

Rider Penalty Guidelines for Whip Rule Breaches

AR132 Limits on the use of a whip by a rider:

(7) Subject to the other requirements in this rule:

(a) prior to the 100 metre mark in a race, official trial or jump-out;

(i) the whip must not be used in consecutive strides;

(ii) the whip must not be used on more than 5 occasions except where there have only been minor infractions and the totality of the whip use over the whole race is less than permitted under subrules (7)(a) and (b) and also having regard to the circumstances of the race, including distance and context of the race (such as a staying race or a rider endeavouring to encourage the rider's horse to improve);

(iii) the rider may at the rider's discretion use the whip with a slapping motion down the shoulder, with the whip hand remaining on the reins;

(b) in the final 100 metres of a race, official trial or jump-out, a rider may use the whip at the rider's discretion.

TOTALITY IN RACE 16 STRIKES OR MORE

Strikes prior to 100m	Minimum suspension or fine
6 (+1)	\$500 (1 st occasion)
7 (+2)	7 days
8 (+3)	8 days
9 (+4)	9 days
10 (+5)	10 days
11 (+6 or more)	11 days +

TOTALITY IN RACE 15 STRIKES OR LESS

Strikes prior to 100m	Minimum suspension or fine
6 (+1)	
7 (+2)	
8 (+3)	
9 (+4) totality 12 or less	\$500 (1 st occasion)
9 (+4) Totality 13 or greater	7 days
10 (+5)	8 days
11 (+6)	9 days
12 (+7)	10 days
13 (+8)	11 days
14 (+9)	12 days
15 (+10)	13 days +

- For all breaches that attribute a fine, an additional \$100 will be added to each subsequent breach to a maximum of \$1000 (eg 5th breach) in a six month period. Any additional breach, eg 6th breach, will receive a minimum 7 day suspension.
- As a deterrent, breaches in Group, Listed and Feature races will attract a heavier penalty which may include an additional monetary penalty up to or equal to the rider's percentage of prizemoney.
- Riders with a poor record may attract a penalty greater than the minimum allocated.
- Consecutive strikes prior to the 100m are to be penalised at the discretion of the stewards on a race-by-race basis after considering the totality of the whip use and use prior to the 100m.
- Penalties to remain at the discretion of the stewards in accordance with AR283.