

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 04 July 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 30 June 2025 – 02 July 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Pontefract 30 June 2025:

Race 1 - The 23rd Wilfred Underwood Memorial Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (Class 5)

Miss Serena Brotherton, the rider of the winner UNPLUGGED (IRE), was found to have used her whip in the incorrect place on two occasions inside the final furlong. She will be suspended for 7 days as follows, Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23, Thursday 24, Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 July and Wednesday 06 August 2025.

Musselburgh 01 July 2025:

Race 6 - The Alan Steel For Pensions Handicap (Class 4)

Oisin Orr, the rider of ZIGGYS CONDOR (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 18 to Monday 21 July 2025, inclusive.

Stratford-On-Avon 01 July 2025:

Race 6 - The Sunday 13th July Is Family Day National Hunt Flat Race (Conditional & Amateurs') (C2 Elim') (GBB) (Class 5)

Mr James King, the rider of the winner FAIRLAWN SKIPPER, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from turning in. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Thursday 24 July and Saturday 16 August, with a further 5 dates to be confirmed in due course.

Thirsk 02 July 2025:

Race 8 - The Power Plastics Ltd Handicap (Class 6)

Harry Russell, the rider of CROCUS TIME, placed third, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Russell 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 Friday 18 to Sunday 20 July 2025, inclusive.

Epsom Downs 02 July 2025:

Race 1 - The Betfred 'Bet Builder' Apprentice Handicap (Jockey Club Grassroots Middle Distance Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Mason Paetel, the rider of the winner BOBACIOUS, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Paetel's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Paetel was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Chepstow 02 July 2025:

Race 7 - The Stream Racing Live At NetBet Handicap (Bath Summer Stayers' Series Qualifier) (Class 6).

Edward Greatrex, the rider of the winner BLACK SMOKE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final 3 furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 18 to Monday 21 July 2025, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Adrian Sharpe

Sarah Ellison