Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 03 November 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 October 2026 – 01 November 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Uttoxeter 30 October 2026:

Race 5 - The Ted Anderson Dixon Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Theo Gillard, the rider of SOLDIER IN MAYO (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven approaching the second last fence. Allowing for the fact Gillard has had over 150 rides in Great Britian since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 November 2026.

Newmarket 30 October 2026:

Race 9 - The German G1 Racecourses Thank World Pool Handicap (Class 5)

Hector Crouch, the rider of the winner, CHURCH WEDDING (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 November 2026, inclusive.

Ayr 31 October 2026:

Race 3 - The United Council Of Racecourse Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle (Challenger Stayers Hurdle Series Qualifier) (Class 3)

Jack Power, the rider of EAGLES REPRIEVE (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 November 2026, inclusive.

Race 5 - The '3B Crane Hire Trick Or Trot' Handicap Hurdle (Go North Sea Pigeon Series Qualifier) (Class 4)

Callum Bewley, the rider of VAMPIRE SLAYER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from after jumping the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact Bewley has had over 75 rides in Great Britian, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 November 2026, inclusive.

Ascot 31 October 2026:

Race 3 - The Sodexo Live! Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Ben Godfrey, the rider of BROOKIE (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 November 2026, inclusive.

Worcester 01 November 2026:

Race 3 - The FBC Manby Bowdler "Chasing Excellence" Beginners' Chase (GBB Race) (Class 3)

Rex Dingle, the rider of CREST OF FORTUNE, placed second, was found to have used his whip above shoulder height from after jumping the third last fence. Allowing for the fact Dingle has had over 75 rides in Great Britian, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 November 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Henry Pelly