

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 10 May 2024

On Friday 10 May 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 6 May 2024 – 8 May 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ffos Las 7 May 2024

Race 5 – The Daily Price Boosts at Yeeehaaa.Bet Novices' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

James Davies, the rider of the winner, CAN'T SAY, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the third last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 24 to Monday 27 May inclusive.

Southwell 7 May 2024

Race 6 – The Join Southwell Golf Club Novices' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5) (Div II)

Robert Dunne, the rider of NORTHERN ROSE (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 24 to Monday 27 May inclusive.

Kelso 8 May 2024

Race 3 – The Racing TV Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 4)

Sean Quinlan, the rider of the winner, NO REGRETS (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the second last fence. Allowing for the fact that Quinlan has had over 175 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Friday 24 and Saturday 25 May.

Fontwell Park 8 May 2024

Race 4 – The starsports.bet Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 4)

Gavin Sheehan, the rider of THIRTYFOUR THIRTY, placed third, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from the start of the final circuit. He will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 24 to Thursday 30 May inclusive.

Race 5 – The Star Sports Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 5)

Mr Philip York, the rider of TOUCH TIGHT, placed fifth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond on two occasions. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Saturday 26, Monday 27, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30, and Friday 31 May, and Saturday 1, and Tuesday 25 June.

Kempton Park 8 May 2024

Race 4 – The Try Unibet's New Acca Boosts Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Neil Callan, the rider of GIANT, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Callan has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. However, as Callan was referred to the Judicial Panel on 30 October 2023 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 6 days was imposed by the Panel for a further whip breach within the 6 months of the referral suspension being served was triggered. Therefore, Callan will be suspended for 9 days as follows: Friday 24 and Saturday 25 May, and Monday 27 to Sunday 2 June inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Shaun Parker
Philip Spottiswood

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

Windsor 6 May 2024

Race 7 The Tips For Every Race At raceday-ready.Com Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Grace McEntee, the rider of the winner, JAQUELINA (IRE), was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days from Monday 20 to Thursday 23 May inclusive.

Race 8 – The Download The Racecourse App Raceday Ready Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

William Carver, the rider of ANGELICA K, placed third, 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 Monday 20 to Thursday 23 May inclusive.