

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 16 January 2024

On Tuesday 16 January 2024 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 11 January 2024 – 14 January 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Chelmsford City 11 January 2024

Race 3 – The chelmsfordcityracecourse.com Restricted Maiden Stakes (Class 5) (For horses in Bands B, C, and D) (GBB Race)

William Carver, the rider of DIFFERENT BREED (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 30 January to Friday 2 February inclusive.

Wolverhampton 12 January 2024

Race 2 – The Best Racing Odds Guaranteed at BetMGM Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Oisín Orr, the rider of GLISTENING NIGHTS (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six and in the incorrect place inside the final furlong. As Orr was referred to the Judicial Panel on 31 October 2023 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 8 days imposed by the Panel in the event of a further whip breach with 6 months was triggered. Therefore, Orr will be suspended for 16 days from Tuesday 30 January to Wednesday 14 February inclusive.

Warwick 3 January 2024

Race 6 – The Wigley Group Classic Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)

Harry Skelton, the rider of GALIA DES LITEAUX (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from the third last fence. Taking 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 14 days from Tuesday 30 January to Monday 12 February inclusive and will be fined £200.

Kelso 14 January 2024

Race 3 – The Racing TV Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4) (Go North Monet's Garden Series Qualifier)

Sam Coltherd, the rider of DEEP CHARM, placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from the third last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 30 January to Monday 5 February inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Georgina Cartwright
Shaun Parker

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

Wolverhampton 12 January 2024

Race 8 – The Win £2,000,000 With BetMGM's Golden Goals Handicap Stakes (Class 5) (Div II)

Keiran O'Neill, the rider of the winner, ASGARD'S CAPTAIN (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact that O'Neill 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: Friday 26, Saturday 27, and Monday 29 January.

Chelmsford City 13 January 2024

Race 4 – The Biology By Clare Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Kevin Stott, the rider of the winner, PETIT CALVADOS (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final furlong and a half. Allowing for the fact that Stott 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: Saturday 27, Monday 29, and Tuesday 30 January.

Wolverhampton 13 January 2024

Race 2 – The Win £2,000,000 with BetMGM's Golden Goals Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Hayley Turner, the rider of the winner, SWEET TALKIN SUE, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Turner has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach migration on penalty was applied. Therefore, she will be suspended for 2 days: Wednesday 17 and Monday 29 January.