

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 22 December 2023

On Friday 22 December 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 17 December – 20 December 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 17 December 2023

Race 1 – The Get Emma’s Xmas Cracker’s At planetsportbet.com Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Lilly Pinchin, the rider of LARGY NIGHTS (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from the home turn. Allowing for the fact that Pinchin has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 3 days from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 January inclusive.

Ayr 20 December 2023

Race 5 – The Merry Christmas From Western House Hotel Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

Sean Quinlan, the rider of ENEMY AT THE GATE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the third last flight. Allowing for the fact that Quinlan has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days; Friday 5, and Saturday 6 January.

Mr Stephen Connor, the rider of NOWINITTOWINIT, which was pulled up, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Monday 8, Sunday 14, Thursday 18, and Monday 22 January.

Ludlow 20 December 2023

Race 2 – The Tanners Claret Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3)

Charlie Todd, the rider of the winner, TIDE TIMES (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from entering the home bend. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 5 to Monday 8 January inclusive.

Lingfield Park 20 December 2023

Race 5 – The BetUK It’s Where the UK Bets Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

David Egan, the rider of the winner, HABOOBA (USA), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 5 to Monday 8 January inclusive.

Kempton Park 20 December 2023

Race 5 – The Unibet More Extra Place Races Handicap Stakes (Class 3)

Alex Voikhansky, the rider of TALIS EVOLVERE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 10 days from Friday 5 to Sunday 14 January inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Adam Barker
Steve Drowne

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

Kempton Park 20 December 2023

Race 7 – The Happy Christmas From the Kempton-Park Team Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)

Marco Ghiani, the rider of SAFE PASSAGE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Ghiani 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 January inclusive.