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Details: First I would like to say that I think it is wonderful that you are asking for input.

The excessive use of the whip is a turn off for many people; conversely betters and owners must know that the driver did all he could do to win a race.

The simplest solution that would protect the horse and still allow the very aggressive use of the whip would be to extend the saddle cloth back over the haunches of the horse and let the driver "bang" away.

The whip should never be used to punish a horse for breaking and should not be used on a horse backing through the field.

Every horse should be examined for whip marks after a race.

Obviously there is no perfect solution, but would it hurt to experiment a little and see if we can make our wonderful more popular.

Ted Wilson