

**Whip Review Committee**  
**Decisions 20 October 2023**

On Friday 20 October 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 16 October – 18 October 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

**Great Yarmouth 16 October 2023**

**Race 6 – The Regular Offers on bresbet.com Handicap Stakes (Class 5)**

Shane Kelly, the rider of ASTRAL SPIRIT, placed second, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height on three occasions. He will be suspended for 10 days as follows: Friday 3, Saturday 4, Monday 6, Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8, Thursday 9, Friday 10, Saturday 11, Monday 13, and Tuesday 14 November.

**Newcastle 17 October 2023**

**Race 4 – The Boost Your Acca at BetMGM Nursery Handicap Stakes (Class 6)**

Rowan Scott, the rider of SOCIALISE (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Scott 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; Friday 3, Saturday 4, and Monday 6 November.

**Race 5 – The BetMGM: It's Showtime Handicap Stakes (Class 6)**

Rowan Scott, the rider of the winner, ICE SHADOW (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs. Taking into account that this was to be Scott's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Scott was referred to the Judicial Panel.

**Panel**

Sam Angell (Chair)

Adam Barker

Richard Westropp

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

**Great Yarmouth 16 October 2023**

**Race 4 – The Stream Racing at bresbet.com Handicap Stakes (Class 5)**

Jack Mitchell, the rider of LUNA EFFECT (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Mitchell 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; Friday 20, Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 October.