

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 26 September 2023

On Tuesday 26 September 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 21 September 2023 – 24 September 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Pontefract 21 September 2023

Race 3 – The Ben and Mary Hibbert Memorial Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

David Nolan, the rider of ANIMATO, placed second, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12, and Sunday 15 October.

Ayr 22 September 2023

Race 4 – The Arran Scottish Sprint EBF Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)

Clifford Lee, the rider of SECRET ANGEL (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs 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 10 to Tuesday 17 October inclusive.

Ayr 23 September 2023

Race 8 – The BearingBoys – More Than Just Bearings Handicap Stakes (Class 3)

Liam Wright, the rider of GREYSFUL STORM (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 10 to Monday 16 October inclusive. One of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Panel

Adrian Sharpe (Chair)

Richard Fuller

Richard Westropp

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

Chelmsford City 21 September 2023

Race 6 – The 2024 Fixtures Now On Sale Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

David Probert, the rider of the winner, UNIVERSAL GRACE, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one furlong out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Thursday 5 and Friday 6, and Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 October.