

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 21 February 2023

On Tuesday 21 February 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 13 February 2023 – 19 February 2023 inclusive. A summary of their findings are outlined below.

Catterick Bridge 13 February 2023

Race 3 – The racingtv.com Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (Go North Cab on Target Series Qualifier)

Gavin Sheehan, the rider of GLENTRUAN (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from shortly after the second last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 March to Friday 10 March inclusive.

Ayr 14 February 2023

Race 3 – The Virgin Bet Raceday Saturday 11 March Maiden Hurdle Race (Class 4) (GBB Race)

Conor O'Farrell, the rider of HAD TO BE HUGO (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond after the third last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 March to Friday 10 March inclusive.

Race 7 – The Hospitality at Ayr Racecourse Mares' Open National Hunt Flat Race (Class 3) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB Race)

Charlotte Jones, the rider of LUNAR DISCOVERY, placed second, was found to have used her whip four times above the permitted level of seven from approaching the wings of the second last flight. Taking into account that none of the hits were clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes, LUNAR DISCOVERY was disqualified under Rule (L)47.11, and the placings revised as follows: first, HIERACHY (FR); second, SHE'S A FINE WINE (IRE); third, TOUCH OF A DRAGON, fourth, CARRIGEEN KALI (IRE). Jones will be suspended for 14 days from Tuesday 7 March to Monday 20 March inclusive. The Committee ordered that one of these days shall be spent at the British Racing School (or another BHA approved provider) for training.

Wetherby 15 February 2023

Race 4 – The Frank Dawn 90th Birthday Celebration Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Luke Scott, the rider of PROGRESSIVE, placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from approaching the second last flight. Taking into account that his was a Class 2 race, Scott's penalty was doubled and he was suspended for 14 days. He will be suspended from Tuesday 7 March to Monday 20 March inclusive.

Sandown 16 February 2023**Race 6 – The Alanbrooke Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3) (Challenger Staying Chase Series Qualifier)**

Caoilin Quinn, the rider of ZHIGULI (IRE), placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once with his arm above shoulder height. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 March to Friday 10 March inclusive.

Newcastle 16 February 2023**Race 1 – The Quinnbet Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (Go North Cab on Target Series Qualifier)**

Dillan Hurst, the rider of LES'S LEGACY, placed second, was found to have used his whip twice over the permitted level of seven from approaching the second last flight. He will be suspended for 7 days, from Tuesday 7 March to Monday 13 March inclusive.

Edward Austin, the rider of MILLARVILLE (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond after the third last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days, from Tuesday 7 March to Friday 10 March inclusive.

Jack Hogan, the rider of the winner, CLEAR WHITE LIGHT, was found to have used his whip once over the permitted level of seven from after the second last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 March to Friday 10 March inclusive.

Race 5 – The quinnbet.com Mares' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Dylan Kitts, the rider of SHESUPINCOURT, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning in. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 March to Friday 10 March inclusive.

Sandown Park 16 February 2023**Race 7 – The Rolf Judd Novices' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (GBB Race)**

Niall Houlihan, the rider of the winner, INNESTON (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the second last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 March to Friday 10 March inclusive.

Leicester 16 February 2023**Race 3 – The TCS Recruitment Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)**

Harry Kimber, the rider of LETSBE AVENUE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from the third last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 March to Friday 10 March inclusive.

Race 6 – the Jumping For Fun Dick Saunders Novices' Hunters' Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell, the rider of VANGO DE VAIGE (FR), unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from the last fence in the back straight. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 7 March, Wednesday 8 March, Friday 10 March, and Sunday 19 March.



Miss Meisha Micklewright, the rider of SANTON (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once with her arm above shoulder height from the second last fence. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Tuesday 7 March, Wednesday 8 March, Friday 10 March, and Sunday 19 March.

Kelso 17 February 2023

Race 5 – The 50 Winners with Lucinda Russell Racing Novices' Limited Handicap Steeplechase (Class 3) (GBB Race)

Alex Edwards, the rider of LATITUDE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven, from jumping the second last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 7 March to Monday 13 March inclusive.

Ascot 18 February 2023

Race 4 – The Ascot Racecourse Supports Box4Kids Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 2) (GBB Race)

Aidan Coleman, the rider of ZOFFANY BAY (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from the second last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 March inclusive.

Race 6 – The Age Concern Bracknell Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3) (Challenger Stayers Hurdle Series Qualifier)

Cameron Isles, the rider of YES NO MAYBE SO (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond, and also twice above the permitted level of seven, from turning in to the home straight. He will be suspended for 11 days from Tuesday 7 to Friday 17 March inclusive.

Wincanton 18 February 2023

Race 7 – The Jenningsbet Andover Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

Harry Kimber, the rider of HITITI (FR), placed second, 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: Saturday 11 to Monday 13 March inclusive, and Saturday 18 March. The Committee ordered that one of these days shall be spent at the British Racing School (or another BHA approved provider) for training.

Haydock Park 18 February 2023

Race 6 – The Albert Barlett Prestige Novices' Hurdle Race (Class 1) (Grade 2) (GBB Race)

Lorcan Williams, the rider of the winner, MAKIN'YOURMINDUP, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven, and with his arm above shoulder height, from after the final flight. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, Williams' penalty in relation to above the permitted level was doubled and therefore he will be suspended for 18 days from Tuesday 7 March to Friday 24 March inclusive. The Committee ordered that one of these days shall be spent at the British Racing School (or another BHA approved provider) for training. Taking into account the value and class of the race and that Williams' suspension was more than seven days, he will also be fined £1,050.



Kevin Brogan, the rider of COLLECTORS ITEM (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven, from the second last flight. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, Brogan's penalty was doubled and he was suspended for eight days. He will be suspended from Tuesday 7 to Tuesday 14 March inclusive.

Musselburgh 19 February 2023

Race 5 – The Forth One Supervan Winner Duncan Smith Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4) (Go North Brindisi Breeze Series Qualifier)

Derek Fox, the rider of RED MISSILE (IRE), placed, second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven, from after the second last flight. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 7 to Monday 13 March inclusive.

Panel:
Sam Angell (Chair)
Adam Barker
Steve Drowne