

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 06 March 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 02 March 2026 – 04 March 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 02 March 2026:

Race 2 - The Grace And Dotty Fedora's And Feathers Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Kielan Woods, the rider of STORMINHOME (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last fence. Allowing for the fact that Woods has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Friday 20 to Sunday 22 March 2026, inclusive.

Race 4 - The [attheraces.com/marketmovers](https://www.attheraces.com/marketmovers) EBF Mares' "National Hunt" Novices' Hurdle (Qualifier) (GBB Race)(Class 4)

Kielan Woods, the rider of AMELIA'S STAR (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven after the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Monday 23 to Thursday 26 March 2026, inclusive.

Wolverhampton 02 March 2026:

Race 6 - The Win £250,000 With BetMGM's Golden Goals Fillies' Handicap (Class 5)

Hollie Doyle, the ride of INSUSPENSE, placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that Doyle has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 2 days, Friday 06 and Tuesday 17 March 2026.

Newcastle 03 March 2026:

Race 1 - The Border Minstrel Sunday Lunch Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Rian Corcoran, the rider of the winner, BIG STORM BREWING, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level seven from jumping the third last hurdle. He will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 20 to Thursday 26 March 2026, inclusive.

Wolverhampton 03 March 2026:

Race 5 - The Daily Profit Boosts At [betmgm.co.uk](https://www.betmgm.co.uk) Handicap (Class 6)

Laura Coughlan, the rider of the winner, THE DARK BARON (IRE), was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 20, Saturday 21, Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March 2026.

Catterick Bridge 04 March 2026:

Race 5 - The Pointing Pointers Open Hunters' Chase (Class 5)

Mr Troy Walsh, the rider of FIX AT ALL (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 20, Sunday 22, Monday 23 and Wednesday 25 March 2026.

Kempton Park 04 March 2026:

Race 1 - The Unibet Supporting International Women's Day Apprentice Handicap (Class 6)

Jack Dace, the rider of ALASHOS (FR), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Dace 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 20 and Saturday 21 March 2026.

Myla Coppins, the rider of MAGNA, placed third, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 20, Saturday 21, Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steve Drowne

Adam Barker