

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 15 March 2024

On Friday 15 March 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 11 March 2024 – 13 March 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Stratford-on-Avon 11 March 2024

Race 6 – The Service With a Smile Ouncourse Bookmakers Novices' Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Mr George Edgedale, the rider of FRANIGANE (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Sunday 31 March, and Tuesday 2, Thursday 4, and Sunday 7 April.

Cheltenham 12 March 2024

Race 7 – The Maureen Mullins National Hunt Challenge Cup Amateur Jockeys' Novices' Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Grade 2) (GBB Race)

Mr P W Mullins, the rider of EMBASSY GARDENS, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond and in the incorrect place after the second last fence. He will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Sunday 31 March, and Tuesday 2, Thursday 4, Sunday 7, Thursday 11, Monday 15, Friday 19, and Sunday 21 April.

Southwell 12 March 2024

Race 2 – The BetMGM: Its Showtime Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)

Miss Megan Wingrove, the rider of DANCE ANGEL (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used her whip without giving her mount time to respond. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Monday 8, and Thursday 18 April, and Wednesday 1, and Sunday 5 May.

Cheltenham 13 March 2024

Race 2 – The Brown Advisory Novices' Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Grade 1) (Registered as The Broadway Novices' Chase) (GBB Race)

Mark Walsh, the rider of the winner, FACT TO FILE (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place after the last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 30 March to Tuesday 2 April inclusive.

Kempton Park 13 March 2024

Race 1 – The Unibet More Boosts in More Races Novice Stakes (Class 5) (GBB Race)

Clifford Lee, the rider of IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN (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 Lee 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; Friday 29 and Saturday 30 March.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)
Georgina Cartwright
Adrian Sharpe