

## **Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:**

On Tuesday 25 March 2025 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 20 March 2025 – 23 March 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

### **Ludlow 20 March 2025:**

#### **Race 4 - The NFU Mutual Insurance Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)**

Richard Patrick, the rider of BALLYBEGG (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight and used the whip the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 11 days from Tuesday 8 to Friday 18 April 2025, inclusive.

### **Newcastle 20 March 2025:**

#### **Race 7 - The Extra Winnings With BetUK Acca Club Classified Stakes (Div I) (Class 6)**

Tom Eaves, the rider of BLACKCURRENT, placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from just after the two furlong marker. Allowing for the fact that Eaves has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 08 to Thursday 10 April 2025, inclusive.

### **Ffos Las 21 March 2025:**

#### **Race 5 - The Alison Thorpe Racing Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)**

Sean Houlihan, the rider of L'EMPIRE VERT (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Houlihan 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 08 and Wednesday 09 April 2025.

### **Newbury 21 March 2025:**

#### **Race 5 - The BetVictor A Run For Your Money At Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 4)**

Micheal Nolan, the rider of KIKIJO (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from jumping into the third last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 8 to Monday 14 April 2025, inclusive.

### **Southwell 21 March 2025:**

#### **Race 5 - The Weekly Free Bets With BetMGM Extra Handicap (Class 3)**

David Probert, the rider of BLUE PRINCE (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Probert has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days, Tuesday 08 to Thursday 10 April 2025, inclusive.

### **Kelso 22 March 2025:**

Race 1 - The Ladbrokes 'Best Odds Guaranteed On Racing' Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Alan Doyle, the rider of the winner CADELL (IRE), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from jumping into the second last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 8 to Monday 14 April 2025, inclusive.

**Newbury 22 March 2025:**

Race 1 - The Get Best Odds Guaranteed At BetVictor Novices' Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 3)

Alan Johns, the rider of the winner KALIUM (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Johns 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 08 and Wednesday 09 April 2025.

**Newcastle 22 March 2025:**

Race 4 - The BetMGM: It's Showtime Handicap (Class 6)

Faye McManoman, the rider of I CAN BOOGY, placed second, was found to have used her whip in the incorrect place on two occasions on the run to the line. She will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 8 to Monday 14 April 2025, inclusive.

**Panel:**

Adrian sharpe (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Phillip Spottiswood