

**Whip Review Committee**  
**Decisions 13 October 2023**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 9 October – 11 October 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

**Pontefract 9 October 2023**

**Race 3 – The Leslie Burton (Fisher) Handicap Stakes (Class 4)**

David Allan, the rider of the winner, MOUNT KING (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Allan's fifth suspension for a breach of Rule (F)45 within the previous six months, Allan was referred to the Judicial Panel.

**Wolverhampton 9 October 2023**

**Race 1 – The Free Tips Daily on attheraces.com Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Stakes (Class 5) (Div II)**

Mr Ned Sangster, the rider of STRAWBERRY JACK, unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Monday 30 October, Wednesday 1 November, Thursday 2 November, and Friday 10 November.

Mr Shay Halton, the rider of CARACRISTI, unplaced, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Monday 30 October, Wednesday 1 November, Thursday 2 November, and Friday 10 November.

**Leicester 10 October 2023**

**Race 6 – The Kube – Leicester's Premier Event Hire Venue Handicap Stakes (Class 3)**

Raul Da Silva, the rider of KITSUNE POWER (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Friday 27, Saturday 28, Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 October, and Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 and Friday 3 November. One of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

**Panel**

Sam Angell (Chair)  
Sarah Ellison  
Richard Westropp

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

**Kempton Park 11 October 2023**

**Race 9 – The Racing TV Handicap Stakes (Class 6)**

Marco Ghiani, the rider of NO NEWS (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact that Ghiani 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; Wednesday 25, Thursday 26, and Friday 27 October.