

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 14 March 2025 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 run from 10 March 2025 – 12 March 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Cheltenham 11 March 2025:

Race 1 - The Michael O'Sullivan Supreme Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Sean Flanagan, the rider of WILLIAM MUNNY (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 28 to Monday 31 March 2025, inclusive.

Race 3 - The Ultima Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Rachael Blackmore, the rider of THE SHORT GO (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last fence. Allowing for the fact that Blackmore has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied but as this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, she will be suspended for 6 days from Friday 28 March to Wednesday 02 April 2025, inclusive.

Race 6 - The Hallgarten And Novum Wines Juvenile Handicap Hurdle (Registered As Fred Winter) (Premier Hcap) (GBB) (Class 1)

T.P Harney, the rider of SLURRICANE (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle and was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from jumping the last hurdle. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 12 days from Friday 28 March and Tuesday 08 April 2025, inclusive.

Southwell 11 March 2025:

Race 1 - The BetMGM: It's Showtime Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (Class 5)

Mr Curtis Wilson-Ruddock, the rider of TIMETOBENICE, unplaced was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows Friday 28, Sunday 30, Monday 31 March and Wednesday 02 April 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Phillip Spottiswood

On Friday 14 March 2025 the Whip Review Committee considered the referral of Mr Bradley Gibbs for a potential breach of Regulation 123 of the British Horseracing Authority Regulations for Point-To-Point Steeple Chases by the Didmarton Stewards.

Didmarton 01 March 2025:

Race 2 – Restricted race

Mr Bradley Gibbs, the rider of the winner, CROCODILE LOUNGE (IRE), was found to have used his whip 8 times above the permitted level of seven from after the third last fence and to have used the whip in the incorrect place. CROCODILE LOUNGE (IRE) was disqualified under Regulation 123 (vi) and the placings were revised accordingly. First: PERRYVILLE (IRE), Second: DESERT FORTUNE (IRE), Third: QUEENHILL, Fourth: DAISY YEATS. Gibbs was fined £400.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Phillip Spottiswood