

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 23 April 2024

On Tuesday 23 April 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 April 2024 – 21 April 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Chelmsford City 18 April 2024

Race 1 – The Each Way Extra At Bet365 Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Miss Ella Smart, the rider of STORMINGIN (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six and without giving her mount time to respond on two occasions from two furlongs out. She will be suspended for 11 days as follows: Thursday 9, Tuesday 28, and Thursday 30 May, Friday 7, Wednesday 12, Thursday 13, Friday 14, Saturday 15, Monday 17, Tuesday 18, and Thursday 20 June.

Ayr 19 April 2024

Race 4 – The Hillhouse Quarry Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Kielan Woods, the rider of SOUL ICON, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. Taking into account that Woods had been referred to the Judicial Panel on 12 January 2024 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, where the Panel determined that should Woods commit a further whip breach within the next 6 months, a deferred suspension of 9 days should be imposed, he will therefore be suspended for 13 days from Tuesday 7 to Sunday 19 May inclusive.

Bath 19 April 2024

Race 7 – The Dragon Symbol Standing at Whitsbury Manor Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div I)

Shariq Mohd, the rider of the winner, HAVANA GOLDRUSH, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 7 days from Wednesday 8 to Tuesday 14 May inclusive.

Exeter 19 April 2024

Race 8 – The Swan Inn D&C Intermediate Series Final Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Miss Chloe Emsley, the rider of HARBOUR QUEEN (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of seven from after the third last fence. She will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8, Saturday 11, Wednesday 15, Friday 17, Monday 20, and Tuesday 21 May.

Brighton 20 April 2024

Race 5 – The bet365 Handicap Stakes (Class 6) (Div I)

John Egan, the rider of the winner, CHOURMO, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Egan has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 May.

Ayr 20 April 2024

Race 5 – The Coral Scottish Grand National Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)

Kevin Brogan, the rider of SURREY QUEST, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from three fences out. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 7 to Tuesday 14 May inclusive.

Daniel Mullins, the rider of the winner, MACDERMOTT (FR), was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 May inclusive.

Wincanton 21 April 2024

Race 1 – The McCreery Military Forces Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5) (For Military Amateur Jockeys)

Bdr Benjamin Durrell, the rider of JUBILEE GOLD (IRE), was found to have used his whip excessively down the shoulder in the backhand with his hands on the reins for encouragement. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8, Saturday 11, and Wednesday 15 May.

Stratford-on-Avon 21 April 2024

Race 4 – The Racecourse Streams On Racing Tv Extra Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Alan King, the rider of the winner, FAST DEAL, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven and without giving his mount time to respond on two occasions from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 11 days from Tuesday 7 to Friday 17 May 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.

Nottingham 20 April 2024

Race 6 – The Follow Rhino.Bet on Instagram Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Adam Farragher, the rider of BIG BEAR HUG, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact that Farragher has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore he will be suspended for 2 days: Wednesday 24 April and Monday 6 May.

Musselburgh 21 April 2024

Race 7 – The Sky Bet Acca Freeze Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Zak Wheatley, the rider of ARECIBO (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Monday 6, Wednesday 8, Thursday 9, and Friday 10 May.