

## **Whip Review Committee**

### **Decisions 18 August 2023**

On Friday 18 August 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 14 August 2023 – 16 August 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

#### **Nottingham 15 August 2023**

Race 1 – The Weatherbys Scientific Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (for rider with no more than 3 wins at the start of the season)

Mr Josh Agar, the rider of BARNEY'S ANGEL, placed second, was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 10 days as follows: Friday 1, Saturday 2, Sunday 3, Thursday 7, Tuesday 12, Friday 15, Saturday 16, Thursday 21, and Saturday 23 September; and Sunday 1 October 2023.

Mr Kevin Skelton, the rider of NELSON BAY (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of 6 and twice when his mount was out of contention. He will be suspended for 9 days as follows: Friday 1, Saturday 2, Sunday 3, Thursday 7, and Tuesday 12, Friday 15, Saturday 16, Thursday 21, and Saturday 23 September.

#### **Newcastle 15 August 2023**

Race 1 – The Follow AtTheRaces on Twitter Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)

Tommie Jakes, the rider of HER WAY, placed fifth, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 1 to Monday 4 September inclusive.

#### **Great Yarmouth 16 August 2023**

Race 6 – The Fat Larrys Burgers Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

George Downing, the rider of KING OF THE DANCE (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 1 to Monday 4 September inclusive.

#### **Beverley 16 August 2023**

Race 7 – The Viking FM Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Dougie Costello, the rider of HONOUR YOUR DREAMS, placed second, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder of his mount in the forehand position. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 1 to Monday 4 September inclusive.

### **Kempton Park 16 August 2023**

#### **Race 3 – The Unibet Support Safer Gambling Handicap Stakes (Class 4)**

Alec Voikhansky, the rider of TAHITIAN PRINCE (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 1 to Thursday 7 September inclusive.

#### **Panel**

Shaun Parker (Chair)

Richard Fuller

Adrian Sharpe

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

### **Kempton Park 14 August 2023**

#### **Race 5 – The Unibet 3 Uniboosts Per Day Fillies' Handicap Stakes (Class 5)**

Rhys Clutterbuck, the rider of ROSE LIGHT, 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 Monday 28 to Thursday 31 August inclusive.

### **Hamilton Park 14 August 2023**

#### **Race 4 – The Allstone Group Scottish Trophy Handicap Stakes (Class 3)**

Owen Lewis, the rider of MR PROFESSOR (IRE), placed second, 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 Monday 28 to Thursday 31 August inclusive.

### **Nottingham 15 August 2023**

#### **Race 6 – The weatherbysshop.co.uk Handicap Stakes (Class 6)**

Pat Dobbs, the rider of the winner, BANG ON THE BELL, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Taking into account that Dobbs had had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, his penalty was mitigated down to 3 days; therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 29 to Thursday 31 August inclusive.