

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 14 May 2024

On Tuesday 14 May 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 9 May 2024 – 12 May 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Brighton 9 May 2024

Race 1 – The Download The AK Bets App Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Phil Dennis, the rider of the winner, A PINT OF BEAR (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Dennis 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 as follows: Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 May inclusive.

Race 3 – The AK Bets Watch All Uk Racing Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

George Rooke, the rider of ALJADEL (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Rooke has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 May.

Race 5 – The AK Bets Best Price Premier League Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Ethan Jones, the rider of ADACE, placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Jones 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 Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 May inclusive.

Ripon 10 May 2024

Race 4 – The Traditional Family Day Sunday 19th May Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Duran Fentiman, the rider of HAPPIER (IRE), placed fifth, 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 Fentiman has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 May.

Haydock Park 11 May 2024

Race 5 – The Pertemps Network Spring Trophy Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)

Joshua Bryan, the rider of the winner, SHARTASH (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. 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 8 days as follows: Tuesday 28 May to Tuesday 4 June inclusive.

Ascot 11 May 2024

Race 7 – The Peroni Nastro Azzurro 0.0% Blue Ribbon Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Lewis Edmunds, the rider of STARPROOF (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Edmunds 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 Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 May inclusive.

Newcastle 12 May 2024

Race 4 – The Download The Raceday Ready App Handicap Stakes (Class 4) (Div II)

Kyle McHugh, the rider of CHANTICO, unplaced, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from three furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 May, and Sunday 2 June.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Georgina Cartwright
Richard Westropp

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

Lingfield Park 11 May 2024

Race 5 – The William Hill Chartwell Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)

Harry Davies, the rider of STENTON GLIDER (IRE), 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 Davies has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. However, 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 4 days as follows: Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 May, and Sunday 2 June.