

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 17 May 2024

On Friday 17 May 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 13 May 2024 – 15 May 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Catterick Bridge 13 May 2024

Race 5 – The Get Raceday Ready Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Zak Wheatley, the rider of IRISH DANCER (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 Sunday 2 to Wednesday 5 June inclusive.

Perth 15 May 2024

Race 5 – The 125 Years Of Bruce Farms "Grassroots" Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 5) (Corinthian Spirit Qualifier)

Mr Gregor Walkingshaw, the rider of the winner, SHANROE STREET (IRE), was found to have used his whip with excessive force on three occasions, with his arm above shoulder height on two occasions and in the incorrect place, from two fences out. He will be suspended for 19 days as follows: Friday 31 May, Saturday 1, Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26, and Friday 28 June, Tuesday 2, and Thursday 25 July, and Saturday 17 August and Sunday 1 September and a further 9 days to be notified. Mr Walkingshaw will also spend one day receiving specialised coaching.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Steve Drowne
Sarah Ellison