

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2024:

On Tuesday 24 December 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 run from 19 December – 22 December 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ffos Las 19 December 2024:

Race 1 - The Adept GRP Cabinets Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (Class 4).

Callum Pritchard, the rider of VALENS BRUYEE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven approaching the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Pritchard has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 07 – Thursday 09 January 2025, inclusive.

Exeter 19 December 2024:

Race 2 - The Southwest Rail Solutions Mares' Novices' Chase (GBB Race) (Class 3).

Richie McLernon, the rider of SUNDAY SOLDIER, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from jumping the second last fence. Allowing for the fact that McLernon 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, Tuesday 07 and Wednesday 08 January 2025.

Chelmsford City 19 December 2024:

Race 8 - The Sky Bet Build A Bet Handicap (Class 6)

Isobelle Chalmers, the rider of ORANGE MARTINI, unplaced, was found to have used her whip when her mount was out of contention from approaching the final furlong. She will be suspended for 5 days as from Tuesday 07 – Saturday 11 January 2025, inclusive.

Hereford 21 December 2024:

Race 6 - The Book Your Fishing Trips With DragonBet Handicap Chase (Class 4)

Ben Jones, the rider of the winner SALT ROCK, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hands off the reins after jumping the last fence. Allowing for the fact that Jones 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, Tuesday 07 and Wednesday 08 January 2025.

Ascot 21 December 2024:

Race 1 - Thames Materials Novices' Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 4).

Miss Olive Nicholls, the rider of the winner THANK YOU MA'AM, was found to have used her whip in the incorrect place on two occasions after the last. She will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Wednesday 08, Sunday 12, Thursday 16, Monday 20, Friday 24, Monday 27 and Thursday 30 January 2025.

Newcastle 21 December 2024:

Race 5 - The Win £1M With BetMGM's Golden Goals Handicap (Class 4).

James Sullivan, the rider of JEWEL MAKER, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond approximately one furlong out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 07 – Friday 10 January 2025, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Phillip Spottiswood