

**Whip Review Committee**  
**Decisions 9 January 2024**

On Tuesday 9 January 2024 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 4 January 2024 – 7 January 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

**Musselburgh 5 January 2024**

**Race 3 – The New tote Multiples Only On-Course Novices' Limited Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3) (GBB Race)**

Mr Alex Chadwick, the rider of GROZNI (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from after the fourth last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Friday 26, and Monday 29 January, and Thursday 1, Saturday 3, Wednesday 7, Friday 9, and Thursday 15 February.

**Race 7 – The tote.co.uk Back to Work Monday Open National Hunt Flat Race (Class 4) (Go North Jodami Series Qualifier) (GBB Race)**

Ben Harvey, the rider of the winner, LIEUTENANT MAYNE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the wings of the third last. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 January inclusive.

**Wolverhampton 5 January 2024**

**Race 1 – The Build Your Acca With BetUK Apprentice Handicap Stakes (Class 6)**

Mark Winn, the rider of MUHALHEL (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. As Winn was referred to the Judicial Panel on 15 September 2023 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 8 days imposed by the Panel in the event of a further whip breach within the next 6 months was triggered. Therefore, Winn will be suspended for 12 days from Tuesday 23 to Saturday 27 January and Monday 29 to Sunday 4 February.

**Wincanton 6 January 2024**

**Race 3 – The Virgin Bet Daily Extra Places Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3)**

Harry Kimber, the rider of PRINCE QUALI (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the third last fence. Allowing for the fact that Kimber has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation in respect of the above permitted level penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 January inclusive.

**Race 4 – The Virgin Bet Every Saturday Monday Back Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)**

Will Featherstone, the rider of STAREVITCH (FR), which was later pulled up, was found to have used his whip when out of contention. He will be suspended for 5 days from Tuesday 23 to Saturday 27 January inclusive.

**Panel**

Sam Angell (Chair)  
Georgina Cartwright  
Richard Westropp

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

**Southwell 6 January 2024**

**Race 6 – The Best Racing Odds Guaranteed At BetMGM Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)**

Luke Catton, the rider of the winner, DYNAMIC TALENT, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Catton 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: Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 January.