

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 12 March 2024

On Tuesday 12 March 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 7 March 2024 – 10 March 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Exeter 8 March 2023

Race 5 – The Keystone Group Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Lorcan Williams, the rider of the winner, BAMPTON STAR, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the fourth last fence. Allowing for the fact that Williams has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 March inclusive.

Hereford 9 March 2024

Race 1 – The Betting.Bet Horse Racing Tips Aggregator Maiden Hurdle Race (Class 4) (GBB Race)

James Bowen, the rider of the winner, INOUI MACHIN (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Bowen has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 March inclusive.

Chelmsford City 9 March 2024

Race 6 – The Sudbury Sapphires Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Franny Norton, the rider of WADACRE GRACE, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 March inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)
Steve Drowne
Gregory Pearson

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

Newcastle 7 March 2024

Race 3 – The BetUK. It's Where the UK Bets Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Elle-May Croot, the rider of the winner, BROXI (IRE), was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact that Croot has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, she will be suspended for 3 days from Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 March inclusive.