

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 03 July 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 June 2026 – 01 July 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ffos Las 29 June 2026:

Race 2 - The Dandara Golwg Gwendraeth Handicap (Class 6)

Myla Coppins, the rider of BEEZELBUB (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. She will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 17 to Monday 20 July 2026, inclusive.

Pontefract 29 June 2026:

Race 2 - The Danny O'Neill Birthday "Confined" Maiden Stakes (No More Than Two Runs) (GBB/GBBPlus Race)(Class 3)

Rowan Scott, the rider of SEA AND SUN, placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 17 to Thursday 23 July 2026, inclusive.

Race 4 - The Napoleons Casino Bradford Handicap (Class 4)

Rowan Scott, the rider of the winner, JEZ BOMB, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Scott's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Scott was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Kempton Park 29 June 2026:

Race 6 - The Try Unibet's New Improved Acca Boosts Handicap (London Middle Distance Qualifier) (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

Hector Crouch, the rider of NAVAL COMMAND, unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Crouch 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 17 and Saturday 18 July 2026.

Windsor 29 June 2026:

Race 5 - The Download The Fitzdares App Now Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 3)

Kieren Fox, the rider of BELLA'S PATH (FR), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was

to be Fox's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Fox was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Race 7 - The Find Us At fitzdares.com Handicap (Class 5)

Nicola Currie, the rider of ROBERT ANSTRUTHER, placed third, was found to have used her whip without giving her mount time to respond from two furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Sunday 26, Monday 27, Friday 31 July 2026 and Saturday 01 August 2026.

Worcester 01 July 2026:

Race 7 - The Bri Wealth Accumulation Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Lorcan Murtagh, the rider of the winner, SCORESBY, was found to have used his whip when his mount was clearly winning from approaching the final half furlong. Allowing for the fact that Murtagh 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, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July 2026.

Panel:

Shaun Parker

Steve Drowne

Phillip Spottiswood