

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 05 December 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 01 December 2025 – 03 December 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Lingfield Park 02 December 2025:

Race 2 - The Midnite A Next Generation Betting App Novice Stakes (GBB Race) (Class 5)

Robert Havlin, the rider of the winner BANYAN, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Havlin 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 19 and Saturday 20 December 2025.

Race 8 - The Midnite: Built For 2025 Not 2005 Handicap (Div II) (Class 6)

Sean Dylan Bowen, the rider of TOMMY'S PROMISE, placed third, was found to have used his whip with excessive force on two occasions from turning into the home straight. TOMMY'S PROMISE was also found to have minor weals post-race. Bowen will be suspended for 12 days as follows Friday 19, Saturday 20, Monday 22, Friday 26, Saturday 27, Sunday 28, Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 December 2025, Thursday 01, Friday 02 and Saturday 03 January 2026, and one of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Kempton Park 03 December 2025:

Race 9 - The Unibet Supports Safer Gambling Handicap (London Middle Distance Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Finley Marsh, the rider of ARCTURUS FLAME (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Marsh 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, Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Monday 22 December 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Sarah Ellison