

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 9 February 2024

On Friday 9 February 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 5 February 2024 – 7 February 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Lingfield Park 5 February 2024

Race 5 – The Boost Your Acca-Fenwa With BetUK Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

The winner, MASQOOL (IRE), was found to have minor weals post-race. Joe Leavy was suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 23, Saturday 24, Monday 26, and Tuesday 27 February.

Market Rasen 6 February 2024

Race 3 – The Trustatrader Fully Vetted Tradespeople Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Harriet Tucker, the rider of FAST DEAL, unplaced, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of contention on three occasions. She will be suspended for 8 days from Friday 23 February to Friday 1 March inclusive.

Stephen Mulqueen, the rider of PARISH STAR (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip when his mount was out of contention on two occasions. He will be suspended for 5 days from Friday 23 to Tuesday 27 February inclusive.

Wolverhampton 6 February 2024

Race 3 – The Stay Golden with BetMGM Safer Gambling Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Hector Crouch, the rider of LOCAL MUSIC (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 23, Saturday 24, Monday 26, and Tuesday 27 February.

Sedgefield 7 February 2024

Race 6 – The Betting.Bet Free Bets Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5) (Go North Cab on Target Series Qualifier)

Charlie Hammond, the rider of JUBILEE GOLD (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on two occasions. He will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 23 February to Thursday 29 February inclusive.

Kempton Park 7 February 2024

Race 4 – The Unibet Zer0% Mission Handicap Stakes (Class 2) (London Mile Series Qualifier)

Lewis Edmunds, the rider of TOP SECRET, unplaced, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 23, Saturday 24, Monday 26, and Tuesday 27 February.

Sam Angell (Chair)
Adam Barker
Steve Drowne

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

Southwell 5 February 2024

Race 4 – The Bet £10 and Get £40 at BetMGM Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Jack Doughty, the rider of the winner, HAWAJES (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Monday 19 to Thursday 22 February inclusive.