

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 15 September 2023

On Friday 15 September 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 11 September 2023 – 13 September 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Worcester 12 September 2023

Race 3 – The Get Pulling With PJ Nicholls Ssangyong Novices' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (GBB Race)

Kielan Woods, the rider of the winner, PAINLESS POTTER (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the second last flight. As Woods was referred to the Judicial Panel on 15 June 2023 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension dates that were to be imposed for a further whip breach within the next 6 months were triggered. Therefore, Woods will be suspended for 13 days as follows: Friday 29 and Saturday 30 September, and Monday 2 to Thursday 12 October inclusive.

Kelso 12 September 2023

Race 1 – The RBC Brewin Dolphin Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3) (Qualifier for The Challenger Stayers Hurdle Series Final)

Jonjo O'Neill Jr, the rider of the winner, JUDICIAL LAW (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the third last flight. As O'Neill was referred to the Judicial Panel on 15 June 2023 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension dates that were to be imposed for a further whip breach within the next 6 months were triggered. Therefore, O'Neill will be suspended for 11 days as follows: Friday 29 and Saturday 30 September, and Monday 2 to Tuesday 10 October inclusive.

Carlisle 13 September 2023

Race 4 – The Anderson's Quality for Your Home Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Daniel Tudhope, the rider of the winner, HOSTELRY, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Tudhope has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Friday 29 September and Sunday 1 October.

Panel

Sam Angell
Sarah Ellison
Richard Westropp

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

Brighton 11 September 2023

Race 4 – The Free Tips Daily on attheraces.com Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Darragh Keenan, the rider of CONTROL, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Keenan has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days: Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 September inclusive.

Carlisle 13 September 2023

Race 4 – The Anderson's Quality for Your Home Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Connor Beasley, the rider of SEZAAM (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from four furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Beasley has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 September.