

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 17 October 2023

On Tuesday 17 October 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 October – 15 October 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ayr 12 October 2023

Race 5 – The Virgin bet Daily Extra Places Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Andrew Mullen, the rider of JKR COBBLER (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from inside three furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Wednesday 1 November to Saturday 4 November, and Monday 6 to Wednesday 8 November.

Hexham 14 October 2023

Race 5 – The Fantastic Falcons Events For Every Occasion Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4)

Sam Coltherd, the rider of the winner, HIDDEN COMMANDER (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the final fence. Allowing for the fact that Coltherd 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: Tuesday 31 October to Thursday 2 November inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Steve Drowne
Sarah Ellison

Following riders' admissions of a breach of Rule (F)45, the following penalties were applied by the racecourse Stewards.

Newmarket 14 October 2023

Race 3 – The Club Godolphin Cesarewitch Handicap Stakes (Class 2) (Heritage Handicap)

Aiden Brookes, the rider of BASHFUL BOY (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race with a total prize fund of more than £150,000, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Saturday 28, Monday 30, and Tuesday 31 October, Wednesday 1 to Saturday 4 November, and Monday 6 November.