



**Whip Review Committee**  
**Decisions 17 January 2023**

On Tuesday 17 January 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 9 January 2023 – 15 January 2023 inclusive. A summary of their findings are outlined below.

**Ayr 09 January 2023**

**Race 1: The Racing TV EBF Mares' "National Hunt" Novices Hurdle (EBF Mares' NH Novices' Hurdle Qualifier) (CLASS 4).**

Brian Hayes, the rider CHAMPAGNESOCIALIST (IRE), placed second, was suspended for 2 days for using his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line.

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**Race 6: The Racing TV Anywhere Handicap Chase (Go North Red Rum Series Qualifier) (CLASS 4)**

Sean Bowen, the rider of the winner MACKELDUFF (FR), had used his whip without time to respond approaching the last fence. As the offence warranted a suspension between 2 and 6 days and considering this was to be Bowen's fifth suspension within the previous 6 months, Bowen was referred to the Judicial Panel.

**Kelso 15 January 2023**

**Race 3: The racing.tv/freetrial Handicap Chase (Go North Monet's Garden Series Qualifier)(CLASS 4)**

Sam Coltherd, the rider of FORTIFIED BAY (IRE), placed third, was suspended for 2 days for using his whip with his arm above shoulder height in the home straight.

**Race 7: The Kelso Annual Membership Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase (Go North Red Rum Series Qualifier) (CLASS 5)**

Thomas Willmott, the rider of the winner TO THE LIMIT (IRE), was suspended for 4 days for using his whip above the permitted level from the turn into the home straight.

Panel:  
Sam Angell (Chair)  
Sarah Ellison  
Shaun Parker