffs Nickel Coin Mares' Standard Open National Hunt Flat Race (Grade 2) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

W.J Lee, the rider of the winner SEO LINN (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 April 2025, inclusive.

Aintree 05 April 2025:

Race 5 - The Radox Grand National Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Mr Patrick Mullins, the rider of the winner NICK ROCKETT (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the final fence. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will

be suspended for 8 days as follows Wednesday 23 and Friday 25 April, Friday 02, Wednesday 07, Saturday 10, Wednesday 14, Friday 16 and Tuesday 20 May 2025.

Ffos Las 06 April 2025:

Race 7 - The DragonBet Sponsors Alan Johns Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Alan Johns, the rider of the winner, BUMPY EVANS (IRE), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 22 to Saturday 26 April, inclusive and Saturday 03 and Monday 05 May.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Adam Barker