

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 18 March 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 12 March 2025 – 16 March 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newcastle 12 March 2025:

Race 1 - The FREE BETS WITH BETUK BET CLUB HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

William Carson, the rider of THE CRAFTYMASTER, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 April 2025, inclusive.

Hexham 13 March 2025:

Race 2 - The Major Family Law 16 Year Anniversary Maiden Hurdle (Novices' Championship Hurdle Qualifier) (GBB) (Class 4)

Edward Austin, the rider of KINGSTON ROCK (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from rounding the home bend. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 01, Wednesday 02, Sunday 06 and Monday 07 April 2025.

Race 3 - The Paxton's Are Case IH's No1 Dealer Handicap Chase (Go North Monet's Garden Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Emma Smith-Chaston, the rider of HALPHA SOLEIL (FR), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the final fence. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 01, Wednesday 02, Sunday 06 and Monday 07 April 2025.

Cheltenham 13 March 2025:

Race 5 - The Paddy Power Stayers' Hurdle (Grade 1) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Shane Fitzgerald, the rider of ROCKY'S DIAMOND (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 01 to Tuesday 08 April 2025, inclusive.

Race 6 - The TrustATrader Plate Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Conor Stone-Walsh, the rider of THECOMPANYSERGEANT, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the second last fence. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 01 to Tuesday 08 April 2025, inclusive.

Race 7 - The Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Chase (Sponsored By Thames Materials) (GBB) (Class 2)

Mr Barry Stone, the rider of the winner DAILY PRESENT (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the final fence. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race restricted to Amateur riders only, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Tuesday 01, Wednesday 02, Thursday 03, Monday 07, Friday 11, Sunday 13, Monday 14, Wednesday 16 April 2025.

Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell, the rider of WEVEALLBEENCAUGHT (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the third last fence. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race restricted to Amateur riders only, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 14 days as follows: Tuesday 01, Wednesday 02, Thursday 03, Monday 07, Friday 11, Sunday 13, Monday 14, Wednesday 16, Sunday 20, Wednesday 23 and Friday 25 April, and Friday 02, Wednesday 07 and Saturday 10 May 2025.

Mr Tom Hutsby, the rider of DOM OF MARY (FR), unplaced, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the third last fence. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race restricted to Amateur riders only, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows; Wednesday 23 and Friday 25 April, Friday 02, Wednesday 07, Saturday 10, Wednesday 14, Friday 16 and Tuesday 20 May 2025.

Chelmsford City 13 March 2025:

Race 1 - The bet365 Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (Class 6)

Mr Alexander Woodford, the rider of BROXI (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip when his mount was out of contention from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Wednesday 02, Wednesday 23 and Monday 28 April, Thursday 01, Sunday 04, Monday 05, Thursday 22 and Tuesday 27 May 2025.

Doncaster 14 March 2025:

Race 2 - The Virgin Bet Every Saturday Money Back Novices' Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Tom Bellamy, the rider of the winner REALLYNTRUTHFULLY (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on two occasions on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 01 to Monday 07 April 2025, inclusive.

Cheltenham 14 March 2025:

Race 6 - The St. James's Place Festival Challenge Cup Open Hunters' Chase (Class 2)

Miss Aimee Jones, the rider of AU FLEURON (FR), unplaced, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of contention from approaching the second last fence. She will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Tuesday 01, Wednesday 02, Thursday 03, Monday 07, Friday 11, Sunday 13, Monday 14, Wednesday 16 April 2025.

Southwell 15 March 2025:

Race 1 - The Free Bets With BetUK Bet Club Apprentice Handicap (Class 6)

Fred Daly, the rider of ALVESTA, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 April 2025, inclusive.

Market Rasen 16 March 2025:

Race 5 - The 100% RacingTV Profits Back To Racing Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Connor Ring, the rider of ITHAKA (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows Tuesday 01, Wednesday 02, Sunday 06 and Monday 07 April 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Michael Eyre

Sarah Ellison