

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 21 February 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 17 February 2025 – 19 February 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Carlisle 17 February 2025:

Race 3 - The Come Racing At Carlisle In 2025 Maiden Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Brian Hughes, the rider of the winner, MALICASH (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Hughes has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Friday 07 and Saturday 08 March 2025.

Wolverhampton 18 February 2025:

Race 1 - The Weekly £5 Free Bet With The BetUK Fillies' Novice Stakes (Rider Restricted Race) (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Liam Wright, the rider of NAD ALSHIBA RAIN (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height on two occasions from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Friday 07, Saturday 08, and Monday 10 to Friday 14 March inclusive.

Race 3 - The Win £1M With BetMGM's Golden Goals Handicap (Rider Restricted Race) (Div II) (Class 6)

Oisín McSweeney, the rider of the winner, CAUSIN A COMMOTION (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that McSweeney has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days as follows: Friday 07, Saturday 08 and Monday 10 March 2025.

Race 5 - The BetUK: Where The UK Bets Handicap (Rider Restricted Race) (Div II) (Class 6)

William Pyle, the rider of DAARIS (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 07, Saturday 08, Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 March 2025.

Kempton Park 19 February 2025:

Race 7 - The Try Unibet's New Improved Acca Boosts Handicap (London Sprint Series Qual') (Rider Restricted Race) (Class 4)

Jordan Williams, the rider of SUPREME KING (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. Taking into account that this was to be Williams's fifth suspension within the previous 6 months for a breach of Rule (F)45, Williams was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Philip Spottiswood

Gregory Pearson

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

Wolverhampton 17 February 2025:

Race 1 - THE GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3) (Rider Restricted Race)

Jordan Williams, the rider of KING'S CODE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and half furlongs out He will be suspended for 4 days from Monday 03 to Thursday 06 March 2025 inclusive.