

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 7 March 2023

On Tuesday 7 March 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 27 February 2023 – 5 March 2023 inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Leicester 28 February 2023

Race 3 – The Cottesmore Novices' Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4) (GBB Race)

Mr Gearoid Harney, the rider of the winner, KOI DODVILLE (FR), was found to have used his whip without regard to his mount's stride. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Thursday 23 March, Friday 24 March, Sunday 26 March, and Thursday 30 March.

Race 5 – The Pytchley Open Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 3)

Miss Fern O'Brien, the rider of the winner, ESPOIR DE TEILLEE (FR), was found to have used her whip when her mount was clearly winning, from the second last fence. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Thursday 23 March, Friday 24 March, Sunday 26 March, and Thursday 30 March.

Wincanton 1 March 2023

Race 3 – The PIB Insurance Brokers Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Sean O'Briain, the rider of LE COEUR NET (FR), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven, from the fourth last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days, from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 March inclusive.

David Noonan, the rider of BROADOAK, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven, from approaching the third last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days, from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 March inclusive.

Race 7 – The Dick and Sue Woodhouse Memorial Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 5) (For the Dick Woodhouse Trophy)

Mr Charlie Sprake, the rider of DILIGENT (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven, from the third last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Thursday 23, Friday 24, Sunday 26, and Thursday 30 March, and Sunday 2, Monday 3 and Wednesday 5 April.

Doncaster 3 March 2023

Race 5 – The Virgin Bet EBF Mares' 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle Race (Class 4) (EBF Mares' NH Novices' Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB Race)

Brendan Powell, the rider of the winner, ILOVETHENIGHTLIFE, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from the final flight. He will be suspended for 4 days, from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 March inclusive.



Doncaster 4 March 2023

Race 2 – The Virgin Bet Cheltenham Festival Money Back Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Ross Chapman, the rider of PAY THE PIPER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place, on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days, from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 March inclusive.

Race 3 – The Virgin Bet Fives Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (Go North Sea Pigeon Series Qualifier)

Brian Hughes, the rider of MINELLA PLUS (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height, from approaching the second last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days, from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 March inclusive.

Huntingdon 5 March

Race 4 – The Racing TV Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

Luke Scott, the rider of the winner, REWIRED, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven, from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days, from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 March inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steve Drowne

Richard Fuller



Lingfield Park 3 March 2023

Race 7 – The BetUK's Acca Club £5 Free Bet Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Jamie Spencer, the rider of BASHFUL BOY (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height, from approaching the final furlong. He will be suspended on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 March.

Panel

Shaun Parker (Chair)

Steve Drowne

Richard Fuller