

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 07 April 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 April 2026 – 05 April 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Chepstow 02 April 2026:

Race 4 - The Russell Property Consultants Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Freddie Mitchell, the rider of the winner, BLOW YOUR WAD (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 April 2026, inclusive.

Race 6 - The UB40 Live After Racing 24th July Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Conor Ring, the rider of the winner, DESSIE HAZE, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 April 2026, inclusive, and Saturday 02 and Monday 04 May 2026.

Newcastle 03 April 2026:

Race 1 - The BetMGM Burradon Stakes (Listed Race) (Class 1)

Edward Greatrex, the rider of PADRAIG DAWN (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 April 2026, inclusive.

Carlisle 04 April 2026:

Race 4 - The Ladies Night 4th July Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdle (Div I) (Class 5)

Derek Fox, the rider of the winner, BELVEDERE BHOY (IRE), 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 Fox 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 Tuesday 21 to Thursday 23 April 2026, inclusive.

Musselburgh 04 April 2026:

Race 3 - The Virgin Bet Goliath Cup Stakes (Listed Race) (Class 1)

Clifford Lee, the rider of the winner, AL QAREEM (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately 3 furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of being above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended 8 days from Tuesday 21 to Tuesday 28 April 2026, inclusive.

Race 5 - The Virgin Bet Scottish Sprint Cup Handicap (Class 2)

Callum Shepherd, the rider of LEXINGTON BLITZ (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Shepherd 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 21 to Thursday 23 April 2026, inclusive.

Southwell 05 April 2026:

Race 4 - The Ladies Day Sunday 16th August Fillies' Handicap (Class 4)

Toby Moore, the rider of the winner, CITY QUEEN (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six inside the final 3 furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 April 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Sarah Ellison