

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 19 December 2023

On Tuesday 19 December 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 December – 17 December 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Chelmsford City 14 December 2023

Race 6 – The Chelmsford City Racecourse Membership Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Joshua Bryan, the rider of EXCEL POWER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 January inclusive.

Cheltenham 15 December 2023

Race 7 – The Citipost Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Henry Brooke, the rider of the winner, WHITE RHINO (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the final flight. Allowing for the fact that Brooke has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 2 to Thursday 4 January inclusive.

Doncaster 16 December 2023

Race 3 – The Each Way Extra at bet365 Mares' Open Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (Go North Lady Buttons Series Qualifier)

Kielan Woods, the rider of the winner, PHILLAPA SUE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the second last flight. Allowing for the fact that Woods has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 2 to Thursday 4 January inclusive.

Race 7 – The bet365 Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Kevin Brogan, the rider of WHISTLEINTHEDARK (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the bypassed third last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 January inclusive.

Wolverhampton 16 December 2023

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

Grace McEntee, the rider of DECORATION OF WAR (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of contention. She will be suspended for 5 days from Tuesday 2 to Saturday 6 December inclusive.

Carlisle 17 December 2023

Race 3 – The Rhino.bet Novices' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Bruce Lynn, the rider of the winner, ELOI DU PUY (FR), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 2 to Monday 8 January inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Steve Drowne
Richard Fuller