

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 02 October 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 September 2026 – 30 September 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newton Abbot 28 September 2026:

Race 5 - The Paul Ferguson's Jumpers To Follow Handicap Hurdle(Class 4)

Tom Cannon, the rider of the winner, KITTY'S GLANCE, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 16 to Monday 19 October 2026, inclusive.

Brighton 28 September 2026:

Race 4 - The The Bet £20 Get £40 In Free Bets At matchbook.com Handicap (Class 5)

Pat Cosgrave, the rider of MARSH BENHAM (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact Cosgrave 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 Monday 19 October 2026.

Hamilton Park 28 September 2026:

Race 4 - The John Mackenzie And Hamish Macgregor Memorial Handicap (Class 3)

Jack Nicholls, the rider of STRENGTH OF SPIRIT, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Nicholls's fifth suspension within the previous 6 months for a breach of the whip rules, Nicholls was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Ayr 29 September 2026:

Race 5 - The Nairns's Oatcakes Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

David Nolan, the rider of KEEP AN EYE ON IT, 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 Nolan 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, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 October 2026.

Bath 29 September 2026:

Race 9 - The Carbonnetzero Handicap Stakes

Isobelle Chalmers, the rider of SASSY, unplaced, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 16, Monday 19, Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October 2026.

Panel:

Steve Drowne

Michael Eyre

Adam Barker