

Whip Review Committee Decisions 10 December 2024:

On Tuesday 10 December 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 05 December – 08 December 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Market Rasen 05 December 2024:

Race 6 - The Blog.Rhino.Bet For Betting Insight Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Harry Bannister, the rider of the winner CARO DE FLOS (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven after jumping the third last fence. Allowing for the fact that Bannister has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days as follows: Thursday 27, Sunday 29 and Monday 30 December 2024.

Exeter 06 December 2024:

Race 1 - The JCB Tele-Handler Pony Racing Authority Graduates Handicap Hurdle (Ridden In PRA Pony Races) (Class 5)

Megan Bevan, the rider of SINDABELLA (FR), placed third, was found to have used her whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with her hands off the reins after jumping the second last. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Sunday 29 December 2024, Wednesday 01, Thursday 02 and Saturday 04 of January 2025.

Race 6 - The JCB Hydrogen Handicap Chase (Class 3)

Lucy Gardner, the rider of DARING PLAN (IRE), which was later pulled up, was found to have used her whip without giving her mount time to respond on two separate occasions from rounding the home bend. She will be suspended for 7 days from Thursday 26 December 2024– Wednesday 01 January 2025, inclusive.

Wetherby 07 December 2024:

Race 6 - The Book William Hill Christmas Meeting Online Handicap Chase (Go North Red Rum Series Qualifier) (Class 4)

Derek Fox, the rider of WAL BUCK'S (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last fence. Allowing for the fact that Fox 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; Friday 27 and Sunday 29 December 2024.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Sarah Ellison