

### **Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:**

On Tuesday 18 February 2025 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 run from 13 February – 16 February 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

#### **Newcastle 13 February 2025:**

##### **Race 3 - The Al Dousari Qatar Equine Products UK Novices' Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)**

Connor McCann, the rider of MIX DE GRIS (FR), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from, Tuesday 04 to Friday 07 March 2025, inclusive.

#### **Southwell 14 February 2025:**

##### **Race 2 - The Best Odds Guaranteed At BetMGM Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)**

Ryan Sexton, the rider of the winner LUMENBOURG, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Sexton has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 04 and Wednesday 05 March 2025.

P.J McDonald, the rider of MARGOT ROBBIE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that McDonald has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 04 and Wednesday 05 March 2025.

#### **Panel:**

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Sarah Ellison