

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 23 January 2024

On Tuesday 23 January 2024 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 18 January 2024 – 21 January 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newcastle 19 January 2024

Race 5 – The Best Racing Odds Guaranteed At BetMGM Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Paul Mulrennan, the rider of LIKEASHADOW (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 February inclusive.

Kieran O'Neill, the rider of the winner, TASMANIAN LEGEND (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 February inclusive.

Lingfield Park 20 January 2024

Race 6 – The BetMGM Winter Oaks Fillies' Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Tommie Jakes, the rider of STORYMAKER, unplaced, was found to have used his whip when his mount was out of contention. He will be suspended for 5 days from Tuesday 6 to Saturday 10 February inclusive.

Wolverhampton 20 January 2024

Race 9 – The Boost Your Acca-Fenwa With BetUK Classified Stakes (Class 6) (Div II)

Tyler Heard, the rider of ARLECCHINO'S GIFT, placed third, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six and with his arm above shoulder height from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 11 days from Tuesday 6 to Friday 16 February inclusive.

Lingfield Park 21 January 2024

Race 2 – The Weatherbys Digital Solutions Mares' Novices' Hurdle Race (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Ben Jones, the rider of the winner, OOH BETTY (IRE), was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hands off the reins for encouragement purposes, and without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 6 to Tuesday 13 February inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Georgina Cartwright
Steve Drowne

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

Chelmsford City 18 January 2024

Race 2 – The Beverley Knight Plays Ladies' Night 2024 Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Jordan Williams, the rider of the winner, ALL IN THE HIPS (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 February inclusive.