

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 26 March 2024

On Tuesday 26 March 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 21 March 2024 – 24 March 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newbury 22 March 2024

Race 1 – The Lengthen The Odds At BetVictor Open Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Miss Natalie Parker, the rider of the winner, SECRET INVESTOR, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the second last fence. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Monday 15, Friday 19, Sunday 21, and Monday 22 April.

Hexham 22 March 2024

Race 3 – The Best Odds Guaranteed Daily at Vickers.Bet Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4) (Go North Red Rum Series Qualifier)

Derek Fox, the rider of CAMP BELAN (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the final fence. Allowing for the fact that Fox has had over 150 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 April.

Doncaster 23 March 2024

Race 4 – The William Hill Cammidge Trophy Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)

Silvestre De Sousa, the rider of ADAAY IN DEVON, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on two occasions. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 9 to Saturday 13 April inclusive and Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 April.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)
Steve Drowne
Sarah Ellison

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

Doncaster 24 March 2024

Race 4 – The William Hill NRMB on The Grand National Handicap Stakes (Class 3)

Curtis Wilson-Ruddock, the rider of ALEEZDANCER (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Sunday 7 to Wednesday 10 April inclusive.