

Whip Review Committee Decisions 26 November 2024:

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

Catterick Bridge 22 November 2024:

Race 3 - The Support The Injured Jockeys Fund Novices' Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Shane Fenelon, the rider of HAZARD COLLONGES (FR), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from the final fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 December 2024, inclusive.

Ascot 23 November 2024:

Race 5 - The Howden Ascot Hurdle (Grade 2) (Registered As The Ascot Hurdle) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Adam Wedge, the rider of COLONEL MUSTARD (FR), placed third, 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 Wedge has had more than 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Thursday 19, Friday 20, Sunday 22 and Friday 27 December 2024.

Newcastle 23 November 2024:

Race 3 – The Always Gamble Responsibly With BetMGM Nursery Handicap (Class 4)

Jack Mitchell, the rider of SO DARN HOT, 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 Mitchell has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days; Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December 2024.

Race 9 – The Gamble Responsibly At BetMGM Apprentice Handicap (Class 5)

Mark Winn, the rider of PARIS LIGHTS (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 December 2024, inclusive and spend one of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Wolverhampton 23 November 2024:

Race 4 - The Safer Gambling Tools At BetMGM Nursery Handicap (Class 6)

David Probert, the rider of the winner, CAUSIN A COMMOTION (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching three furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Probert has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days; Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December 2024.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Richard Fuller