

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 12 September 2023

On Tuesday 12 September 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 7 September 2023 – 10 September 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Carlisle 7 September 2023

Race 3 – The Trustatrader Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Andrew Mullen, the rider of WEE FAT MAC, 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 Mullen has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days; Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 September.

Race 5 – The Newlands Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Laura Coughlan, the rider of SHANAZ (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. Considering that this was to be Coughlan's fifth suspension within the previous six months for a breach of the whip rules, Coughlan was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Ascot 8 September 2023

Race 6 – The Palmer and Co Champagne Handicap Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Stefano Cherchi, the rider of the winner, DAYSOFOURLIVES (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on two occasions. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 26 September to Monday 2 October inclusive.

Newcastle 8 September 2023

Race 2 – The Mott Macdonald Bentley Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Ben Robinson, the rider of ELSHAAMEQ, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 September inclusive.

Thirsk 9 September 2023

Race 8 – The Follow @bresbet on Twitter Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Aiden Brookes, the rider of MYBOYMAX (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Brookes has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days; Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 September inclusive.

Panel

Shaun Parker
Georgina Cartwright
Richard Westropp

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

Wolverhampton 7 September 2023

Race 3 – The William Hill Bet-In-Running Racing League Race 31 Handicap Stakes (Class 4) (for horses trained by trainers registered to Racing League)

Dylan Browne McMonagle, the rider of PJANOO, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 September inclusive.

Ascot 8 September 2023

Race 4 – The LK Bennett Lady Amateur Jockeys Handicap Stakes (Class 4) (For female amateur jockeys)

Miss Megan Jordan, the rider of DOUBLE TIME, placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 12 September, and Sunday 1, Monday 2, and Wednesday, 4 October.

Newcastle 8 September 2023

Race 8 – The Northumbrian Water & Wateraid Partners Since 1981 Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Andrew Elliott, the rider of MR STRUTTER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 22 to Monday 25 September inclusive.

Stratford-On-Avon 9 September 2023

Race 4 – The Lee Pollard 60th Birthday Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

Charlie Hammond, the rider of FULL OF LIGHT (IRE), placed fourth, 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 Hammond has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days; Sunday 24 and Monday 25 September.

Ascot 9 September 2023

Race 7 – The National Racehorse Week Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Oliver Searle, the rider of WOOLHAMPTON (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 23 to Tuesday 26 September inclusive.

Wolverhampton 9 September 2023

Race 6 – The At The Races App Expert Tips Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Jonathan Fisher, the rider of GUSTAV GRAVES, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final furlong and a half. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 23 to Tuesday 26 September inclusive.

York 10 September 2023

Race 5 – The BetGoodwin Garrowby Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)

Alistair Rawlinson, the rider of JUAN LES PINS, 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 Rawlinson has had more than 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the

above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 6 days from Sunday 24 to Friday 29 September inclusive.

Race 6 – The Hanson Springs 60th Anniversary Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Jonny Peate, the rider of the winner, ANITO BONITA, 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 Peate has had more than 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days; Sunday 24 and Monday 25 September.