

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 04 September 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 28 August 2026 – 02 September 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ffos Las 28 August 2026:

Race 5 - The K P Tyres Handicap (Class 6)

Ebrahim Nader, the rider of GRINDLETON, placed fourth, 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 September 2026, inclusive.

Southwell 31 August 2026:

Race 6 - The Southwell Racecourse Conference & Events Handicap (Div II) (Class 5)

Marco Ghiani, the rider of ROI DE COEUR (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact Ghiani 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 18 and Saturday 19 September 2026.

Chepstow 31 August 2026:

Race 5 - The Tom's Big Bike Ride Handicap (Class 5)

Patrick Dobbs, the rider of the winner, LEVEL UP (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 Monday 21 to Thursday 24 September 2026, inclusive.

Ripon 31 August 2026:

Race 8 - The AJA Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (Class 6)

Miss Nell Biker, the rider of the winner, GLITTER CODE (IRE), was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately three furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Saturday 19, Wednesday 23, Sunday 27 and Monday 28 September 2026.

Hamilton Park 02 September 2026:

Race 2 - The Hampton By Hilton Hotel Handicap (Class 6)

Clifford Lee, the rider of LUMENBOURG, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six inside the final two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 18 to Monday 21 September 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair), Shaun Parker, Sarah Ellison