

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 29 August 2023

On Tuesday 29 August 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 24 August 2023 – 27 August 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

York 24 August 2023

Race 5 – The British EBF & Sir Henry Cecil Galtres Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)

Neil Callan, the rider of CLIMATE FRIENDLY, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from three furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Callan has had more than 100 rides in Great Britain since his last previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 6 days from Tuesday 12 to Sunday 17 September inclusive.

Chelmsford City 24 August 2023

Race 2 – The Racing Welfare Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Jonathan Fisher, the rider of THE GREY BANDIT, unplaced, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 September inclusive.

Fontwell Park 24 August 2023

Race 1 – The Download the At The Races App Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Dylan Whelan, the rider of the winner, REBEL INTENTIONS (IRE), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, Monday 18, Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Friday 22, and Sunday 24 September.

Goodwood 26 August 2023

Race 5 – The William Hill Pick Your Places Handicap Stakes (Class 4)

Tom Queally, the rider of SILASTAR, unplaced, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 September inclusive.

Windsor 26 August 2023

Race 4 – The Weatherbys Global Stallions Winter Hill Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)

WEST WIND BLOWS (IRE), placed second, ridden by Jamie Spencer, was found to have minor weals post-race. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 September inclusive.

Great Yarmouth 27 August 2023

Race 6 – The Great Prices on bresbet.com Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Joe Bradnam, the rider of WILDE AND DANDY, unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond. He will be suspended for 4 days Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 September inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Sarah Ellison
Shaun Parker

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

Fontwell Park 24 August 2023

Race 1 - The Download the At The Races App Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 5)

Luke Scott, the rider of SHENGAI ENKI (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from just after the second last hurdle. As Scott was referred to the Judicial Panel on 27 April 2023 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 9 days imposed by the Panel for a further whip breach within the next 6 months was triggered. Therefore, Scott will be suspended for 13 days as follows: Thursday 7, Saturday 9, Sunday 10, Monday 11, Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, Monday 18, Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Friday 22, Sunday 24, Monday 25, and Wednesday 27 September.

Goodwood 25 August 2023

Race 6 – The William Hill Presents Up Front Handicap Stakes (Class 5)

Benoit de la Sayette, the rider of the winner, DREAM BY DAY, 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 de la Sayette has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation was applied; therefore he will be suspended for 3 days as follows: Friday 8, Sunday 10 and Monday 11 September.

Goodwood 27 August 2023

Race 2 – The William Hill Keep Your Raceday Positive Handicap Stakes (Class 2)

Jason Watson, the rider of the winner, MANY A STAR, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Watson has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation was applied; therefore he will be suspended for 3 days from Sunday 10 to Tuesday 12 September inclusive.

Great Yarmouth 27 August 2023

Race 1 – The Bresbet Rewards Loyalty Apprentice Handicap Stakes (Class 6)

Jay Mackay, the rider of MISS HARMONY, placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately three furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days from Sunday 10 to Wednesday 13 September inclusive.