

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 01 July 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 26 June 2025 – 29 June 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Doncaster 27 June 2025:

Race 4 - The Doncaster Racecourse Supporting Racing Staff Week Handicap (Class 5).

Oisin Murphy, the rider of the winner DISPLAYING, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Murphy 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 from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 July 2025, inclusive.

Cartmel 27 June 2025:

Race 6 - The John Wade Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (Class 4).

Miss Natasha Cookson, the rider of BOOK OF SECRETS (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the last hurdle, as well as using her whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with her hand off the reins and without time to respond. She will be suspended for 12 days, which will be notified to her in due course.

Chester 28 June 2025:

Race 5 - The John Smith's Handicap (Class 3)

Jay Mackay, the rider of the winner MAYDAY MALONE, was found to have used her whip excessively down the shoulder in the backhand for encouragement with her hands on the reins inside the final two furlongs. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 July 2025, inclusive.

York 28 June 2025:

Race 3 - The Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dash Handicap (Class 2)

Rowan Scott, the rider of the winner SQUEALER (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Scott 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 as follows; Thursday 03, Sunday 13 and Monday 14 July 2025.

Race 7 - The Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

Mr Lewis Kent, the rider of the winner TITIAN (IRE), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Wednesday 16, Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23, Thursday 24, Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30, and Thursday 31 July 2025.

Lingfield Park 2025:

Race 2 - The Choice Training Handicap (Class 6)

Georgia Dobie, the rider of the winner RIVER ALWEN (IRE), was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 July 2025, inclusive.

Race 7 - The Pristine Homes "Confined" Apprentice Handicap (For horses Which Have Not Won In 2025) (Class 6)

Kyle McHugh, the rider of MASTER DANDY (IRE), unplaced, 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 Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 July 2025, inclusive.

Doncaster 28 June 2025:

Race 5 - The Chique Boutique Doncaster Handicap (Class 4)

James Sullivan, the rider of HABDRI, unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 2 days from Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 July 2025.

Cartmel 29 June 2025:

Race 3 - The Burlington Stone Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdle (Class 5).

Mr Dara McGill, the rider of EVIES COURT (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days which will be given in due course.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Adrian Sharpe

Henry Pelly