

**Whip Review Committee**  
**Decisions 29 December 2023**

On Friday 29 December 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 26 December – 27 December 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

**Sedgefield 26 December 2023**

**Race 4 – The I.W.E Electrical Services Ltd Maiden Hurdle Race (Class 4) (GBB Race)**

Peter Kavanagh, the rider of RIDIN SOLO (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from two flights out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 12 to Monday 15 January inclusive.

**Race 7 – The Gary Wood Memorial Mares' Open National Hunt Flat Race (Class 5) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB Race)**

Alan Doyle, the rider of BACKDOORFLUSH, placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from the position of the second last flight. He will be suspended for 7 days from Sunday 14 to Saturday 20 January inclusive.

**Fontwell Park 26 December 2023**

**Race 7 – The Set Deposit Limits at BetMGM Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)**

Gearoid Hamey, the rider of PARICOLOR (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from turning in. He will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 12 to Thursday 18 December inclusive.

**Kempton Park 26 December 2023**

**Race 4 – The Ladbrokes King George VI Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Grade 1) (GBB Race)**

Gavin Sheehan, the rider of the winner, HEWICK (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from in the back straight on the final circuit. Allowing for the fact that Sheehan has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since a 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. Therefore, he will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 12 to Monday 15 January inclusive.

**Panel**

Sam Angell (Chair)  
Steve Drowne  
Sarah Ellison