

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 19 January 2024

On Friday 19 January 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 run from 12 January 2024 – 17 January 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Sedgefield 12 January 2024

Race 2 - The Vickers.bet Novices' Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4)

Chris Ward, the rider of the winner, HAURAKI GULF, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place and when clearly winning after the last fence. He will be suspended for 8 days from Friday 2 to Friday 9 February inclusive.

Wolverhampton 15 January 2024

Race 8 – The Build Your Acca With BetUK Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Paul Mulrennan, the rider of LOCHNAVER, unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 2 to Monday 5 February inclusive.

Newcastle 17 January 2024

Race 5 – The Stay Golden with BetMGM Safer Gambling Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Gianluca Sanna, the rider of POSSIBLE AMBITION, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Sanna has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 February inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Sarah Ellison
Shaun Parker

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

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Race 6 – The Find More Big Deals at BetUK Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div I)

Phil Dennis, the rider of the winner, PEACHY CARNEHAN, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that Dennis has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Sunday 21 and Tuesday 30 January.