

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 30 April 2024

On Tuesday 30 April 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 25 April 2024 – 28 April 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Sandown Park 26 April 2024

Race 1 – bet365 Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Silvestre De Sousa, the rider of SHAGRAAN (IRE), 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 14 to Friday 17 May inclusive.

Perth 26 April 2024

Race 4 – The Muirhall Energy Novices' Limited Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3) (GBB Race)

Theo Gillard, the rider of GOLD EMERY (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the third last fence. Allowing for the fact that Gillard has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 May inclusive.

Race 7 – The AK Bets Big Prices Big Limits Open National Hunt Flat Race (Class 4) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB Race)

Mr N McParlan, the rider of the winner, TAKT DE TOUQUES (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Wednesday 15, Friday 17, Monday 20, and Tuesday 21 May.

Sandown Park 27 April 2024

Race 1 – The bet365 Novices' Championship Final Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Harry Skelton, the rider of BE AWARE (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from approaching the final flight. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 14 to Monday 20 May inclusive.

Wetherby 28 April 2024

Race 7 – The wetherbyracing.co.uk Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Mark Winn, the rider of the winner, THE CRAFTY MOLE (IRE), 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 from Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 May inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)
Richard Fuller
Gregory Pearson

Following riders' admissions of a breach of Rule (F)45, the following penalties were applied by the racecourse Stewards.

Chelmsford 25 April 2024

Race 1 – The Racing Value At Bet365 Restricted Maiden Stakes (Class 5) (For Horses In Bands C and D) (GBB Race)

Adam Farragher, the rider of the winner, MISS SUNSET STRIP (IRE), 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 from Thursday 9 to Sunday 12 May inclusive.

Newcastle 26 April 2024

Race 5 – The Roflow Supporting ABF & SSAFA Charities Fillies' Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Cameron Noble, the rider of BLUE VIRTUE (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 10 to Monday 13 May inclusive.