

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 11 July 2023

On Tuesday 11 July 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 6 July 2023 – 9 July 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Haydock Park 6 July 2023

Race 1 – The Yale Fillies' Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Graham Lee, the rider of READY TO SHINE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 July inclusive.

Race 6 – The Eurocall Grow With Us Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Oisin Orr, the rider of SLIPPING JIMMY (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 July inclusive.

Newbury 6 July 2023

Race 8 – The BetVictor Race Series Cup Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Kevin Stott, the rider of the winner, RANGER THUNDERBOLT (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately four furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 July inclusive.

Beverley 7 July 2023

Race 7 – The Churchill Tyres Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)

Laura Coughlan, the rider of THE MUFFIN MAN (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. She will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 25 to Monday 31 July inclusive.

Haydock Park 8 July 2023

Race 3 – The bet365 Lancashire Oaks (Class 1) (Group 2)

Sam James, the rider of the winner, POPTRONIC, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Taking into account this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 25 July to Tuesday 1 August inclusive.

Leicester 8 July 2023

Race 3 – The Marks Electrical Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Isobel Francis, the rider of FLOWER OF THUNDER (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 July inclusive.

Market Rasen 9 July 2023

Race 6 – The Mal & Mo Fox Memorial Vase Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Alex Edwards, the rider of FINALSHOT, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven, and down the shoulder in the forehand. He will be suspended for 11 days as follows: Tuesday 25, Thursday 27, Friday 28, Sunday 30, and Monday 31 July, and Tuesday 1 to Friday 4, Sunday 6, and Saturday 19 August.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)

Adam Barker

Shaun Parker