

### **Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:**

On Tuesday 04 November 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 October 2025 – 02 November 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

#### **Chelmsford City 30 October 2025:**

##### **Race 5 - The 'Timeform Sprint Series Qualifier' Handicap (Timeform Sprint Series Qualifier) (Class 6)**

Marco Ghiani, the rider of POETIC JACK, placed third, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 November 2025, inclusive.

#### **Southwell 31 October 2025:**

##### **Race 9 - The Bet £10 Get £40 With BetMGM Handicap (Div II) (Class 6)**

Dylan Hogan, the rider of the winner, HERETIC (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Hogan 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 Tuesday 18 to Thursday 20 November 2025, inclusive.

#### **Wetherby 01 November 2025:**

##### **Race 6 - The Never Ordinary At bet365 Handicap Hurdle (Class 3)**

Paddy Hanlon, the rider of HALF A CHANCE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 November 2025, inclusive.

#### **Carlisle 02 November 2025:**

##### **Race 4 - The Stephex Trucks UK Castletown Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 2)**

Brendan Powell, the rider of the winner, HARTINGTON, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. 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, Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 November 2025.

##### **Race 6 - The PricedUp Cumberland Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 3)**

Jonjo O'Neill Jr, the rider of IRON BRIDGE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last fence. Allowing for the fact that O'Neill 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, Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 November 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Henry Pelley