



Whip Review Committee
Decisions 16 May 2023

On Tuesday 16 May 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 May 2023 – 14 May 2023 inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 11 May 2023

Race 6 – The Unibet Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Joe Levey, the rider of THREEBARS (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of 6 from inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 30, and Wednesday 31 May, and Thursday 1, and Sunday 4 June.

Thirsk 11 May 2023

Race 1 – The ABF The Soldiers' Charity Restricted Novice Stakes (Class 5) (for horses in Bands C and D) (GBB Race)

George Wood, the rider of the winner, DREAMING SPIRES, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final three furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 30, and Wednesday 31 May, and Thursday 1, and Sunday 4 June.

Chester 12 May 2023

Race 4 – The Tote Chester Cup (Class 2 Heritage Handicap)

Ben Curtis, the rider of ZOFFEE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from entering the home straight. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race, the penalty in respect of above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 6 June 2023 inclusive.

Market Rasen 12 May 2023

Race 1 – The Book Your Tom Grennan Tickets Now! Conditional Jockeys' Novices' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Harriet Tucker, the rider of RAVI ROAD (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of contention from after the final flight. She will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Wednesday 31 May, Thursday 1, Saturday 3, Sunday 4, Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7, Thursday 8, and Friday 9 June.

Race 4 – The Victor Lumas Memorial Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3)

Tom Midgley, the rider of the winner, GIOVANNI CHANGE (FR), 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 as follows: Wednesday 31 May, Thursday 1, Saturday 3 June and Sunday 4 June.



Ascot 12 May 2023

Race 2 – The Peroni Nastro Azzuro Apprentice Handicap Stakes (Class 3)

Christian Howarth, the rider of the winner, BLAZEON FIVE, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from inside two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 30 May to Monday 5 June inclusive.

Jordan Williams, the rider of COGITAL, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of 6, from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 30, and Wednesday 31 May, and Thursday 1, and Sunday 4 June.

Race 5 – The Peroni Nastro Azzuro “Live Every Moment” Handicap Stakes (Class 3)

Sam Hitchcott, the rider of SIR THOMAS GRESHAM (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from approaching the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 30, and Wednesday 31 May, and Thursday 1, and Sunday 4 June.

Hexham 13 May 2023

Race 4 – The Paxton’s Are Case IH’s No 1 Dealer Maiden Hunters’ Steeple Chase (Class 4) (For the Heart of all England Trophy)

Mr Lyall Hodgkins, the rider of DESIGN PLAN (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip five times above the permitted level of seven, from the first fence in the back straight, on the final circuit. Taking into account that none of the uses were clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes, DESIGN PLAN (IRE) was disqualified under Rule (L)47.11. Mr Hodgkins will be suspended for 20 days as follows: Wednesday 31 May, Friday 2, Saturday 3, Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28, and Friday 30 June, Tuesday 4, and Thursday 27 July, Tuesday 1 August and a further 11 days to be notified to him.

Nottingham 13 May 2023

Race 6 – The Racing TV Profits Returned to Racing Handicap Stakes (Class 5) (A Jockey Club Grassroots Mile Series Qualifier)

Jack Garrity, the rider of the winner, SPIORADALTA, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 30, and Wednesday 31 May, and Thursday 1, and Sunday 4 June.

Haydock Park 13 May 2023

Race 4 – The Pertemps Network Swinton Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)

Adam Wedge, the rider of the winner, BLACK POPPY, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the second last flight. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, Wedge’s suspension in relation to the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Wednesday 31 May, Thursday 1, Saturday 3, Sunday 4, Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7, Thursday 8, and Friday 9 June.



Warwick 13 May 2023

Race 1 – The Racing TV Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Lewis Dobb, the rider of JUNIOR MASSINI, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Wednesday 31 May, Thursday 1, Saturday 3, and Sunday 4 June.

Lorcan Murtagh, the rider of the winner, TOM O'ROUGHLEY (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the fifth last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Wednesday 31 May, Thursday 1, Saturday 3, and Sunday 4 June.

Leicester 13 May 2023

Race 2 – The Sharon McManus Memorial Selling Stakes (Class 4)

Jordan Williams, the rider of the winner, ZURAIG, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Monday 5 to Thursday 8 June inclusive.

Race 6 – The Racecourse Live Streams on Racing TV Extra Fillies' Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Morgan Cole, the rider of STORYINTHESAND (IRE), placed third, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Wednesday 31 May, and Thursday 1, Sunday 4, and Monday 5 June.

Hamilton Park 14 May 2023

Race 1 – The Sky Bet Sunday Series EBF Maiden Stakes (Class 3) (GBB Race)

Andrew Mullen, the rider of MOONSTONE BOY (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Thursday 18, Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 May.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)

Adam Barker

Shaun Parker