

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 06 January 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 January 2026 – 04 January 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Musselburgh 01 January 2026:

Race 1 - The Virgin Bet Juvenile Hurdle (Go North Night Nurse Series Qualifier) (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Freddie Gingell, the rider of the winner, FALLS OF ACHARN, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the third last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 January 2026, inclusive.

Catterick Bridge 01 January 2026:

Race 5 - he Download The Raceday Ready App Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Nathan Moscrop, the rider of REBEL INTENSIONS (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle and in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 20 to Tuesday 27 January 2026, inclusive.

Ayr 02 January 2026:

Race 4 - The Sunday Lunch At Western House Hotel Handicap Hurdle (Go North Cab On Target Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Ben Smith, the rider of VELVET VULCAN, 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 20 to Friday 23 January 2026, inclusive.

Lingfield Park 03 January 2026:

Race 5 - The Midnite A Next Generation Betting App Handicap (Class 6)

Kyle McHugh, the rider of the winner, MIO AMICO, was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 10 days from Tuesday 20 to Saturday 24 January 2026, inclusive and Monday 26 to Friday 30 January 2026, inclusive.

Southwell 04 January 2026:

Race 6 - The Make The Move To Midnite Handicap (Rider Restricted Race) (Class 6)

Mathew Lloyd-Slater, the rider of the winner, ARLINGTON, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 20 to Saturday 24 January 2026, inclusive, and Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 January 2026.

Race 7 - The Midnite, Building The Future Of Betting Handicap (Rider Restricted Race) (Div I) (Class 6)

Ashley Lewis, the rider of THUNDERING BREEZE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Lewis 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, Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 January 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell

Michael Eyre

Phillip Spottiswood