

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 13 February 2024

On Tuesday 13 February 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 February 2024 – 11 February 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Wolverhampton 9 February 2024

Race 3 – The Build Your Acca With BetUK Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)

Molly Gunn, the rider of DOC SPORTELLO (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. She will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 27 February to Monday 4 March inclusive.

Newbury 10 February 2024

Race 5 – The Betfair Hurdle Race (Handicap) (Class 1) (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)

Miss Heidi Palin, the rider of FAIVOIR (FR), placed fifth, was found to have used her whip three times above the permitted level of seven from after the second last fence. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race the penalty was doubled; therefore she will be suspended for 20 days as follows: Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 February, Monday 4, Wednesday 6, Friday 8, Monday 11, Tuesday 12, Thursday 14, Friday 15, Tuesday 19, Thursday 21, Friday 22, Monday 25, Wednesday 27, and Sunday 31 March, and Tuesday 2, Thursday 4, Sunday 7, Thursday 11, and Monday 15 April.

Exeter 11 February 2024

Race 2 – The TrustaTrader Apply Today British Studs EBF 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle Race (Class 2) (Qualifier) (GBB Race)

Mr Jamie Neild, the rider of JOSH THE BOSS, placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning in. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 February, Monday 4 and Wednesday 6 March.

Shaun Parker (Chair)
Georgina Cartwright
Adrian Sharpe

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

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Race 6 – The BetUK. It's Where the UK Bets Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Tyler Saunders, the rider of WAY OF LIFE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from three furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Saturday 24, and Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 February.