Whip Review Committee Decisions 12 April 2024

On Friday 12 April 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 8 April 2024 – 10 April 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newcastle 8 April 2024

Race 8 - The Download The Raceday Ready App "Confined" Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (For Horses With No Win Since 2023 Flat Turf Season) (Div II)

Andrew Breslin, the rider of the winner, SMALLEYTIME (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact that Breslin has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 April inclusive.

Thirsk 9 April 2024

Race 4 - The The Water Moon Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)

Kieran O'Neill, the rider of YAZAMAN (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that O'Neill has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 April inclusive.

Wolverhampton 10 April 2024

Race 8 – The Tips for Every Race At Raceday-Ready.Com Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)

Jason Watson, the rider of BERNARD SPIERPOINT, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 26 to Monday 29 April inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair) Georgina Cartwright Gregory Pearson