Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 02 May 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 28 April 2025 – 30 April 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Lingfield Park 28 April 2025:

Race 6 - THE DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Jim Crowley, the rider of the winner JUST TEN HIGH, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one furlong out. Allowing for the fact that Crowley 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, Friday 16 and Sunday 18 May 2025.

Ascot 30 April 2025:

Race 1 - THE ROYAL ASCOT TWO-YEAR-OLD TRIAL EBF CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS 2) (SPONSORED BY NAAS RACECOURSE) (GBB RACE)

William Buick, the rider of the winner WISE APPROACH (IRE), was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hands off the reins on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Buick 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, Friday 16 and Sunday 18 May 2025

Race 3 - THE LONGINES SAGARO STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3) (A Gold Cup Trial)

Callum Shepherd, the rider of the winner YASHIN (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place inside the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that Shepherd 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, Friday 16 and Sunday 18 May 2025

Race 4 - THE EVENTMASTERS.CO.UK COMMONWEALTH CUP TRIAL STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3) (Registered as the Pavilion Stakes)

Rossa Ryan, the rider of ARABIE, placed fifth, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height. Allowing for the fact that Ryan 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, Friday 16 and Sunday 18 May 2025

Race 6 - THE DARLEY BRITISH EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Silvestre de Sousa, the rider of GULYA (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without time to respond on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that de Sousa 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, Friday 16, Sunday 18 and Monday 19 May 2025

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Georgina Cartwright

Greg Pearson