

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 25 June 2024

On Tuesday 25 June 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 20 June – 23 June 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Beverley 18 June 2024

Race 6 – The Connexin Broadband For The Brave Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Dougie Costello, the rider of REGENCY BOY, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from three furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be his fourth suspension within the previous six months for using his whip above the permitted level, Costello was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Ascot 20 June 2024

Race 2 – The King George V Stakes (Class 2) (Heritage Handicap)

Jamie Spencer, the rider of NESKI SHERELSKI (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six and in the incorrect place once from approaching the final furlong. He will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 9 to Saturday 13 July inclusive, and Monday 15 July to Wednesday 17 July 2024 inclusive.

Wolverhampton 20 June 2024

Race 5 – The Netsch Thank You Handicap Stakes (Class 5) (Div I)

Rhys Clutterbuck, the rider of the winner, NIGHT LARK, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11, and Monday 15 July.

Lingfield Park 20 June 2024

Race 1 – The Download The Racecourse App Raceday Ready Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Gina Mangan, the rider of the winner, GILT EDGE, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. She will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 9 to Saturday 13, and Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 July.

Market Rasen 21 June 2024

Race 1 – The ABP Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Aaron Anderson, the rider of SHANTOU LUCKY (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 9, Sunday 14, Monday 15, and Wednesday 17 July.

Ascot 21 June 2024

Race 5 – The Sandringham Stakes (Class 2 Fillies' Handicap)

Rachel King, the rider of STRUTTING, placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11, and Monday 15 July.

Billy Loughnane, the rider of the winner, SOPRANO (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Loughnane 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: Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 July.

Goodwood 21 June 2024

Race 2 – The William Hill Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

William Carver, the rider of the winner, BELCAMO, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Carver's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Carver was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Ascot 22 June 2024

Race 5 – The Wokingham Stakes (Class 2) (Heritage Handicap)

James Doyle, the rider of DARK TROOPER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one furlong out. Allowing for the fact that Doyle has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. However, taking into account that this was a Class 2 race with total prize money of more than £150,000, the penalty was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11, and Monday 15 July.

Race 6 – The Golden Gates Stakes (Class 2 Handicap)

W M Lordan, the rider of CAMBRIDGE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 9 to Saturday 13, and Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 July.

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Race 4 – The 3AS Leisure Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Lewis Edmunds, the rider of the winner, SHAPGYLE, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11, and Monday 15 July.

Hexham 23 June 2024

Race 1 – The Paxton's Are Case Ih's No1 Dealer Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Edward Austin, the rider of LE FOU'S KEEP (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip when his mount was out of contention. He will be suspended for 5 days as follows: Tuesday 9, Sunday 14, Monday 15, Wednesday 17, and Thursday 18 July.

Panel

Shaun Parker (Chair)

Sarah Ellison

Gregory Pearson