

Whip Review Committee Decisions 22 November 2024:

On Friday 22 November 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 15 November – 20 November 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Cheltenham 15 November 2024:

Race 1 - The Lycetts Insurance Brokers Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle (Challenger Stayers HdI Series Qual') (Class 3)

Lewis Saunders, the rider of GETALEAD (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height from after the second last. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 6, and Sunday 8 to Tuesday 10 December 2024.

Plumpton 18 November 2024:

Race 6 - The Strong Flavours Handicap Hurdle (Class 5).

Kevin Brogan, the rider of CHANCELLORSTOWN (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 6, and Sunday 8 – Tuesday 10 December 2024, inclusive.

Fakenham 19 November 2024:

Race 1 - The Weatherbys Hamilton Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Fergus Gillard, the rider of the winner, BLUEGRASS (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Gillard 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 6 and Sunday 8 December 2024.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Georgina Cartwright