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To: ORC Inquiry (ORC)

Subject: Aircushioned whips

The Administrator
Ontario Racing Commission

Dear Sir,

I read with interest your plan to look into the use of aircushioned whips. In India they were introduced in 2002, and the number of times it could be used limited to eight. Prior to this, hundreds of horses were marked. We also have another rule that bans apprentices from using a whip until they have at least 10-20 wins. They ride much better without a whip – and win races.

The aircushioned whip is now mandatory in both flat and jump races in the UK. I hope you consider it for Canada. The style of aircushioned whip has improved a lot since 2002. Back then our jockeys went on strike and then to court – and complained that their wrists hurt ... but now it's well accepted.

Bets regards,

Ros Craig-Jones