

### **Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:**

On Tuesday 23 December 2025 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards and their own independent review of races run from 18 December 2025 – 22 December 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

#### **Ascot 19 December 2025:**

##### **Race 1- The Howden Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (Class 3)**

Toby McCain-Mitchell, the rider of MOUNT ANGLESBY (IRE), placed sixth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 06 to Friday 09 January 2026, inclusive.

#### **Southwell 19 December 2025:**

##### **Race 7 - The Best Odds Guaranteed At BetMGM Handicap (Class 5)**

Rowan Scott, the rider of PRIAPOS (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Scott has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 06 and Wednesday 07 January 2026.

##### **Race 9 - The Midnite A Next Generation Betting App Handicap (Class 5)**

Ethan Tindall, the rider of AY GEE ELL (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Monday 12 to Thursday 15 January 2026, inclusive, one of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

#### **Newcastle 19 December 2025:**

##### **Race 1 - The Make The Move To Midnite Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)**

Lewis Chalkley, the rider of DESERT EMPEROR, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Chalkley has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days, Tuesday 06 to Thursday 08 January 2026, inclusive.

##### **Race 8 - The Midnite A Next Generation Betting App Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)**

Barry McHugh, the rider of the winner, OKAMI (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 06 to Friday 09 January 2026, inclusive.

### **Hereford 20 December 2025:**

#### **Race 3 - The tigerbet.co.uk New Betting Site Novices' Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)**

Lucy Gardner, the rider of BREDON HILL DART, placed fourth, was found to have used her whip without giving her mount time to respond from turning into the home straight. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 06 to Friday 09 January 2026, inclusive.

### **Ascot 20 December 2025:**

#### **Race 5 - The Howden Silver Cup Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race) (Class 1)**

Rex Dingle, the rider of LEAVE OF ABSENCE (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last fence. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 14 days from Tuesday 06 to Monday 19 January 2026, inclusive. He will also be fined £200.

### **Newcastle 20 December 2025:**

#### **Race 3 - The Read Meg Nicholls' Blog At betmgm.co.uk Nursery Handicap (Class 6)**

Mark Winn, the rider of LOPE HARSWELL, which dead-heated for first place, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Winn's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Winn was referred to the Judicial Panel.

### **Musselburgh 22 December 2025:**

#### **Race 5 - The Virgin Bet Handicap Hurdle (Go North Brindisi Breeze Series Qualifier) (Class 5)**

Theo Gillard, the rider of BOLLIN MATILDA (GB), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Gillard has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 06 and Wednesday 07 January 2026.

#### **Panel:**

Sam Angell (Chair)

Michael Eyre

Sarah Ellison