

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 02 January 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 29 December 2025 – 31 December 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Kelso 29 December 2025:

Race 2 - THE AJA AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (Challenger Staying Chase Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)

Mr William Easterby, the rider of COURT AT SLIP (IRE), was found to have used his whip with excessive force after the fourth fence. He will be suspended for 5 days as follows; Thursday 22, Friday 23, Monday 26, Tuesday 27, and Thursday 29 January 2026.

Newcastle 29 December 2025:

Race 8 - THE BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6) (DIV II)

Andrew Elliott, the rider of CABLE BEACH, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Friday 16, Saturday 17 and Monday 19 – Friday 23 January 2026.

Haydock 30 December 2025:

Race 3 - THE BETFRED 'THE CLASSIC BOOKMAKER' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Patrick Wadge, the rider of BOIS GUILLBERT (FR), unplaced, was found to have used his whip without allowing his mount time to respond rounding the home bend. Allowing for the fact that Wadge 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 Friday 16 and Sunday 18 January 2026.

Taunton 30 December 2025:

Race 5 - THE BOYLE SPORTS HOME OF EARLY PAYOUT HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Brendan Powell, the rider of the winner, MASK OF ZORRO (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after the second last flight. Allowing for the fact that Powell 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, Friday 16 and Sunday 18 January 2026.

Warwick 31 December 2025:

Race 6 - THE PRICEDUP.BET HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Shane Quinlan, the rider of CHESTNUT PETE, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last fence. Allowing for the fact that Quinlan has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days as follows; Friday 16, Sunday 18 and Monday 19 January 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Henry Pelly