

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 16 July 2024

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

Doncaster 11 July 2024

Race 2 – The Go Racing In Yorkshire Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div Ii)

Miss Poppy Wynne, the rider of the winner, SWIFT TUTTLE (IRE), was found to have used her whip 8 times above the permitted level of six and without giving her mount time to respond from inside the final two and a half furlongs. Taking into account that none of the uses were clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes, SWIFT TUTTLE (IRE) was disqualified under Rule (L)47.11. Miss Wynne was suspended for 24 days as follows: Tuesday 30, and Wednesday 31 July; Friday 2, Monday 5, Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7, Thursday 8, Friday 9, Tuesday 13, Monday 19, Friday 23, Monday 26, Tuesday 27, Thursday 29, Friday 30, and Saturday 31 August; Sunday 1, Thursday 5, Friday 6, Sunday 8, Tuesday 10, and Saturday 14 September; and on two further dates to be notified to her where she will receive specialised coaching.

Race 5 – The Alan Wood Plumbing And Heating Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Hector Crouch, the rider of the winner, TERAABB (IRE), was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. Allowing for the fact that Crouch 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 from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August inclusive.

Epsom Downs 11 July 2024

Race 1 – The Betfred Nifty 50 Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Rhys Clutterbuck, the rider of the winner, ALLONSY, 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 Friday 2 to Monday 5 August inclusive.

Race 6 – The Summer Evening Racing Massaoke Book Now Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Kieran O'Neill, the rider of HELLO COTAI (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. 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 from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August inclusive.

Ascot 12 July 2024

Race 1 – The LSH Apprentice Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Luke Catton, the rider of BOTAS (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 Friday 2 to Monday 5 August inclusive.

Chepstow 12 July 2024

Race 3 – The Cruises Chase Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Darragh Keenan, the rider of SO SMART (IRE), 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 2 to Monday 5 August inclusive.

Chester 13 July 2024

Wathba Stallions Cup Handicap Stakes (0-70) – Arab Race

Mr Lewis Saunders, the rider of AL-HATAB, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Saturday 17, Monday 19, Wednesday 21, and Thursday 22 August.

Race 2 – The Roodee EBF Novice Stakes (Class 4) (GBB Race)

Mohammed Tabti, the rider of UP THE CLARETS (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 2 to Monday 5 August inclusive.

Stratford-on-Avon 14 July 2024

Race 2 – The M & M 60th Wedding Anniversary Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Nick Slatter, the rider of EAGLE'S REALM, placed second, 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 Slatter 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: Saturday 17 and Monday 19 August.

Race 4 – The Malcom Wheeler 70th Birthday Celebration Juvenile Hurdle Race (Class 4) (GBB Race)

Lily Pinchin, the rider of ROGUE KING (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Pinchin has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, she will be suspended for 3 days as follows: Saturday 17, Monday 19, and Wednesday 21 August.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steve Drowne

Richard Fuller