

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 16 February 2024

On Friday 16 February 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 12 February 2024 – 14 February 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Catterick Bridge 11 February 2024

Race 5 – The Best Odds Guaranteed at Vickers.Bet Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3) (Challenger Two Mile Hurdle Series Qualifier)

Ross Chapman, the rider of THE CHURCHILL LAD (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from two flights out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 1 to Monday 4 March inclusive.

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Race 1 – The Virgin Bet Conditional Jockeys' Mares' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 6) (Go North Lady Buttons Series Qualifier)

Peter Kavanagh, the rider of SPICE DIVA (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the second last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 1 to Monday 4 March inclusive. One of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Race 6 – The Virgin Bet Fives Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5) (Go North Red Rum Series Qualifier)

Joe Williamson, the rider of HERITIER DE SIVOLA (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning in. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 1 to Monday 4 March inclusive.

Newcastle 13 February 2024

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

Gianluca Sanna, the rider of POSSIBLE AMBITION, placed fifth, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 1 to Monday 4 March inclusive.

Sam Angell (Chair)
Sarah Ellison
Adrian Sharpe

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

Fontwell Park 14 February 2024

Race 1 – The BetGoodwin Novices' Hurdle Race (Class 4) (GBB Race)

Bradley Harris, the rider of YALLA HABIBI (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the second last flight. Allowing for the fact that Harris has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore he will be suspended for 2 days: Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 February.