

Whip Review Committee

Decisions 27 June 2023

On Tuesday 27 June 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 20 June 2023 – 25 June 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Royal Ascot 20 June 2023

Race 1 – The Queen Anne Stakes (Class 1) (Group 1) (British Champions Series)

Frankie Dettori, the rider of INSPIRAL, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately 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 as follows: Thursday 13 to Saturday 15, and Monday 17 to Friday 21 July.

Lingfield Park 22 June 2023

Race 5 – The Follow @attheraces on Twitter Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Rhys Clutterbuck, the rider of PRINCE NABEEL (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Wednesday 12, Thursday 13, Monday 17, and Tuesday 18 July.

Race 7 – The At The Races App Form Study Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Stefano Cherchi, the rider of ZEBRA STAR (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 11 to Thursday 13, and Monday 17 July.

Royal Ascot 22 June 2023

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

Oisin Murphy, the rider of VALIANT KING, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled; therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15, and Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 July.

Race 6 – The Hampton Court Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)

Daniel Muscutt, the rider of CANBERRA LEGEND (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled; therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15, and Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 July.

Market Race 23 June 2023

Race 4 – The ABP Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Conor O'Farrell, the rider of RORY AND ME (FR), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from after the second last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 11, and Sunday 16 to Tuesday 18 July.

Redcar 23 June 2023

Race 8 – The Come Racing on Ladies' Day Tomorrow Maiden Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

David Nolan, the rider of the winner, TALHA, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 11 to Thursday 13, and Monday 17 July.

Newmarket 23 June 2023

Race 3 – The Racing TV British EBF Novice Stakes (Class 4) (GBB Race)

Robert Tart, the rider of GOLDEN DELITE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 11 to Thursday 13, and Monday 17 July.

Ayr 24 June 2023

Race 4 – The Unite Scotland's Farewell to Pat Rafferty Handicap Stakes (Class 2) (For the Johnstone Rose Bowl)

W J Lee, the rider of the winner, KIHAVAHA, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled; therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15, and Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 July.

Royal Ascot 24 June 2023

Race 3 – The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes (Class 1) (Group 1) (British Champions Series)

James McDonald, the rider of ARTORIUS (AUS), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately 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 14 days as follows: Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15, and Monday 17 to Tuesday 25 July. Taking into account the value and class of race McDonald will also be fined £400.

Lingfield Park 24 June 2023

Race 7 -The Genco Mechanical and Electrical Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Josephine Gordon, the rider of the winner, SPANISH MANE (IRE), was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. She will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15, Monday 17, and Tuesday 18 July.

Ffos Las 25 June 2023

Race 7 – The Poundfald Inn Apprentice Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Taylor Fisher, the rider of the winner, LUSAKA (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12, Thursday 13 and Monday 17 July

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)

Richard Fuller

Adrian Sharpe