

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 22 September 2023

On Friday 22 September 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 18 September 2023 – 20 September 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Worcester 18 September 2023

Race 8 – The Thanks You Bagsy Happy Retirement Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

Kevin Brogan, the rider of DARANOVA (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip when his mount was out of contention. He will be suspended for 5 days from Friday 6 to Tuesday 10 October inclusive.

Great Yarmouth 19 September 2023

Race 2 – The British Stallion Studs EBF Novice Stakes (Class 4) (Div 1) (GBB Race)

Daniel Tudhope, the rider of WITNESS STAND, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six and down the shoulder in the forehand position, from inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Friday 6, Saturday 7, and Monday 9 to Saturday 14 October.

Great Yarmouth 20 September 2023

Race 6 – The British EBF Premier Fillies' Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Mikkel Mortensen, the rider of the winner, WYNTER WILDES, was found to have used his whip excessively down the shoulder with his hands on the reins for encouragement purposes. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 6, and Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 October.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Steve Drowne
Sarah Ellison

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

Newcastle 19 September 2023

Race 4 – The Vickers.bet Weekly Free Bet Club Nursery Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Owen Lewis, the rider of ARIZONA DESERT (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 October inclusive.