

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 22 March 2024

On Friday 22 March 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 for races run from 18 March 2024 – 20 March 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Exeter 19 March 2024

Race 1 – The "Three Miles" Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

Mr Callum Pritchard, the rider of LONGSHANKS (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from before the third last flight. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Sunday 7, Thursday 11, Monday 15, Friday 19, Sunday 21, Monday 22, and Wednesday 24 April.

Race 6 – The Totnes and Bridgetown Races Ltd Novices' Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Miss Ellie Holder, the rider of MY REPRIEVE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of winning contention and clearly in second place with only two runners finishing. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Sunday 7, Monday 15, Friday 19, and Sunday 21 April.

Wolverhampton 19 March 2024

Race 1 – The Best Racing Odds Guaranteed at BetMGM Novice Stakes (Class 4) (Rider Restricted Race) (GBB Race)

Raul Da Silva, the rider of the winner, LADY OF SPAIN (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 5 to Monday 8 April inclusive.

Haydock Park 20 March 2024

Race 5 – The Here's to Another Greyland 25 Years Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (Go North Cab On Target Series Qualifier)

Jonathan England, the rider of KILTA (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from two flights out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Wednesday 3 to Saturday 6 April inclusive.

Panel:

Shaun Parker (Chair)
Adam Barker
Steve Drowne

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

Southwell 20 March 2024

Race 4 – The Betuk. It's Where The UK Bets Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Robert Havlin, the rider of AYYAB, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final three furlongs. Allowing for the fact that Havlin 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 Wednesday 3 to Friday 5 April inclusive.