

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 02 June 2026 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 May 2026 – 31 May 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Worcester 28 May 2026:

Race 5 - The Read Johnny Burke's Blog At CopyBet Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Bryan Carver, the rider of the winner, CROWN OF INDIA (IRE), 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 Carver 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 16 and Wednesday 17 June 2026.

Rian Corcoran, the rider of SIAM PARK (IRE), placed second was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17, Friday 19 and Sunday 21 June 2026.

Brighton 29 May 2026:

Race 7 - The Streamline Taxis 202020 Dash From The Stalls Handicap (Class 6)

Darragh Keenan, the rider of DREAMBIRD DOLLY, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Keenan 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, Sunday 21 and Monday 22 June 2026.

Beverly 30 May 2026:

Race 7 - The Platinum Queen Play Live After Racing Handicap (Class 6)

Cian Horgan, the rider of the winner, ANIFICAS BEAUTY (IRE), was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Sunday 21 to Wednesday 24 June 2026, inclusive.

Stratford-On-Avon 30 May 2026:

Race 7 - The Sun Racing Summer Jumps Championship Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Joe Anderson, the rider of LION OF THE DESERT (IRE), placed second 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 as follows; Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17, Friday 19 and Sunday 21 June 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair), Steven Drowne, Adam Barker