

Whip Review Committee Decisions 29 October 2024:

On Tuesday 29 October 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 24 October – 27 October 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ludlow 24 October 2024:

Race 8 - The Plyvine Catering Ltd Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Lilly Pinchin, the rider of THE DARK EDGE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of seven from rounding the final bend. She will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 12 – Monday 18 November 2024, inclusive.

Nottingham 24 October 2024:

Race 3 - The Nottingham Racecourse 2025 Fixtures On Sale Handicap (Class 5)

David Allan, the rider of the winner, BAY BREEZE, 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 to be Allan's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Allan was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Race 4 - The Celebrate At Nottingham Racecourse In Hospitality Handicap (Class 5)

Ben Robinson, the rider of the winner, HARDY BLOKE (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Robinson has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 November 2024, inclusive.

Cheltenham 25 October 2024:

Race 4 - The Sky Bet Novices' Hurdle (Grade 2) (Registered As The Sharp Novices' Hurdle) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Harry Skelton, the rider of the winner, VALGRAND (FR), was found to have used his whip when his mount was clearly winning. Allowing for the fact that Skelton has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days as follows; Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 November 2024.

Cheltenham 26 October 2024:

Race 3 - The William Hill Committed To Top Prices Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2).

Jordan Gainford, the rider of THE SHORT GO (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the third last. He will be suspended for 7 days from Saturday 9 – Friday 15 November 2024, inclusive.

Doncaster 26 October 2024:

Race 3 - The William Hill Futurity Trophy Stakes (Group 1) (No Geldings) (Class 1)

Shane Foley, the rider of the winner, HOTAZHELL, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out and in the incorrect place on the run to the line. 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 12 days as follows; Saturday 09, Monday 11 – Saturday 16, and Monday 18 – Friday 22 November.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Richard Fuller