

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 28 November 2023

On Tuesday 28 November 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 23 November – 26 November 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Market Rasen 23 November 2023

Race 6 – The Pertemps Network Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4)

Alex Edwards, the rider of the winner, MIXEDWAVE (IRE), was found to have used his whip nine times above the permitted level of seven and without giving his mount time to respond, from approaching the third last flight. Taking into account that Edwards had used his whip more than four times above the permitted level, MIXEDWAVE (IRE) was disqualified under Rule (L)47.11 and the placings revised accordingly: First, POST CHAISE (IRE); second, HAUT FOLIN (FR); third, ECLAIR DE GUYE (FR). Edwards will be suspended for 24 days as follows: Tuesday 12 to Saturday 23 December, and Tuesday 26 December 2023 to Saturday 6 January 2024, one of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching. Edwards riding fee was forfeited.

Wolverhampton 23 November 2023

Race 6 – The Boost Your Acca-Fenwa With BetUK Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Kieran O'Neill, the rider of ZEALANDIA (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that O'Neill has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty in respect of the above permitted level was applied. Therefore, O'Neill will be suspended for 2 days; Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December.

Catterick Bridge 24 November 2023

Race 1 – The Racing to School Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (Go North Brindisi Breeze Series Qualifier)

Joe Williamson, the rider of the winner, ONWARD ROUTE (IRE), was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven, from the position of the second last flight. He will be suspended for 10 days from Tuesday 12 to Thursday 21 December inclusive.

Lingfield Park 25 November 2023

Race 4 – The BetUK. Home of the Acca-Fenwa Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Hector Crouch, the rider of ALEXI BOY, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 December inclusive.

Haydock Park 25 November 2023

Race 7 – The Betfair “Free Racing Multiple Today” Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 2) (GGB Race)

Charlie Hammond, the rider of BALI BOY (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven, from approaching two fences out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 December inclusive.

Ascot 25 November 2023

Race 5 – The Restorations UK Mares' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3)

Mr Charlie Case, the rider of the winner, MIDNIGHT REFLECTION, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last flight. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 19, Thursday 21, and Friday 29 December 2023, and Tuesday 2, Wednesday 3, Saturday 6, and Monday 8 January 2024.

Wolverhampton 25 November 2023

Race 1 – The Bet £10 Get £40 at BetMGM Nursery Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Tyler Heard, the rider of SOMEONE LIKE YOU, unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 December inclusive.

Uttoxeter 26 November 2023

Race 4 - The Morgan Industrial Properties Handicap Hurdle Race (CLASS 3) (Challenger Stayers' Hurdle Series Qualifier)

Tom Buckley, the rider of the winner, THE IMPOSTER (FR), was found to have used his while in the incorrect place. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 December inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Georgina Cartwright
Steve Drowne