

### **Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:**

On Friday 05 June 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 01 June 2026 – 03 June 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

#### **Windsor 01 June 2026:**

##### **Race 6 - The Don & Low Champions Cup 2026 Handicap (Class 6)**

Nicola Currie, the rider of GRAFFITI, unplaced, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Currie has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 3 days from Sunday 21 to Tuesday 23 June 2026, inclusive.

#### **Wolverhampton 01 June 2026:**

##### **Race 6 - The Free Digital Racecard At raceday-ready.com Classified Stakes (Class 6)**

Siobhan Rutledge, the rider of SHE'S A GIFT, 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 from Friday 19 to Thursday 25 June 2026, inclusive.

#### **Newcastle 02 June 2026:**

##### **Race 6 - The Penny Hotels Handicap (Class 6)**

Aiden Brookes, the rider of ABU ROYAL (IRE), placed third, 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 Sunday 21 to Wednesday 24 June 2026, inclusive, and one of these dates will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

#### **Panel:**

Sam Angell (Chair)

Michael Eyre

Philip Spottiswood

On Friday 05 June 2026 the Whip Review Committee considered the referral of Mr Philipson-Stow for a potential breach of Regulation 123 of the British Horseracing Authority Regulations for Point-To-Point Steeple Chases by the Braton Down Stewards.

**Braton Down 17 May 2026:**

Race 3 – Conditions race (Level 1)

Mr Philipson-Stow, the rider of the winner, BOYS WILL BE BOYS (IRE), was found to have used his whip 4 times above the permitted level of seven from rounding the home bend. BOYS WILL BE BOYS (IRE) was disqualified under Regulation 123 (vi) and the placings were revised accordingly. Philipson-Stow was fined £250 and must undergo a specialised coaching session.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Michael Eyre

Philip Spottiswood