Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 02 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 27 November 2025 – 30 November 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newcastle 27 November 2025:

Race 1 - Midnite A Next Generation Betting App Handicap (Class 4).

Jack Callan, the rider of the winner KNOCKBREX, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Callan 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 16 to Thursday 18 December 2025 inclusive.

Doncaster 28 November 2025:

Race 5 - Consort/DWF Christmas Handicap Chase (Class 3).

Lee Edwards, the rider of HERE COMES GEORGIE, placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Edwards 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 December 2025.

Newcastle 28 November 2025:

Race 2 - Paul Ferguson's Jumpers To Follow Handicap Chase (Class 4).

Callum Bewley, the rider of GRAND GESTE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from after the final fence with a circuit to go. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 16 to Monday 22 December 2025 inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Philip Spottiswood