

Whip Review Committee

Decisions 16 June 2023

On Friday 16 June 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 12 June 2023 – 14 June 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 12 June 2023

Race 2 – The Join Southwell Golf Club Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Mr Phillip York, the rider of TOUCH TIGHT (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven and without giving his mount time to respond from the third last fence. He will be suspended for 11 days as follows: Friday 30 June, Tuesday 4 July, Thursday 27 July, Tuesday 1 August, and on 7 further dates to be notified to him by the British Horseracing Authority.

Pontefract 12 June 2023

Race 7 – The Sky Bet Sunday Series Family Day 25th June Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Pat Cosgrave, the rider of PEARL EYE, placed third, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place from inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 30 June to Thursday 6 July inclusive.

Brighton 13 June 2023

Race 6 – The Royal Ascot Form Study on attheraces.com Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Jamie Spencer, the rider of the winner, PANNING FOR GOLD (IRE), was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height approximately one furlong out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 30 June to Monday 3 July inclusive.

Southwell 13 June 2023

Race 3 – The Ron and Jim Restricted Novice Stakes (Class 5) (For horses in Bands C and D) (GBB Race)

Darragh Keenan, the rider of BELO HORIZONTE, unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond shortly after the start. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 30 June to Monday 3 July inclusive.

Wetherby 13 June 2023

Race 1 – The Go Racing In Yorkshire Future Stars Apprentice Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Go Racing in Yorkshire Future Stars Apprentice Series)

Sean Dylan Bowen, the rider of the winner, TEAM ENDEAVOUR, 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 as follows Monday 3, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Friday 7 July.

Race 6 – The Start Your RacingTV Free Trial Now Fillies' Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Sean Dylan Bowen, the rider of ANGELS LANDING (IRE), placed third, 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 Sunday 9 to Wednesday 12 July inclusive.

Great Yarmouth 14 June 2023

Race 5 – The At The Races App Market Movers Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Sean Kirrane, the rider of GILBERT, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 30 June to Monday 3 July inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)

Sarah Ellison

Richard Westropp

On Friday 16 June 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider further potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following their independent review of races and referrals from the racecourse Stewards. A summary of their additional findings is outlined below.

Haydock 10 July 2023

Race 5 – The Sky Bet John Of Gaunt Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)

Neil Callan, the rider of GORAK (FR), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 30 June to Monday 3 July inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)

Sarah Ellison

Shaun Parker