

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 14 March 2023

On Tuesday 14 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 6 March 2023 – 12 March 2023 inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Sandown Park 7 March 2023

Race 5 – The Team Forces Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3)

David Noonan, the rider of HERMES BOY (FR), placed sixth, was found to have used his whip excessively down the shoulder in the backhand with his hands on the reins, from just before turning in. He will be suspended for 4 days as from Tuesday 28 to Friday 31 March 2023 inclusive.

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Race 3 – The Enjoy Virgin Bet Raceday Tomorrow Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5) (Go North Cab on Target Series Qualifier) (Div II)

Mr Oran McGill, the rider of HERCULANEUM (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven, from approaching the second last flight and without time to respond. He will be suspended for 14 days as follows: Thursday 30 March, Sunday 2, Monday 3, Wednesday 5, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Monday 10, Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12, Thursday 13, Sunday 16, Monday 17, Friday 21, Sunday 23 and Monday 24 April 2023.

Sandown Park 11 March 2023

Race 5 – The Betfair Daily Multiples Offer at Cheltenham Novices' Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race)

Harry Cobden, the rider of QUEL DESTIN (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height, from after jumping the final flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 28 to Friday 31 March 2023 inclusive.

Market Rasen 12 March 2023

Race 4 – The Get Cheltenham Ready at Rhino.bet Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

Miss Fern O'Brien, the rider of BALLYHOME (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used her whip once over the permitted level of seven, from turning into the home straight. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Monday 3, Wednesday 5, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 April 2023.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Adam Barker
Richard Westropp