

# **USE OF THE WHIP**

(Effective 13 February 2023)

## **RIDERS MAY ONLY USE THEIR WHIP ON A MAXIMUM OF 7 OCCASIONS DURING THE COURSE OF A RACE**

Stewards have no discretion to discount any individual strikes unless used clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes. Any horse whose rider uses their whip on 11 (or more) occasions will be disqualified.

For the avoidance of doubt, a hit is defined as where a rider **appears** to hit their horse whilst their hand is not on the reins, regardless of how, where or with what force the whip is used.

### **Regulations and Penalties**

Riders should familiarise themselves with the **Guidance at Appendix O of the Point-to-Point Regulations**, which sets out the acceptable ways in which a whip may be used. Stewards have been directed by the BHA to penalise any rider using their whip outside of these Guidelines.