

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 16 April 2024

On Tuesday 16 April 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 April 2024 – 14 April 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 11 April 2024

Race 3 – The Bet On The Grand National @Planetsportbet Fillies' Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Sam James, the rider of the winner, MERSEA (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact that James has had more than 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. However, taking into account that James had been referred to the Judicial Panel on 23 November 2023 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, where the Panel determined that should James commit a further whip breach within the next 6 months, a deferred suspension of 9 days should be imposed he will be suspended for 12 days as follows: Tuesday 30 April to Monday 6 May, and Wednesday 8 May to Sunday 12 May.

Taunton 11 April 2024

Race 4 – The Quor Systems Paperless Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4)

Harry Kimber, the rider of the winner, FLASH GORCOMBE, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from after the fourth last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Saturday 4 May and Monday 6 to Saturday 11 May inclusive.

Race 7 – The Ladies Evening Meeting Wednesday 24th April Open Maiden National Hunt Flat Race (Class 5) (Category 3 Elimination) (Div I) (GBB Race)

Freddie Gingell, the rider of the winner, JENA D'OUARIES (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Gingell has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 7 to Thursday 9 May inclusive.

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Race 5 – The Radox Foxhunters' Open Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 2)

Mr Huw Edwards, the rider of TIME LEADER (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 3 May, Tuesday 7 May, Wednesday 8 May, and Saturday 11 May.

Chelmsford City 11 April 2024

Race 2 – The Racing Value At Bet365 Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Hayley Turner, the rider of the winner, VIEWFROMTHESTARS (IRE), was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six and down the shoulder in the forehand with her hands off the reins, from turning into the home straight. She will be suspended for 11 days as follows: Tuesday 30 April to Monday 6 May, and Wednesday 8 May to Saturday 11 May.

Aintree 12 April 2024

Race 3 – The Trustatrader Top Novices' Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Grade 1) (GBB Race)

Jack Kennedy, the rider of FIREFOX (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the second last flight. Allowing for the fact that Kennedy has had over 75 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 6 days as follows: Saturday 4, and Monday 6 to Friday 10 May.

Race 7 – The Alder Hey Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 2) (Conditional Jockeys' and Amateur Riders' Race) (GBB Race)

Mr Callum Pritchard, the rider of BALLEE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from after the third last flight. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race confined to Conditional Jockeys and Amateur Riders, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 14 days as follows: Friday 3, Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8, Saturday 11, Wednesday 15, Friday 17, Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Sunday 26, Monday 27, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30, and Friday 31 May, and Saturday 1 June.

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Race 6 – The Get Emma's Offers At Planetsportbet Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Daniel Muscutt, the rider of the winner, PRINCE ERIC (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 26 to Monday 29 April inclusive.

Aintree 13 April 2024

Race 1 – The William Hill Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)

Charlie Todd, the rider of the winner, GWENNIE MAY BOY (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on two occasions. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Saturday 4, and Monday 6 to Saturday 11 May.

Race 4 – The JRL Group Liverpool Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Grade 1) (GBB Race)

Jack G Gilligan, the rider of BUDDY ONE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the third last flight. 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: Saturday 4, and Monday 6 to Sunday 12 May.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)
Sarah Ellison
Steve Drowne